

BOARD OF INQUIRY

Turitea Wind Farm Proposal

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s146 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider an application by Mighty River Power Limited for resource consents to construct and operate a windfarm at Turitea

DIRECTIONS TO ALL PARTIES

HEARING PROCEDURES FOR THE REVISED DESIGN

Evidence Exchange Timetable

[1] The Board requires the following timetable to be followed:

- 1 February 2010 – Mighty River Power is to circulate evidence from the expert witnesses to be called for the revised design as well as the latest version of the proposed conditions. This evidence is to be circulated to the Project Co-ordinator (six paper copies and one electronic copy), and one electronic copy to each other party with legal representation.
- 22 February 2010 – All other parties with legal representation are to circulate evidence from their expert witnesses to be called for the revised design, to the Project Co-ordinator (six paper copies and one electronic copy), and one electronic copy to each other party with legal representation.

Submitters (residents) who choose to do so, are to provide their submissions on the revised design to the Project Co-ordinator (one paper copy and one electronic copy) whether they support or oppose the redesign, and to indicate whether they wish to speak to their submission at the resumption of the hearing.

The content of these submissions should be restricted to only new matters arising from the revised design. These submissions should not repeat information already included in the original submissions already heard by the Board.

The Project Co-ordinator will circulate the submissions electronically to all parties. The submitter number is to be clearly displayed on the submission.

- 1 March 2010 – Notice of a wish to cross-examine or to question any expert witness is to be given no later than this date, by any party wishing to do so. This notice must be provided to the Project Co-ordinator and also to the party calling the witness who is to be cross-examined or questioned. Questions are to be limited to matters of clarification relating to the revised design.
- 15 March 2010 – The hearing will resume on or after this date, at a time and place to be fixed by the Board.

An electronic copy of all evidence and submissions on the revised design is to be made available to the Project Co-ordinator who will arrange for this information to be available on the Board's webpage from where it can be downloaded. Hard copies will be available at Palmerston North City Council Customer Services, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North.

[2] The Board will read all of the statements of the evidence and submissions on the revised design before the hearing. Every expert witness for whom a notice of a wish to cross-examine or to question has been given, or whom the Board wishes to hear in person, will need to attend in person before the Board.

The Hearing

[3] Each expert witness will make an oath or affirmation that their evidence is true and correct, but will not read their statement of evidence to the Board. Instead, they will present a brief summary of their evidence. The witness will then be cross-examined or questioned, re-examined, and may also be asked questions by the Board.

[4] Evidence will also be heard from Dr Salinger and the remaining Section 42A author, Helen Anderson at the outset. Evidence from the planners, Messrs Greg Pollock, Phillip Hindrup and Jeff Baker will be heard at the end of the hearing before the closing submissions.

[5] The Board will hear the parties in the following order:

- the hearing will resume with the submissions for Mighty River Power and then any of its expert witnesses for whom notice of a wish to cross-examine or to question has been given.
- the Board will then hear the submissions from the parties with legal representation, and then any of their expert witnesses for whom notice of a wish to cross-examine or to question has been given.
- the Board will then hear other submitters (residents) with submissions limited to matters relating to the revised design.
- the Board will then hear the planning witnesses.
- the hearing will conclude with the closing submissions from Mighty River Power.

DATED at Wellington this 30th day of November 2009


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Environment Judge

Chair

Turitea Board of Inquiry