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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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[Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the subject line: 'Turitea Call In']

This submission relates to the applications for resource consent lodged by Mighty River Power Ltd for the Turitea Wind Farm proposal as identified on the next page.

CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5.00 PM MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consent or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the applications. If you are making a submission only on parts of an application for resource consent, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are:

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

MY PROPERTY OVERLOOKS THE MAJORITY OF THE PROPOSED WINDFARM AND THE CLOSEST TURBINE WILL BE WITHIN 500 METRES, AND NINE MORE WILL BE SITUATED WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE. THE PROPOSED WINDFARM STANDS TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENJOYMENT OF MY PROPERTY.

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

SHOULD THE BOARD CONSIDER THAT THE PROPOSED WINDFARM PROCEED IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, I SEEK CONDITIONS LIMITING THE VISUAL IMPACTS + NOISE EFFECT (INsofar AS POSSIBLE) AND/OR AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMPENSATION VIS-A-VIS THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS.

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below

I/we wish to be heard in respect of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): [Signature]

Date: 22.2.09

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)



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Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in applications for resource consent that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all applications for resource consent below

OR

My/our submission only concerns the applications for resource consent that I/we have ticked below:

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Land-use Consents			
104553: for vegetation clearance and land disturbance in rare or threatened habitats, near streams and on highly erodible land throughout the general wind farm site.			✓
104554: for the construction of a double culvert in an un-named tributary of the Kahuterawa Stream as shown on the included map.	✓		
Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge Permits			
104555: for the discharge of dust to air from the concrete batching plants to be located as generally shown on the included map.			✓
104556: for the discharge of dust to air from the mobile crushing plant throughout the general wind farm site.			✓
104557: for the discharge of wastewater from two operations and maintenance facilities to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.			✓
104558: for the discharge of stormwater from substations to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.			✓
104559: for the discharge of cleanfill to land in the form of spoil disposal sites throughout the general wind farm site.			✓
104560: for the discharge of stormwater from roads, turbine platforms and other areas to land.			✓
Palmerston North City Council – Land-use Consents			
RC0068: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map to undertake earthworks associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction and associated buildings in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map for the storage of diesel (10,000 L) in bunded areas outside the Turitea water supply catchment, generally located at the two substation laydown areas shown on the included map, that exceeds the 0.2 effects ratio maximum in the rural zone for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map. 			✓
Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents			
1448: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for a wind farm (which is not listed as a permitted or controlled activity) in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map for land disturbance of more than 200 m³ of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included map for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map. 		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form MUST also be sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at:

Freepost – MRP
 Mighty River Power Ltd
 PO Box 445
 Hamilton 3240
 Attention: Stephanie Froggatt

Or email turitea@mightyriver.co.nz or fax (07) 857 0192

I/we have sent a copy of my/our submission to Mighty River Power Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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**SUBMISSION BY CHRISTOPHER JOHN ANDERSON ON MIGHTY RIVER
POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT FOR THE TURITEA
WIND FARM PROPOSAL**

Submission pursuant to s 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

This submission relates to:

- Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council land-use consent applications 104553 and 104554;
- Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council discharge permit applications 104555-104560;
- Palmerston North City Council land-use consent application RC0068; and
- Tararua District Council land-use consent application 1448.

Grounds of submission

As stated in the attached submission form, my property overlooks the majority of the proposed wind farm. A large number of turbines will be in the direct proximity of my property, and the proposed wind farm stands to significantly impact on the enjoyment of my home.

As a long-time dairy farmer and former professional deer hunter, I have a particular connection with New Zealand's rural landscape. I have always sought out and valued the seclusion and serenity of New Zealand's natural surroundings, and have tried to position my places of residence accordingly. On a fine day, my property takes in a panoramic view – from Kapiti to Mt Taranaki on one side, and Mt Bruce to Hawkes Bay on the other. It remains unaffected by the hustle and bustle of the urban sprawl.

The proposed wind farm will not only impact on the view, but the inevitable noise will also affect the character of the environment. I am particularly concerned about the cumulative impact of the 30 turbines due-West of my property in the prevailing Westerly wind.

I am available to appear in person before the Board of Inquiry and would welcome the opportunity to elaborate on my concerns.

Outcome sought

Should the Board of Inquiry ultimately consider that the wind farm is in the national interest and approve its construction, I would ask that appropriate conditions are imposed to limit (insofar as possible) the visual and noise impacts and/or ensure that I am properly compensated for those consequences that will inevitably follow.

