

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Board of Inquiry appointed under section 146 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider an application by Mighty River Power Limited for resource consents to construct, operate and maintain a wind farm at Turitea

SEVENTH MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR MIGHTY RIVER POWER LIMITED REGARDING THE DESIGN REFINEMENT PROCESS

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Further update on design refinement process

- 1.1 Further to our memorandum circulated on 9 December 2009, the following provides the next update as to progress of the design refinement process thus far:
- (a) Mr Brown has undertaken a site visit, and has had further discussions with Mighty River Power as to his views regarding the revised layout in light of this. This advice is currently being considered and appropriately responded to by Mighty River Power.
 - (b) In the interim, the wider project team has continued to undertake and complete their respective assessments of the potential effects from the revised layout as far as possible.
 - (c) Mighty River Power has also been progressing consultation arrangements with key stakeholders regarding the revised layout, for the New Year. To date, meetings have been arranged with the Grassicks, Huffman/Deveys, Kells/Tremains and Stewarts (all landowners located between the Turitea and Te Rere Hau wind farms), as well as Te Rangimarie, TAG/FOTR and the Pugmires. Invitations for meetings with other key stakeholders (such as Huatau Marae) will be confirmed as soon as possible in January 2010.
 - (d) Invitations are being hand-delivered to residents of Greens Road and Kahuterawa Road, inviting them to attend a meeting on 27 January 2010, to undertake consultation regarding traffic issues.
 - (e) An updated version of the conditions has been circulated to counsel for each of the three relevant Councils, with the intention of discussing these further in January 2010.

Process Timeline

- 1.2 In light of the above, Mighty River Power considers the various process timeframes outlined in our fifth update memorandum remain achievable.

- 1.3 In light of the Christmas holiday period, our next update memorandum will be submitted on Wednesday 20th January 2010.



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