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From: Joanne Mooar s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 12 June 2023 3:48 pm
To: Brigid Buckley
Cc: Rupert Holbrook; Dougall Campbell; Daniel Hamilton
Subject: Southland Wind Farm - requiring authority for transmission infrastructure

Importance: High

Hi Brigid

As per our earlier discussion, we confirm we are comfortable with Contact obtaining the necessary approvals (consents/designations) for the proposed grid-injection-point (GIP) asset associated with the Southland Wind Farm Project.

Transpower is often not involved in the consenting (and sometimes build) phase of assets that may ultimately be owned and operated as part of the Grid. In this regard, the majority of the generation projects that are underway at present (including those that have been referred to the expert consenting panel under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020), do not involve Transpower as applicant. Instead, the generator obtains the approvals for the overall project. Consents for the assets that would ultimately be owned by Transpower would be transferred at a later date, once arrangements are finalised for connection to the Grid.

We note that this approach was taken for Contact's new geothermal site at Tauhara in Taupō, where consents and the physical assets were transferred to Transpower to own and operate.

As a result, we confirm that we do not need to be a co-applicant to the application for the Southland Wind Farm.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Regards
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