

BOARD OF INQUIRY

Turitea Wind Farm Proposal

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

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

CLARIFICATION ON SUBMISSIONS FOR THE REVISED DESIGN

Further to my directions of 30 November 2009 and to queries from submitters regarding submissions on the redesign.

[1] All submitters who had provided a submission on the original application, may provide a written submission on the redesign.

[2] Submitters who choose to do so, are to provide their written submissions on the revised design to the Project Co-ordinator (one paper copy or 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. Their name and submitter number is to be clearly displayed on the submission.

[3] The Board is mindful of the tight timeframes and the pressure that it may place on submitters. The timeline that is set out in the Board's directions on the 30th November 2009 states that the hearing will resume on the 15th of March 2010. The Board needs to maintain this timeline in order to proceed and hopefully complete the hearing before the Easter weekend and the school holidays (1 April – 19 April 2010). Furthermore, one of the Board members is not available for the month of April. The Board considers that it is not in the best interests of the parties to extend this hearing into May because of ongoing commitments.

[4] The Board recognizes that not all parties received the information of the redesign on time. It should however be pointed out that all the legal representatives received the information by the 1st of February 2010. The information on the redesign was available on the Mighty River Power website on the 1st of February 2010, and on the Ministry for the Environment website and at the Palmerston North Customer Services Center on the 2nd of February 2010. Submitters and legal representatives were informed of the availability of this information by email. The Board's directions on the 30th November 2009 also set out the critical dates for the exchange of evidence and the hearing.

[5] Submissions on the redesign are to be received by the Project Co-ordinator by 5pm on the 22nd February 2010.

Submissions can be mailed to:

Freepost Call-in

Ministry for the Environment

P O Box 10362

Wellington 6143

Submissions can be emailed to: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz

[6] Those submitters who send an electronic copy must follow it up with a hard copy to be sent no later than 22 February 2010. This will address concerns from submitters who may be hampered by the mail service.

[7] Please note that 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.

[8] On receipt of the submissions, the Project Co-ordinator will then circulate the submissions electronically to all parties. This information will also be available on the Board's webpage from where it can be downloaded. A hard copy will be available at Palmerston North City Council Customer Services, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North.

DATED at Wellington this 9th day of February 2010

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Environment Judge

Chair:Turitea Board of Inquiry