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NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Attention: The Planning Secretary, c/o Anthony Ko

Subject: Segment Factory (SSI 10034) – Out of Hours Works Application #4

Dear Anthony,

Snowy Hydro Limited (Snowy Hydro) is constructing a pumped hydro-electric expansion of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme (Snowy Scheme), called Snowy 2.0. To support Snowy 2.0, a precast concrete Segment Factory is being established to enable concrete segments that line the tunnel to be manufactured. The Segment Factory is located on industrial-zoned land in the south-eastern corner of Polo Flat, an industrial zoned area located to the east of Cooma. The operational facility will contain a concrete batching plant, a warehouse building for the manufacture of precast concrete segments (the precast building), uncovered storage areas for raw material and segments, vehicle parking areas and associated offices and workshops.

Approval of the Segment Factory was granted by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 31 March 2020, through issue of Infrastructure Approval SSI 10034. An Environment Protection Licence (EPL) was issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 18 May 2020 for the scheduled activity Concrete Works (EPL 21419).

SSI 10034 Schedule 2 Condition 5 sets out the permissible standard **construction** hours of work for the facility: **Monday to Saturday 7am-6pm**. With the definition of **construction** stating: *The construction of the development, including but not limited to the carrying out of any bulk earthworks on site and construction of the site access road, a concrete batching plant, precast building, storage areas and ancillary infrastructure, and excluding pre-construction works and operation.*

Schedule 2 Condition 6 sets out the circumstances in which construction outside of the standard hours may occur. Schedule 2 Condition 6 states:

The Proponent may carry out the following construction works outside the hours listed in Condition 5:

- (a) Works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receiver's;*
- (b) Works agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary;*
- (c) The delivery of materials required by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; or*
- (d) Works required in an emergency to avoid environmental harm, the loss of life, or property damage.*

To further support Snowy 2.0 and in accordance with approved National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) permits, up to twelve oversize overmass (OSOM) loads may be required to enter the Polo Flat Segment Factory site, between November 2020 and February 2021, as to "park up" or transfer their loads onto smaller trailers, better suited to traversing the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Due to NHVR permits the OSOM loads may have to arrive, transfer trailers, or depart the Polo Flat Segment Factory site outside current approved construction hours. Transfer of trailers would only occur between the hours of 7am and 6pm (Monday to Sunday). The equipment expected to be utilised during out of hours works include:

- Up to three prime movers (arriving and departing site)
- One prime mover to move trailers around site

- One electric overhead gantry crane
- One generator
- One forklift

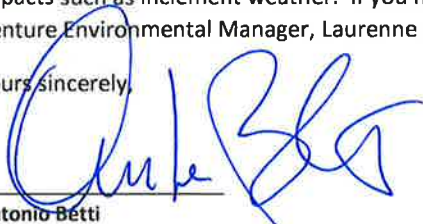
Pursuant to Schedule 2 Condition 6, on the 22 October, Future Generation requested approval from the Planning Secretary for Out of Hours Works (OOHW) to occur (S2-FGJV-DPIE-LET-004).

The request detailed a once off occurrence of the same procedure which transpired on Sunday the 25th October 2020. Noise monitoring undertaken at the five nearest sensitive receivers determined that the OOHW works were inaudible.

Future Generation JV have contacted all sensitive receivers and Snowy Monaro Regional Council all of whom have raised no concerns for the proposed works.

Due to the proposed works potentially occurring outside current approved construction hours; do not meet the definition of "construction" and in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition 6 (b), Future Generation JV respectfully requests approval to undertake these works out of hours if required as a contingency if loads are delayed or there are unforeseen schedule impacts such as inclement weather. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Future Generation Joint Venture Environmental Manager, Laureenne Coetzee.

Yours sincerely,



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Future Generation JV