



24th October 2012

Mr John Sparkes

Compliance Manager

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

23-33 Bridge St

Sydney NSW 2000

Reference A: Capital Wind Farm Draft DoPI Compliance Audit Report

Dear Mr Sparkes,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment regarding Reference A. The following points are made in regards to the report:

- a. **5.4.1. Signage.** A new sign has been commissioned and is expected to be installed at the entrance to the substation by late October. The sign will include a local phone number which will enable parties to arrange visits to the substation office as required. Further, the Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) is now available on the wind farms website. A revision of this document is nearing completion and will then be forwarded to stakeholders for comment. 
- b. **5.4.2. Complaints Register.** Infigen has reviewed the information recorded in the complaints register and has now implemented a requirement to include greater detail as to how complaints are initially responded to and any subsequent follow up action. Further, all complaints are now received by Infigen's 24 hour operations centre, therefore improving the timeliness of any required response or action. The revised procedure will be reflected in the OEMP, which is currently being updated.
- c. **5.4.3. Commencement of Operation.** The commissioning process of a wind farm can take a number of months. The wind turbines were pre-commissioned, commissioned and then reliability tested. Throughout commissioning and testing a number of turbines would have been producing electricity at different times. The wind farm was granted Practical Completion on 31 December 2009 after testing and rectification works were completed. Practical Completion marks the commencement of operation and this occurred post the conditional approval of the OEMP. 
- d. **5.4.4. Bird and Bat Monitoring.** As stated above, Practical Completion was granted on 31 December 2009. Contractual negotiations prevented the bird and bat monitoring program commencing before March 2010. 
- e. **5.4.7. Bunding of oil in temporary storage.** Infigen will provide spill containment pallets for oil that is temporarily stored outside the normal oil storage area at the substation.
- f. **5.4.6. New House.** Infigen will reassess the requirement for noise mitigation at the referenced house once construction is complete. However, judging by the

Renewable Power
Ventures Pty Ltd
Level 22, 56 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Australia
T +61 2 8031 9900
F +61 2 9247 6086
www.infigenenergy.com



quality of the build, any requirement for further noise mitigation is extremely unlikely.

- g. **5.4.8. TV Reception.** In 2012, the geographic source of the digital signal was changed and numerous households were required to adjust their digital aerial as a result. This would seem to be the most likely reason as to why one residence has now lost signal. Alternatively, they may not have upgraded to digital after the analog signal was switched off. If the name of the residence can be provided, Infigen can make contact and quickly assess the likely cause of lost reception.

Kind regards,

David Griffin
| GM Development