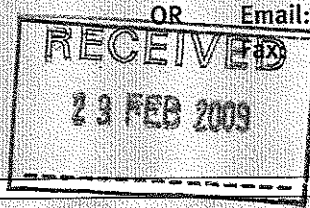


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost Call In
Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10362
The Terrace
Wellington 6143



OR Email: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz
04 439 7705

[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)

My/Our Full Name(s): Carla Maria Pipes

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Work Fax: Home Fax: Email:

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

OPPOSE

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):

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): [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 17/2/09

(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.)

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

| | Support | Oppose | Neutral |
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| 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.



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

My name is Carla Piper; my husband and I live at 425 Turitea Road, which is about two and half kilometres from the Turitea dam. Our home is 4kms from the first residential street in Palmerston North, (Summerhill Drive) our view is looking towards the city and the Tararua ranges.

I arrived in New Zealand nearly 50 years ago from a place that has hundreds of wind turbines, and millions of people, The Netherlands. My dream as far back as I can remember is to own my own bit of peace and tranquillity.

We FOUND that very piece of land in the Turitea Valley 8 years ago. It had all the features we were looking for, not quite as big as we wanted, but I fell in love immediately. We stood on top of the piece of land that we had paid a deposit for, and took photo after photo so we could remember it, till we saw it again next time.

WE all make sacrifices for the things we truly want. Our sacrifice was living for a total of 17 years in third world countries. It was extremely difficult for my whole family. We endured hardship that most people wouldn't even think of. From language problems to feeding ourselves, medical care and schooling. We separated ourselves from friends and family, a price that I found very hard. It was a commitment that we all worked towards, but with a reward that to me was paradise.

The first year we came home, the purchase of our land still hadn't gone through, (council issues and the developer). But the excitement and love I had for this piece of heaven was still very strong. I made the whole family sleep there for the first night. We woke to the most beautiful sunrise, our sleeping bags wet from dew, and the smell only a morning has. On clear mornings we can even see Mount Taranaki, and Mount Ruapehu. And of course our city Palmerston North.

But alas in a few years if this proposal goes through we will not see mountains to our right we will see **125metre wind turbines**. Not just a few but **HUNDREDS. ACCUMULATION OF OVER 500.**

I feel cheated in a lot of ways, we were never told about the prospect of wind turbines in our area. WE were never told that our beautiful city was planned to become a **power factory** for New Zealand. Auckland put protection orders on their ranges. SMART, they understood that saturating the hills would lead to **visual pollution**. Our closest turbine was 600meters from our back door, Number 81 (one of those removed). The blood just drained from my face, and I felt sick when I heard what was being proposed. Not only is our city under attack from the power companies but our reserves are too.

I always thought parks and reserves were created so we would have pieces of unsoiled land totally for the use of birds, animals and plants. A place where we and future generations could always go to see, **how it used to be**.

My husband and I have visited the Turitea dam and the Tararua ranges, I personally cannot see how wind turbines and parks go hand and hand. My imagination goes in over drive when I think of the damage installing these monsters will do. Our water

supply has been boosted as the purest you will get. Why are we even considering tampering so close to something exceptional?

I strongly oppose all wind turbines in reserves.

I am in favour of wind generation, but not in my back door or anyone else's backdoor. We have to keep the turbines at a safe distance from homes. In The Netherlands where I was born, experts in my mind, have decided no more wind turbines on land, due to increasing health issues from noise and vibrations. Britain also has 3kms guidelines. I'm hoping for 4kms.

The nearest turbine to my family is just over 1000 metres.

FRIGHTING

I already have issues with sleeping; I can only imagine what it will be like, being neighbours with 125metre giants all around me. The hum all day long, and after a mental hum overload, I can then lie down at night and feel it through my pillow as a vibrating hum.

Yes I do feel cheated and angry.

Why wasn't all this in the Palmerston North District Plan 10 years ago, we have all known about the lake!

Should we as individuals be less important than big power companies?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. P. H.', located at the bottom center of the page.