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14 MAR 2012

Dear Mr Bembrick

I refer to secondary consent documents for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm submitted for the Minister's approval in accordance with conditions on Planning Permit PL-SP/05/0548.

Under the powers delegated to me from the Minister for Planning, I have decided to approve the following documents:

- *Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, Background Noise Monitoring Plan. S3425C3* (October 2011) including one addendum:
  - *Background Noise Monitoring Plan, Supplementary Information.* (6 October 2011), letter to Mr Paul Gallagher.
- *Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan OE-SHWF-ENM-PLA-0001 Version 1.1* (released 02 February 2012).
- *Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Stage 1 Development Plan* (10 October 2011) including two alterations to Annexure B:
  - *Key Map Stage 1 Development Plan for Six Anemometers Map no WF 154\_01* (revision 5 08/11/2011)
  - *Stage 1 Development Plan for Anemometer EXT1 and Access Route* (revision 2 08/11/2011).

A copy of this letter should be retained with the permit as a record of my approval.

In response to specific requests in your letter I advise that in accordance with Condition 20(b) *Type 1* noise monitors are required to be used to determine background noise levels for this wind farm.

In the event that you need to use an alternative noise monitoring site because a nominated landowner refuses access, such a change must only be made with the further approval of the department.

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I also advise that Condition 20(a) would be satisfied by providing proof of a peer review of the methodology used in calibrating the machinery and interpreting the data by a NATA accredited acoustician.

Finally I note that Origin Energy must make the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Background Noise Monitoring Plan available for public inspection as required by permit Condition 19(f).

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Mr Jason Taylor, Planning and Development Manager of the Grampians Region on 03 5327 2844.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director  
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