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Executive summary

Contact Energy Ltd (the Company) operates the Stratford Power Station (SPS) located on State Highway 43 near Stratford in the Pātea catchment.

This report for the period July 2023 to June 2024 describes the monitoring programme implemented by Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) to assess the Company's environmental and consent compliance performance during the period under review. The report also details the results of the monitoring undertaken and assesses the environmental effects of the Company activities.

During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated an overall high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.

The Company holds 17 resource consents that are being exercised in relation to the SPS. The exercised consents provide for two gas-fired plants. These are a combined cycle plant, referred to as the Taranaki Combined Cycle (TCC) and a smaller open cycle peaking plant, referred to as the Stratford Peaker Plant (SPP). Two of the consents were replaced during the year under review. The consents that were in place at the start of the monitoring year included a total of 154 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The replacement consents provide for the same activities however, now include a total of 168 conditions. In addition, the Company holds eight consents that were granted in connection with a facility that was to be built. This facility will not be built, the consents were never exercised and have recently been surrendered.

The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, 16 water samples collected for physicochemical analysis and three biomonitoring surveys of receiving waters. In addition, monthly emission results and abstraction records were provided to the Council by the Company which were regularly reviewed.

The monitoring showed that the Stratford Power Station continued to be well managed with negligible environmental effects as a result of the exercise of their consents.

Surface water abstraction was compliant with daily rate and volume. Process water discharges were compliant with consent defined parameters. Surface water monitoring indicated negligible impacts from the discharge of process waters. The thermal tolerances within the receiving waters were not exceeded for the duration of the monitoring period. This included during the summer low flows, during which time the thermal impacts on the receiving environment was found to be minimal.

Inter-laboratory comparisons indicated good agreement for the majority of parameters assessed this monitoring period.

There was no evidence that the discharges and water abstraction from the Company's site had any adverse effects on the macroinvertebrate community health in the Pātea River and the Kahouri Stream.

Emissions monitoring results from the TCC were within consent defined specifications for the full duration of the monitoring period. The SPP are stack tested biennially and the latest testing was carried out during 2023. The resulting analysis indicated compliance with consent defined criteria. The six yearly emissions report, as required by the consents, was previously submitted during December 2020. The next six yearly report is due in the 2026/27 year. No odours were noted or communicated during the monitoring period.

For reference, in the 2023/24 year, consent holders were found to achieve a high level of environmental performance and compliance for 864 (89%) of a total of 967 consents monitored through the Taranaki tailored monitoring programmes, while for another 75 (8%) of the consents a good level of environmental performance and compliance was achieved. A further 26 (3%) of consents monitored required improvement in their performance, while the remaining two (<1%) achieved a rating of poor.

In terms of overall environmental and compliance performance by the consent holder over the last several years, this report shows that the consent holder's performance remains at high level in the period under review.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Compliance monitoring programme reports and the Resource Management Act 1991

1.1.1 Introduction

This report is for the period July 2023 to June 2024 by Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) on the monitoring programme associated with resource consents held by Contact Energy Ltd (the Company). The Company operates two gas-fired power plants at Stratford Power Station, the Taranaki Combined Cycle Plant (TCC) and the Stratford Peaker Plant (SPP), situated on East Road (State Highway 43) near Stratford, in the Pātea catchment.

The report includes the results and findings of the monitoring programme implemented by the Council in respect of the consents held by the Company that relate to abstractions and discharges of water within the Pātea catchment, and the air discharge permits held by the Company to cover emissions to air from the site.

1.1.2 Structure of this report

Section 1 of this report is a background section. It sets out general information about:

- consent compliance monitoring under the *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA) and the Council's obligations;
- the Council's approach to monitoring sites through annual programmes;
- the resource consents held by the Company/companies in the Pātea Catchment;
- the nature of the monitoring programme in place for the period under review; and
- a description of the activities and operations conducted in the Company's site/catchment.

Section 2 presents the results of monitoring during the period under review, including scientific and technical data.

Section 3 discusses the results, their interpretations, and their significance for the environment.

Section 4 presents recommendations to be implemented in the 2024/25 monitoring year.

A glossary of common abbreviations and scientific terms, and a bibliography, are presented at the end of the report.

1.1.3 The Resource Management Act 1991 and monitoring

The RMA primarily addresses environmental 'effects' which are defined as positive or adverse, temporary or permanent, past, present or future, or cumulative. Effects may arise in relation to:

- a. the neighbourhood or the wider community around an activity, and may include cultural and social-economic effects;
- b. physical effects on the locality, including landscape, amenity and visual effects;
- c. ecosystems, including effects on plants, animals, or habitats, whether aquatic or terrestrial;
- d. natural and physical resources having special significance (for example recreational, cultural, or aesthetic); and
- e. risks to the neighbourhood or environment.

In drafting and reviewing conditions on discharge permits, and in implementing monitoring programmes, the Council is recognising the comprehensive meaning of 'effects' in as much as is appropriate for each activity. Monitoring programmes are not only based on existing permit conditions, but also on the obligations of the RMA to assess the effects of the exercise of consents. In accordance with Section 35 of the RMA, the Council undertakes compliance monitoring for consents and rules in regional plans, and maintains an overview of the performance of resource users and consent holders. Compliance monitoring, including both activity and impact monitoring, enables the Council to continually re-evaluate its approach and that of consent holders to resource management and, ultimately, through the refinement of methods and considered responsible resource utilisation, to move closer to achieving sustainable development of the region's resources.

1.1.4 Evaluation of environmental performance

Besides discussing the various details of the performance and extent of compliance by the consent holders, this report also assigns a rating as to each Company's environmental and administrative performance during the period under review. The rating categories are high, good, improvement required and poor for both environmental and administrative performance. The interpretations for these ratings are found in Appendix II.

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1.2 Process description

Taranaki Combined Cycle Plant (TCC)

The Taranaki Combined Cycle Plant (Figure 1) was the first large-scale combined-cycle power plant to be built in New Zealand. The plant was completed in 1998. It utilises a gas turbine and a steam turbine in tandem to generate electricity at an efficiency greater than could be achieved by either system alone. The hot exhaust gases from the gas turbine are directed into a heat recovery boiler where most of the heat is used to produce high pressure steam that drives the steam turbine. The station was designed to produce up to 354MW of electricity at an efficiency of about 56%, which has since been improved to 383MW at 56.7%. The combustion system in the gas turbine is especially designed to minimise the production of nitrogen oxides in the gases.

The cooling system for the steam system is based on an evaporative process. The cooling towers have been designed to minimise the formation of a vapour plume, so that a plume is visible only under cool or humid conditions.

The gas supply for the plant comes mainly from the Kupe and Maui fields together with a smaller component from the underground Ahuroa B Gas Storage facility. The station uses approximately 1.4 million cubic metres of gas per day in generation at full production.

¹ The Council has used these compliance grading criteria for more than 20 years. They align closely with the 4 compliance grades in the MfE Best Practice Guidelines for Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement, 2018

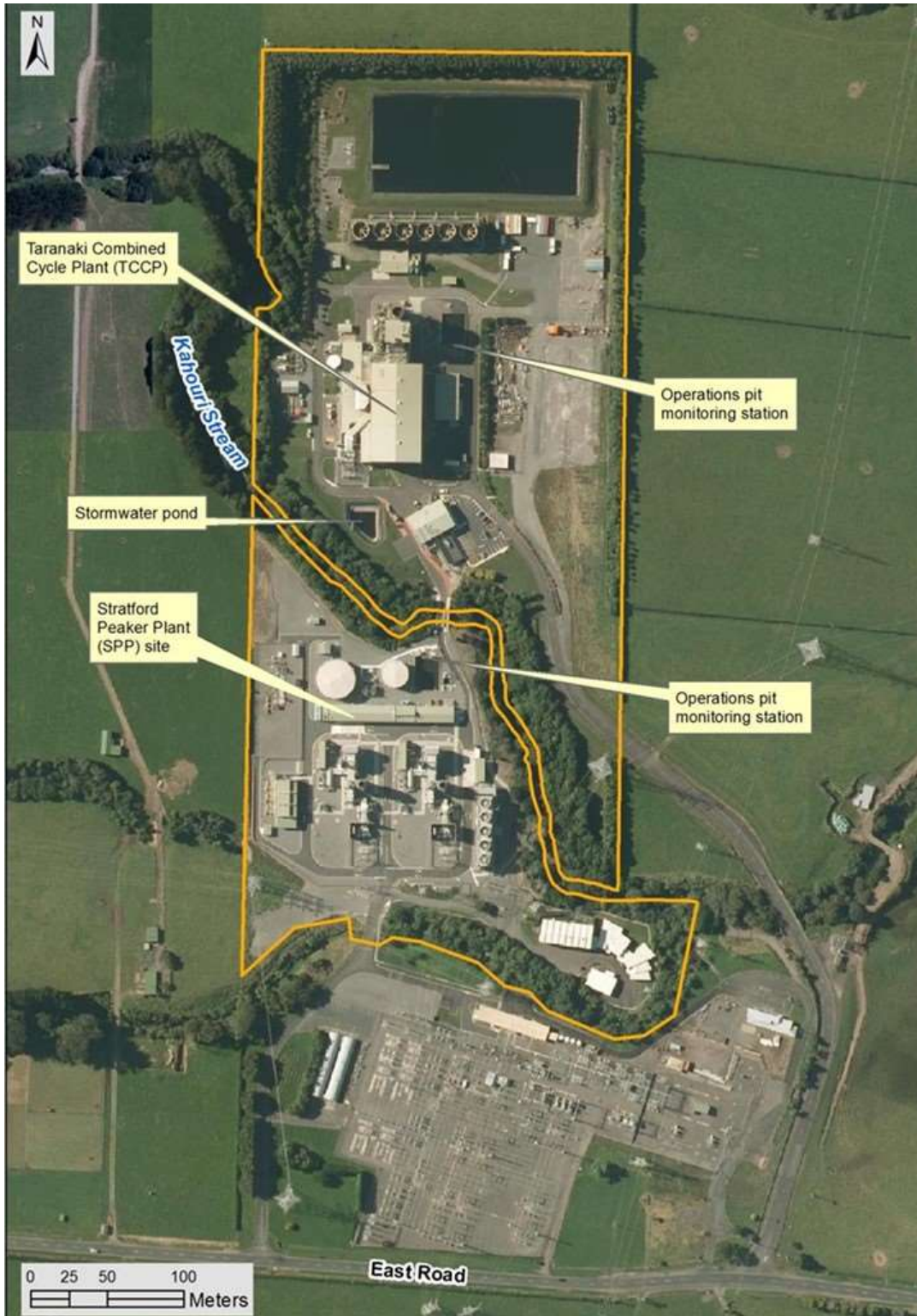


Figure 1 Aerial view of Stratford Power Station 2012

Water is abstracted from the Pātea River to supply the cooling towers and for steam generation. The water discharges are from plant utilities and domestic effluent, boiler blowdown and site stormwater. Septic tank effluent is discharged to land.

Stratford Peaker Plants (SPP)

The Stratford Peaker Plant (Figure 1) is designed to provide fast start-up (peaking) capacity to support the increasing volumes of weather-dependent renewable electricity sources in New Zealand, such as wind generation. Commercial operation commenced in June 2011. The plant may be required to run for hours during low wind conditions, or for months during dry hydro years or times of major plant outages. The two separate 100 MW high-efficiency open cycle gas fired turbines are capable of going from cold to full power in 10 minutes. To improve efficiency, air from the low pressure compressor passes through an inter-cooler before entering the high pressure compressor, giving an LHV efficiency of about 46% at full load.

The cooling system for the intercooler is similar in type to that of the Taranaki Combined Cycle Plant described above, being a hybrid dry/wet mechanical draft cooling tower.

Water to supply the cooling tower is drawn from the Pātea River via the existing abstraction and storage system for the combined cycle plant. Wastewater is discharged to the Pātea River. Site stormwater is transferred to the raw water holding pond at the combined cycle plant during operation. Domestic wastes are discharged to a land-based system which was upgraded in September 2018.

1.3 Resource consents

The Company holds a total of 25 resource consents, the details of which are summarised in Table 1 below. During this monitoring year two consents were replaced, Consent 4022 and 4459. Summaries of the conditions attached to each permit exercised are set out in Section 3 of this report.

A summary of the various consent types issued by the Council is included in Appendix I, as are copies of all permits held by the Company during the period under review.

Table 1 Summary of resource consents held by the Company

Consent Number	Purpose	Consent Granted/ Commencement Date	Change to Conditions Date	Next Review Date	Expiry Date
<i>Discharge to Air Permits</i>					
4022-2	Discharge emissions to air from fuel combustion of Stratford Power Station & ancillary plant	Dec 1994	Feb 2010	N/A	Expired 1 June 2022 -S124 protection
4022-3.0	Discharge emissions to air from fuel combustion of Stratford Peaker Power Station & ancillary plant	Sep 2023	-	2028	2035
4454-1	Discharge contaminants to air from power station & ancillary plant	Aug 1995	Feb 2010	#	2029
5846-1.3*	Discharge contaminants to air from power station & ancillary plant	Jan 2017	-	2028	2034
7247-1	Discharge emissions to air from cooling tower	Mar 2008	-	2028	2034
7786-1.1*	Discharge contaminants to air from construction	Jan 2017	-	-	2028
<i>Discharge to Water Permits</i>					
5848-1	Discharge up to 78L/s averaged over 15 minutes of used water to Pātea River	Mar 2008	Mar 2008	2028	2034
4459-1.3	Discharge stormwater to Kahouri/Piakau Streams (7.5ha)	Jul 2016	-	-	2028
4459-1.4	Discharge stormwater to Kahouri/Piakau Streams (8.6ha)	Feb 2024	-	As per condition 10	2028

Consent Number	Purpose	Consent Granted/ Commencement Date	Change to Conditions Date	Next Review Date	Expiry Date
5633-1	Discharge sediment from water intake to Pātea River	May 2000	-	-	2028
5851-1.3*	Discharge sediment from water intake to Pātea River	Jan 2017	-	2028	2034
7785-1.1*	Discharge construction contaminants to Piakau/Kahouri Streams	Jan 2017	-	-	2028
<i>Water Use Permits</i>					
4455-1	Take up to 225L/s averaged over 15 minutes from Pātea River below Toko confluence	May 1994	Mar 2008	-	2028
5847-1.3*	Take up to 225L/s averaged over 15 minutes from Pātea River at Skinner Road	Jan 2017	-	2028	2034
<i>Land Use Permits</i>					
5849-1.3*	Gas pipeline structures on Kahouri Stream	Jan 2017	-	2028	2034
5850-1*	Intake structure on Pātea River at Skinner Road	Nov 2001	Mar 2008	2028	2034
4456-1	Intake structure on Pātea River below Toko confluence	May 1994	Jan 2000	-	2028
4458-1	Diffuser structure on Pātea River	May 1994	Mar 2008	-	2028
7248-1	Bridge for pedestrian access and utilities over Kahouri tributary	Mar 2008	-	2028	2034
7250-1	Bridge for pedestrian access and utilities over Kahouri Stream	Mar 2008	-	2028	2034
4804-1	Bridge for electricity transmission over unnamed tributary of Kahouri Stream	Mar 2012	-	-	2028
4460-1	Stormwater discharge structures (above unnamed tributary of Piakau Stream)	May 2012	-	-	2028
7605-1	Stormwater discharge structure in Kahouri Stream	Feb 2010	Jun 2010	-	2028
7653-1	Stormwater discharge structure in Kahouri Stream	Jun 2010	-	-	2028
4461-1	Utilities structures on Kahouri Stream	Mar 2012	-	-	2028
5852-1.4*	Utilities structures on Kahouri Stream	Jan 2017	-	2028	2034
4462-1	Water transmission structures above Toko Stream/unnamed streams	May 1994	Mar 2008	-	2028

*Indicates consents not yet exercised – lapse date 6 December 2024 – surrendered 4 October 2024.

Optional review date is within 6 months of receipt of report required by consent conditions.

It is noted that Consent 4022-2 expired on 1 June 2022. Section 124 of the RMA provides for the consent holder to continue to operate under the conditions of the expired consent until a decision is made on the renewal in certain circumstances. The new Consent 4022-3 was issued on 12 September 2023. The Company operated under this consent from that point onwards.

Consent 4459-1.3 had an altered stormwater discharge area under condition 2 of the consent (issued February 2024). No other changes were made to this consent.

The consents that have not yet been exercised relate to the construction and operation of an additional gas plant, alongside the existing gas power station. This facility will not be built and as these consents were due to lapse in December 2024 they have recently been surrendered by the Company.

1.4 Monitoring programme

1.4.1 Introduction

Section 35 of the RMA sets obligations upon the Council to gather information, monitor and conduct research on the exercise of resource consents within the Taranaki region. The Council is also required to assess the effects arising from the exercising of these consents and report upon them.

The Council may therefore make and record measurements of physical and chemical parameters, take samples for analysis, carry out surveys and inspections, conduct investigations and seek information from consent holders.

The monitoring programme for the Company consisted of five primary components.

1.4.2 Programme liaison and management

There is generally a significant investment of time and resources by the Council in:

- ongoing liaison with resource consent holders over consent conditions and their interpretation and application;
- discussion over monitoring requirements;
- preparation for any consent reviews, renewals or new consent applications;
- advice on the Council's environmental management strategies and content of regional plans; and
- consultation on associated matters.

1.4.3 Site inspections

The Company site was visited four times during the monitoring period.

With regard to consents for the abstraction of or discharge to water, the main points of interest were plant processes with potential or actual discharges to receiving watercourses, including contaminated stormwater and process wastewaters. Air inspections focus on plant processes with associated emission sources and characteristics, including potential odour, dust, noxious or offensive emissions.

Sources of data being collected by the Company were identified and accessed, so that performance in respect of operation, internal monitoring, and supervision could be reviewed by the Council. The neighbourhood was surveyed for environmental effects.

1.4.4 Chemical sampling

The Council undertook sampling of both the discharges from the site and the water quality upstream and downstream of the discharge point and mixing zone (Figure 2).

The used water discharges from both the TCCP and SPP were sampled on four occasions. Two sites on the Pātea River were also sampled on four occasions. The analytes tested for are listed in Table 2.

Inter-lab comparisons of sample results were also conducted, with results provided in Section 2.2.1.

1.4.5 Biomonitoring surveys

Biological surveys were performed on 15 November 2023 and 16 February 2024 in the Pātea River, and a single survey on 22 February 2024 in the Kahouri Stream. These are to determine the effects of cooling water discharge, water abstraction and discharge of stormwater from the Company's combined cycle and peaker power stations.

These surveys include identification of macroinvertebrates, taxa richness and abundance, and establishing their corresponding 'health' based on MCI and SQMCI scores for each site.

1.4.6 Provision of consent holder data

The Company submitted monitoring data to the Council on a monthly basis for review pertaining to the operations of the plant, including water abstraction, wastewater discharges and air emissions discharges (Section 2.3.3). The Company also provided the Council with an annual report that is appended to this report (Appendix III).

Condition 3 of air discharge Consent 4022-2 required that the Company supply a report every six years that addressed specified matters. This report was last provided in December 2020. The latest Consent 4022-3 no longer has this condition however, it remains within Consent 4454-1 (condition 8). Consent 4022-3 (condition 15) now requires an annual reporting regime.

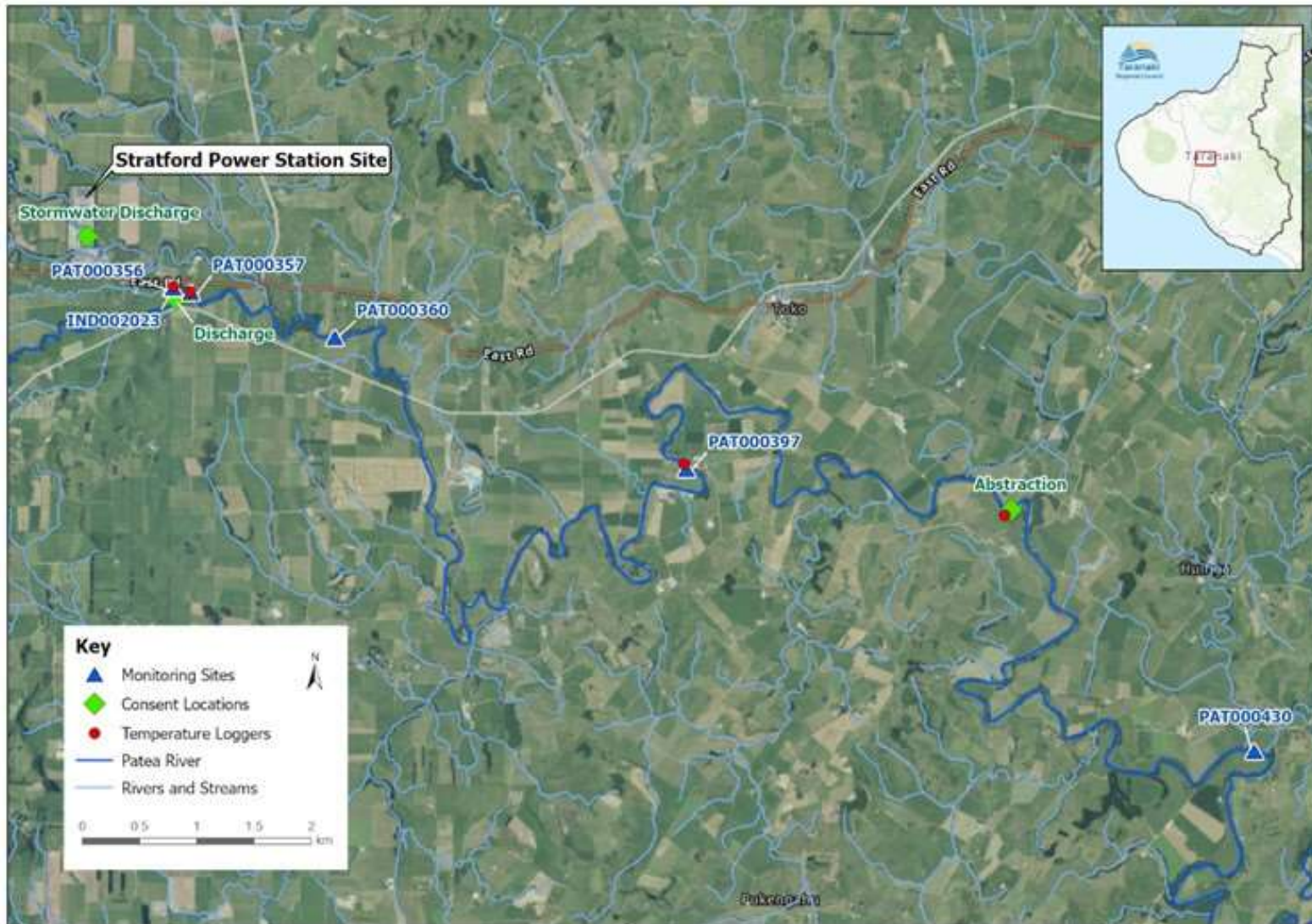


Figure 2 Physicochemical and biological sampling sites, temperature logger, discharge sites and abstraction site locations

2. Results

2.1 Water

2.1.1 Inspections

At the SPS combined cycle (TCC) plant and peaker plant (SPP) site, inspection is made of areas where wastewater is generated, treated and monitored, and where chemicals and fuel/oil are stored, transferred and dispensed. The stormwater system is also included.

The laboratory and control room are also visited to view and discuss recent monitoring results. The Pātea River and the discharge structure beside East Road are inspected.

Inspections specifically address the operation of the water abstraction system, the raw water treatment plant, the cooling water systems, and the wastewater treatment systems (pH neutralisation, oil separation, holding ponds and monitoring stations). The maintenance of areas that are bunded to contain spillage (around chemical and oil storage/use, transformers, electrical batteries), and the stormwater drainage system.

Four inspections were undertaken by the Council at the Company's facility, Stratford Power Station (SPS), in the 2023/24 monitoring period. These were undertaken on 4 September 2023, 31 January 2024, 30 April 2024 and 12 June 2024. Spacing between inspections was not as regular as normal due to Council staff changes during the monitoring year.

2.1.2 Inspection results and notes

The Company site was compliant across all consent conditions. In general, the site was found to be well kept with good housekeeping evident across the facility. Staff of the Company were found to hold good knowledge of the environmental aspects of running the plant, and to have proper training in dealing with contingency events that have the potential for causing adverse environmental effects.

Across all consent aspects there was no obvious visual environmental impact (either air or water) at any of the discharge locations.

No odour was noted during inspections, including downwind of the SPP cooling towers when SPP GT21 was operating. SPP GT22 remains out of operation since September 2023.

The raw water pond has four ultrasonic pulsing units for algae reduction. During the monitoring period the pond was observed to have minimal algae present and was generally in a clean condition.

Throughout the 2023/24 monitoring period temperature data was downloaded monthly by the Council from all four monitoring sites (upstream and downstream of the weir, Hungers Road & Vickers quarry) and were inspected after high river flow conditions if required. No major temperature variances were observed throughout this period.

Overall, there is good communication between the Company and the Council. This includes the supply of monthly monitoring reports from the Company to the Council as to the processes undertaken by the facility, any abnormal operating conditions and consults with Council when matters that may affect environmental monitoring or performance are identified. This provides good transparency between both parties.

2.1.3 Results of abstraction monitoring

Water abstractions are regulated under Consent 4455. The record for water abstraction (Figure 3) is based on 15 minute average flows, rather than instantaneous values. This is undertaken in order to prevent short

term spikes within the data set as a consequence of when the pumps are reversed into backwash mode or restarted. This may give rise to transient water surges in the pipelines which can appear as abstraction breaches, but are not actual breaches.

The analysis provided in Figure 3 indicates compliance with the consent defined maximum abstraction volume limited to 19,440m³/day. In addition, the analysis provided by Figure 4 indicates compliance with the maximum abstraction rate (<225L/s), which was not exceeded during the monitoring period.

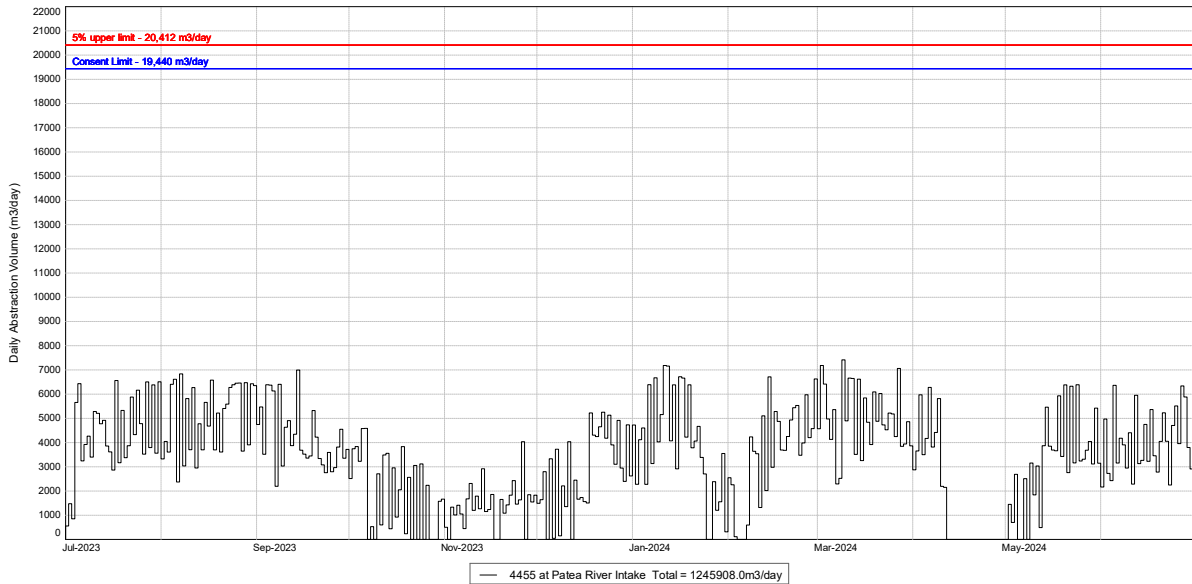


Figure 3 Consent 4455-1 daily abstraction from the Patea River SPP intake 2023/24

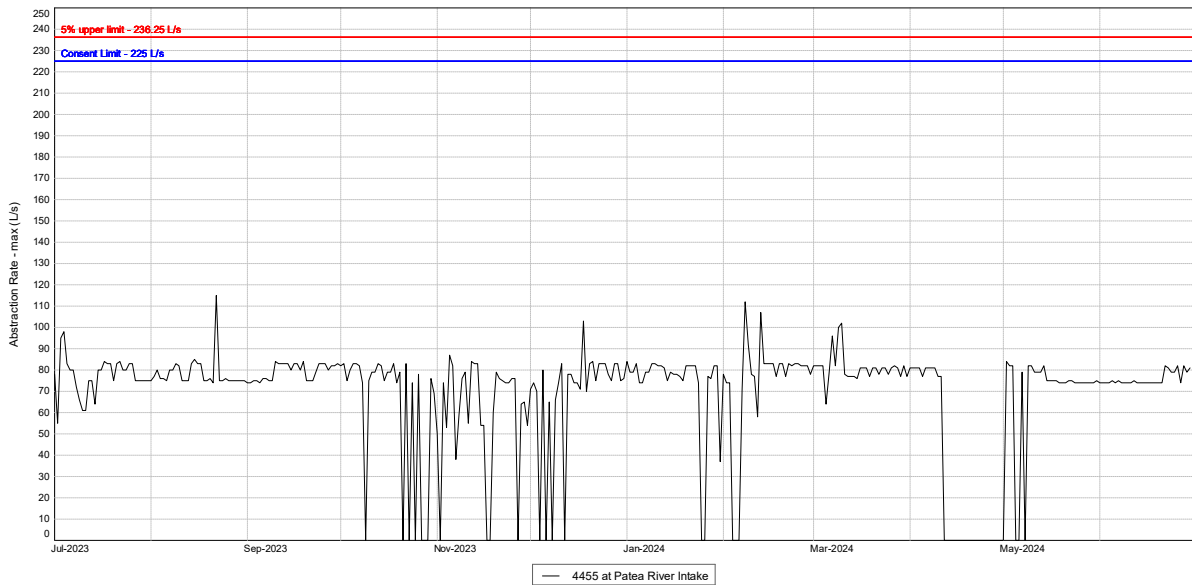


Figure 4 Abstraction rate maximum (L/s) Patea River SPP intake 2023/24

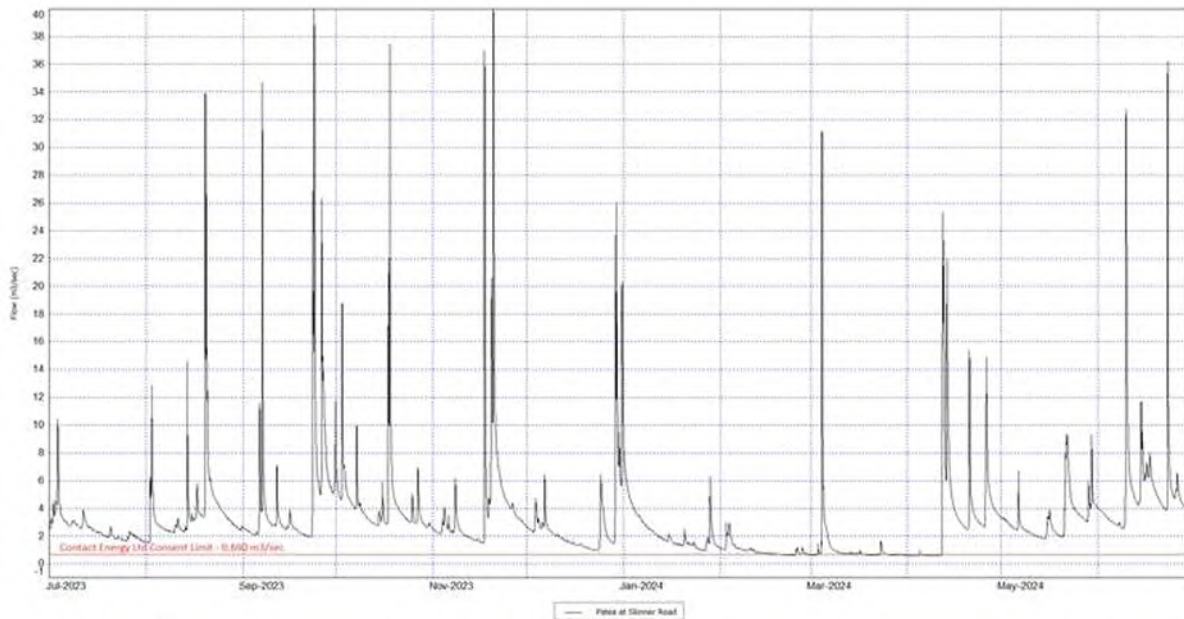


Figure 5 Pātea River flow (m^3/sec) at Skinner Road 2023/24

2.1.3.1 Flow monitoring

The consent limit (4455-1) abstraction rate is 225L/s ($0.225\text{m}^3/\text{s}$) when river flows at Skinner Road are above 765L/s, dropping down to 150L/s when river flows at Skinner Road are at or below 690L/s ($0.690\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$). The permitted take rate varies when the river flows at Skinner Road are between 690L/s and 765L/s. At these times, the permitted take rate limit is up to the flow rate of the Pātea River at Skinner Road less 540L/s. The record of the abstraction rate, as provided in Figure 4, can be compared against the river flow of Pātea River at Skinner Road (Figure 5).

The flow in the Pātea River dropped below 765L/s and even below 690L/s during February, March and April 2024. Minimum flows recorded were 650L/s, 620L/s and 600L/s respectively. Therefore, the abstraction rate limit varied throughout the monitoring period accordingly.

The abstraction is setup, so it is not possible to exceed a pump rate of 225L/s. Table 3 provides the monthly abstraction data. For the 2023/24 monitoring period the maximum 15 minute average abstraction flow rate recorded was 115L/s (August 2023) with an overall average abstraction of 38L/s. The total volume abstracted throughout the monitoring period was $1,216,862\text{m}^3$. This was an increase of $879,801\text{m}^3$ when compared to the previous monitoring period, which was in fact 61% lower than 2021/22. The consented limit for the year is $7,095,600\text{m}^3$ (based on $19,440\text{m}^3$ per day) therefore the total abstraction is well within the annual limit.

This abstraction volume was an increase of 361% when compared to the previous monitoring period (2022/23), across which the total abstraction volume was $337,061\text{m}^3$. The TCC was in operation for a total of 248 days during the current year under review. For comparison, during the previous monitoring period the TCC was in operation for 37 days. The increase in operational days accounts for the increase in the volume of water abstracted during 2023/24.

Table 2 Monthly abstraction data from the Company 2023/24

Month	Max. Abstraction flow L/s	Average Abstraction (L/s)	Maximum daily total volume (m ³)	Total volume abstracted (m ³)
Consent limit	150 to 225	-	19,440	-
July	98	49	6,481	130,214
August	115	56	6,789	151,233
September	84	47	6,862	122,813
October	83	20	4,440	54,670
November	87	15	4,225	38,469
December	103	32	5,346	84,921
January	84	45	7,051	119,814
February	112	40	6,561	99,197
March	102	59	7,233	158,715
April	81	17	6,134	43,191
May	84	36	6,369	95,674
June	82	46	6,351	117,951
Annual	115	38	7,233	1,216,862

2.1.4 Results of discharge monitoring

Consent 5848-1 covers the discharge of used waters (mainly blowdown water) from the cooling system of the combined cycle (TCC) and the water treatment plant that serves both of the peaker facilities (SPP) to the Pātea River (Figure 2).

The Company continuously monitors pH, chlorine, temperature and flow of the effluents from both plants (TCC and SPP).

The online monitoring sensors are checked twice daily. The Company also undertake sampling and analysis of grab samples from both operation pits (Figure 1) to assess the online sensor accuracy.

The Council samples the discharge from both plants as close to quarterly as possible. Inter-laboratory analysis is also undertaken between both parties, by obtaining duplicate samples of the discharges.

The analysis undertaken by the Council in respect of the discharges includes temperature, pH, chlorine, conductivity, dissolved reactive phosphorus, ammonia (NH₄), oil and grease, total suspended solids, turbidity, flow rate and un-ionised ammonia (NH₃).

The Council analyses the discharge samples to determine compliance with the specific consent conditions on effluent composition (pH and chlorine), minimisation of phosphorus and ammonia and general effluent parameters for any significant change (conductivity, turbidity and suspended solids).

Consent 4459 covers the discharge of stormwater to the Kahouri Stream from the holding pond that serves both plants. Prior to 2011 there were minimal discharges from this pond as the majority of stormwater was recycled through the raw water pond. When the stormwater catchment area was increased as a result of redeveloping the site, the discharge from this source increased. This was also a reflection of the augmentation of the facilities' power generation capabilities, whereby the TCC may be shut down for periods. This would result in a need to refresh the raw water pond at times through flow back into the Pātea River, via the stormwater pond and Kahouri Stream.

A variation for this consent was granted on 1 February 2024 to incorporate all stormwater generated from operational activities at the site under one consent by increasing the active stormwater area to account for

future development of a Battery Energy Storage System. It was increased from an area not exceeding 7.5ha to an area not exceeding 8.6ha (condition 2).

The stormwater prior to discharge is monitored by the Company and its compliance limits as defined by Consent 4459 are as follows:

- pH (6-9);
- suspended solids (100g/m³); and
- oil and grease (15g/m³).

2.1.4.1 Results of monitoring by the Company

Tables 3 and 4 detail the monthly summaries provided to the Council from the Company. They relate to monitoring of the Pātea River discharge by continuous analyser. The analyser record is also further checked for precision through the analysis of a grab sample from the associated operations pit.

Table 3 Monitoring of SPP effluent by the Company 2023/24

Month	SPP & TCC Max total daily discharge	SPP & TCC Max flowrate discharge	SPP & TCC Avg flowrate discharge	SPP Max Cl ₂	SPP Avg Cl ₂	SPP Max pH	SPP min pH	SPP Temp Max	SPP Temp Avg
	m ³	L/s avg 15mins	L/s	ppm	ppm	pH	pH	°C	°C
July	1,197	38.70	7.63	0.08	0.01	8.70	6.32	14.54	11.58
August	1,298	34.97	10.26	0.82	0.00	9.12	6.67	15.64	12.56
September	1,186	36.81	9.42	0.03	0.00	8.33	6.41	18.16	14.78
October	2,033	42.79	14.44	0.05	0.01	8.88	6.80	19.63	16.10
November	1,432	44.70	11.62	0.07	0.02	8.45	6.56	21.39	18.66
December	1,696	46.50	11.85	0.60	0.01	8.41	7.02	23.47	20.43
January	2,555	46.00	15.68	0.60	0.01	7.93	6.21	24.60	21.80
February	1,591	46.00	11.23	0.51	0.02	8.20	6.92	23.17	21.16
March	1,532	45.80	12.14	0.06	0.01	7.83	7.14	21.63	18.41
April	1,158	34.80	5.98	0.06	0.02	7.94	7.07	17.21	15.28
May	1,446	34.10	8.84	0.06	0.01	7.67	6.87	16.31	13.65
June	1,333	42.10	9.68	0.08	0.01	7.76	6.98	12.87	11.22

Table 4 Monitoring of TCC plant effluent by the Company 2023/24

Month	SPP & TCC Max total daily discharge	SPP & TCC Max flowrate discharge	SPP & TCC Avg flowrate discharge	TCC Max Cl ₂	TCC Avg Cl ₂	TCC Max pH	TCC min pH	TCC Temp Max	TCC Temp Avg
	m ³	L/s avg 15mins	L/s	ppm	ppm	pH	pH	°C	°C
July	1,197	38.70	7.63	0.30	0.00	8.20	6.67	22.09	20.25
August	1,298	34.97	10.26	0.09	0.00	7.92	6.73	23.20	19.94
September	1,186	36.81	9.42	0.97	0.00	7.71	6.80	23.28	20.71
October	2,033	42.79	14.44	0.56	0.00	8.95	6.10	22.58	16.82
November	1,432	44.70	11.62	0.66	0.00	8.94	6.49	18.89	17.40
December	1,696	46.50	11.85	0.07	0.01	8.59	6.72	29.20	22.21
January	2,555	46.00	15.68	0.06	0.01	8.86	6.04	30.20	25.07

Month	SPP & TCC Max total daily discharge	SPP & TCC Max flowrate discharge	SPP & TCC Avg flowrate discharge	TCC Max Cl ₂	TCC Avg Cl ₂	TCC Max pH	TCC min pH	TCC Temp Max	TCC Temp Avg
	m ³	L/s avg 15mins	L/s	ppm	ppm	pH	pH	°C	°C
February	1,591	46.00	11.23	0.06	0.01	8.90	6.06	27.67	23.47
March	1,532	45.80	12.14	1.03	0.01	8.95	6.58	28.64	24.66
April	1,158	34.80	5.98	1.03	0.02	8.33	7.28	25.30	22.07
May	1,446	34.10	8.84	0.05	0.01	8.36	6.89	23.38	19.22
June	1,333	42.10	9.68	0.02	0.01	8.01	6.82	22.97	20.54

2.1.4.1.1 Flow

The discharges from the Company in the 2023/24 monitoring period were compliant with the Consent (5848-1) and the associated limit, which stipulates a discharge of up to 6,740m³/day (rate of <78L/s averaged over 15 minutes).

The average combined discharge flow from both plants (TCC and SPP) was 10.73L/s, and the maximum recorded discharge flow rate was 46.50L/s, recorded in December 2023. The total volume of wastewater discharged for the year was 316,005m³ which equates to approximately 26% of the water abstracted for plant use during the year.

2.1.4.1.2 Chlorine

The consent limit for total residual chlorine is 0.05g/m³ (0.05ppm). The yearly average value for chlorine within the discharge from the TCC was recorded as 0.00ppm. High chlorine values were recorded on several occasions, with a maximum value of 1.03ppm recorded during March and April 2024. The Company has advised that the high values can occur due to low sample volume when the circulation pump has been stopped due to low water level in the wastewater pit. When the chlorine values at or above 0.05ppm are recorded, the control system involves the process of closing the outlet valve to prohibit discharge, consequently keeping outflows within consent limits.

For the SPP, the yearly average value was recorded as 0.01ppm chlorine, while the maximum recorded chlorine was found to be 0.82ppm. This was recorded during August 2023. Again, the control system engages and ceases the discharge as soon as elevated chlorine levels have been detected.

2.1.4.1.3 pH

The discharge pH remained within the consent range limit of pH 6.0-9.0 throughout the monitoring period for the TCC and SPP.

For the TCC the minimum pH observed was pH 6.00, recorded in January 2024. The maximum observed was pH 8.95, recorded in October 2023. For SPP the minimum pH recorded was pH 6.30, recorded in January 2024. The yearly maximum was recorded as pH 9.12 (for a duration of approximately 7600 seconds), recorded during August 2023.

When the continuous pH monitors indicate an exceedance with respect to the pH range limit, the wastewater discharge valve, at the relevant operations pit, on site automatically closes immediately (within one minute). This prevents the non-compliant discharge entering the river.

The limits on the discharge monitor with respect to pH range, activate when the corresponding pH range reaches either, pH 6.1 or 8.9.

2.1.4.1.4 Temperature

Condition 10 of Consent 5848-1 specifies that the discharge shall not raise the temperature of the Pātea River above 25°C. In addition to the self-monitoring undertaken by the Company, the Council monitors the temperature of the Pātea River at East Road, upstream and downstream of this discharge. Table 5 summarises the data provided by the Company.

The ambient river temperature upstream of the site remained below the 25°C consented limit for the full duration of the monitoring period (Figure 6), thereby allowing for continuous discharge if required. The maximum upstream temperature recorded was 23.06°C on 19 January 2024, and downstream maximum was 23.13°C also on 19 January 2024.

Self-monitoring data provided by the Company confirmed that the maximum temperature recorded by their downstream logger was 23.34°C on 19 January 2024. The Company complied with the 25°C temperature limit at the downstream monitoring location throughout the monitoring period (Figure 7).

Table 5 Pātea River receiving water temperature data for used water discharge (Company data)

Month	Average upstream temperature °C	Average downstream temperature °C	Average differential °C	Maximum downstream temperature °C	Maximum differential °C
July	9.06	9.11	0.04	10.93	0.34
August	8.42	8.45	0.03	10.29	0.35
September	10.80	10.84	0.03	15.95	0.40
October	12.22	12.23	0.01	15.21	0.66
November	13.64	13.67	0.03	17.30	0.27
December	16.69	16.76	0.07	21.60	0.40
January	17.92	18.04	0.12	23.34	0.48
February	16.74	16.93	0.19	20.70	0.83
March	13.91	14.15	0.24	18.22	0.85
April	12.37	12.44	0.07	16.17	0.91
May	9.60	9.63	0.04	11.70	0.46
June	9.89	9.92	0.03	12.12	0.32

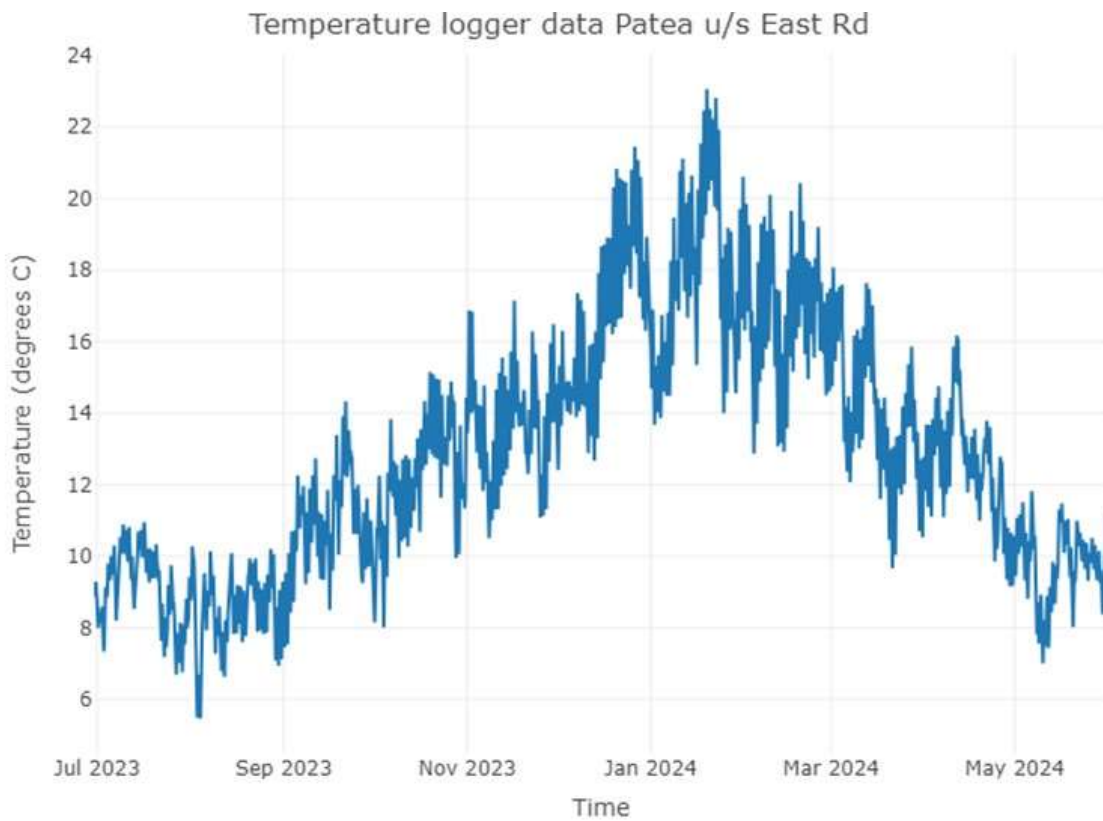


Figure 6 Patea River temperature at East Road upstream of the plant during the year under review

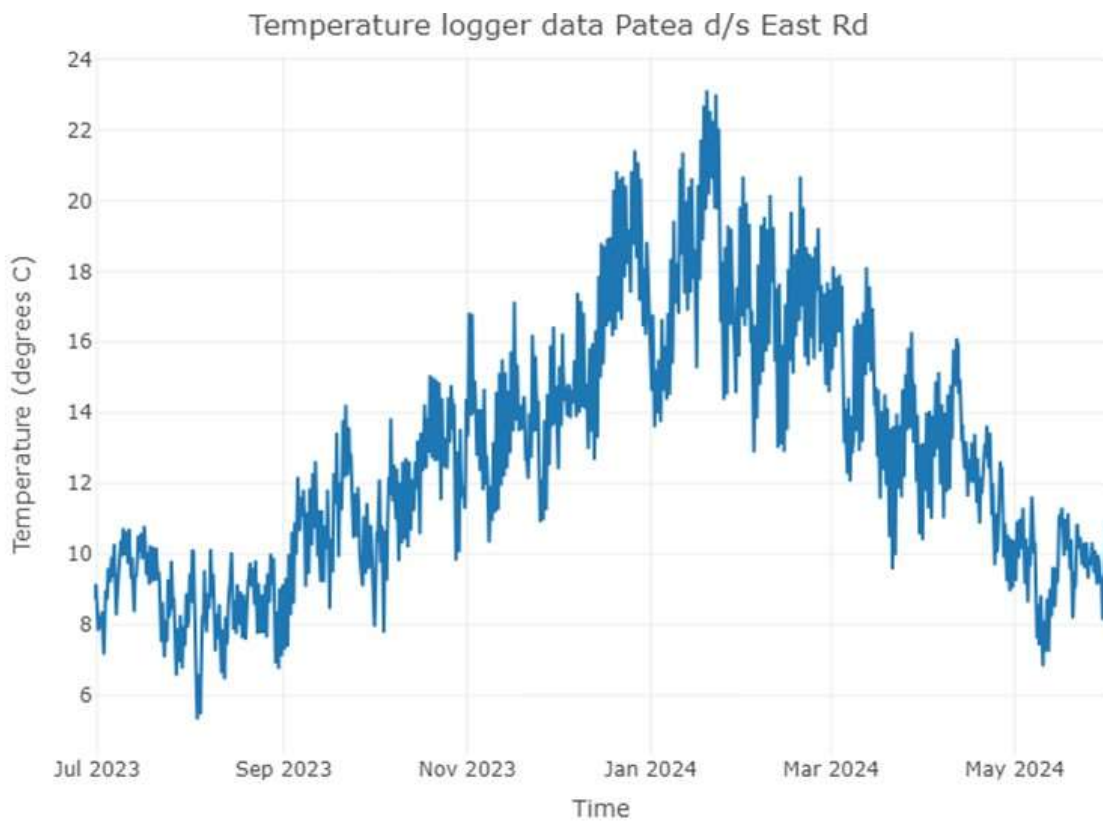


Figure 7 Patea River temperature at East Road downstream of the plant during the year under review (consent limit 25°C)

Consent 5848-1 (condition 9) also specifies that the discharge shall not alter the ambient water temperature of the receiving waters of the Pātea River by more than 2°C at any time, and by no more than 1.5°C for 95% of the time, on an annual basis.

Monitoring showed that the river temperature differentials also remained within consent limits (Figure 8). A maximum differential of 0.77°C was recorded on 7 April 2024 by Council. This is in comparison with the temperature differential of 0.91°C reported by the Company, which was recorded as the annual maximum differential also on 7 April 2024.

The National Environmental Standard (NES) covering measurement and collection of the instream temperatures gives maximum permitted off-sets of $\pm 0.8^\circ\text{C}$ deviation at each monitoring location ($\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$, with an additional off-set of $\pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$ allowed for due to errors on the thermometer used to perform the calibration), and a consequent potential error of up to $\pm 1.6^\circ\text{C}$ on any calculated temperature differentials overall. Therefore, the difference between the Company's temperature differential and that recorded by the Council are minimal and well within the potential error provided for in the NES.

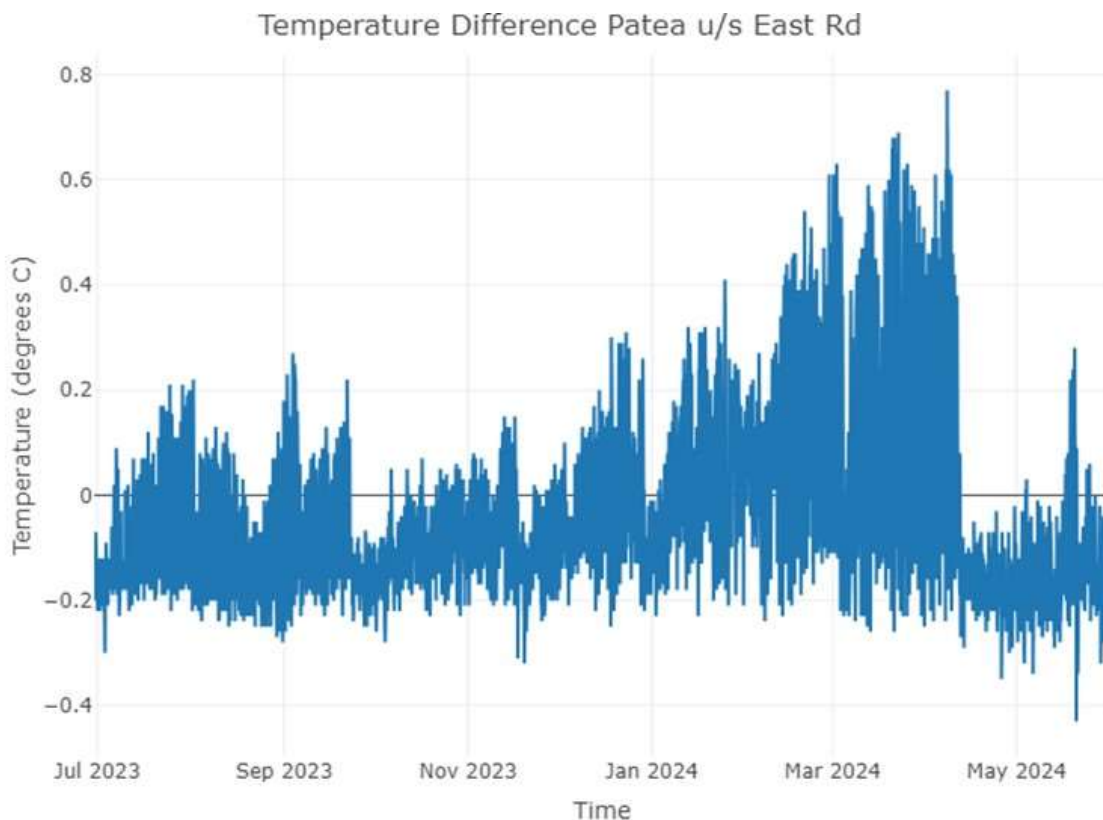


Figure 8 Temperature differential in the Pātea River at East Road during the year under review, upstream minus downstream of the plant (consent limit 1.5°C 95% of the time)

2.1.4.2 Discharges to the Kahouri Stream

The stormwater pond was discharged on several occasions to the Kahouri Stream during the 2023/24 monitoring period. These discharges occurred during high rainfall events. During normal rainfall all stormwater from both sites is collected and used within the process. Stormwater monitoring is undertaken by the Company, including constituents and volume.

A variation for this consent was granted on 1 February 2024 to incorporate all stormwater generated from operational activities at the site under one consent, by increasing the active stormwater area (from 7.5ha to 8.6ha) in order to account for the future development of a Battery Energy Storage System.

2.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring

2.2.1 Inter-lab Comparisons

The results of the Council monitoring of the used water discharges from the TCC and SPP in the 2023/24 monitoring period are provided in Tables 6 and 7. Included in these tables are the corresponding concentrations of the continuous effluent monitoring provide by the Company for pH and chlorine and the associated grab samples, undertaken for validation of the continuous analysis.

Compliance monitoring

Consent 5848-1 places limits on the pH range and the total residual chlorine concentrations within the used water discharge. As previously discussed, these limits are as follows:

- pH range of discharge (6.0-9.0);
- total residual chlorine (0.05g/m³).

This condition shall apply immediately prior to the entry of the used water into the receiving water.

Comparison exercises

Inter-laboratory comparisons were undertaken between the Company and the Council on four occasions during this monitoring period.

The analysis provided in Tables 6 and 7 indicated that the facility was operating within its consent conditions in terms of pH and total residual chlorine. Generally, the inter-laboratory comparison exercises indicated good agreement across all parameters.

Table 6 Inter-laboratory comparisons September 2023 and January 2024

4 September 2023	Site	IND002038 (Stratford Peaker Plant SPP)		IND002023 (Taranaki Combined Cycle TCC)	
		Company	Council	Company	Council
Time	NZST	10:15	10:15	10:53	10:53
pH (lab)	pH	7.23	7.2	7.1	7.2
Total Cl ₂ (Company lab and Council lab)	mg/L	0.0	<0.07	0.01	<0.07
Turbidity	NTU	2.01	2.1	4.04	3.5
Oil and grease	g/m ³	A	<4	A	<4
Conductivity (lab)	µS/cm @ 25°C	358	365	991	1030
Conductivity	mS/m	35.8	36.5	99.1	103.0
Phosphate (DRP)	g/m ³	0.65	0.61	N/P	0.077
Discharge flow (meter)	L/s	15	15	13.6	12.1
pH (meter)	pH	6.88	6.89	6.94	6.97
Total Cl ₂ (continuous meter)	mg/L	0.0	0.002	0.042 ¹	0.038
Temperature (continuous meter and TRC probe)	°C	14.6	14.2	20.3	20.8
TSS	g/m ³	N/P	13	N/P	3
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m ³	N/P	0.029	N/P	<0.010
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m ³	N/P	0.00012	N/P	<0.00007

31 January 2024	Site	IND002038 (Stratford Peaker Plant SPP)		IND002023 (Taranaki Combined Cycle TCC)	
Parameter	Units	Company	Council	Company	Council
Time	NZST	11:30	11:30	11:45	11:45
pH (lab)	pH	6.35	6.5	7.94	7.9
Total Cl ₂ (Company lab and Council lab)	mg/L	0.0	<0.07	0.0	<0.07
Turbidity	NTU	1.16	1.12	1.92	2.1
Oil and grease	g/m ³	A	<4	A	5
Conductivity (lab)	µS/cm @ 25°C	251	248	151	142
Conductivity	mS/m	25.1	24.8	15.1	14.2
Phosphate (DRP)	g/m ³	0.06	0.047	N/P	0.006
Discharge flow (meter)	L/s	16.3	16.3	13.1	13.1
pH (meter)	pH	6.34	6.35	7.55 ²	7.55
Total Cl ₂ (continuous meter)	mg/L	0.0	0.003	-0.011	0.0
Temperature (continuous meter and TRC probe)	°C	18.4	18.4	21.9	21.9
TSS	g/m ³	N/P	7	N/P	<3
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m ³	N/P	<0.01	N/P	<0.01
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m ³	N/P	<0.000013	N/P	<0.0004

N/P = Not provided; A = Absent

¹ TCC Ops pit total chlorine analyser reading adjusted;

² TCC Ops pit pH reading low, adjustment made to online analyser.

Table 7 Inter-laboratory comparisons April and June 2024

30 April 2024	Site	IND002038 (Stratford Peaker Plant SPP)		IND002023 (Taranaki Combined Cycle TCC)	
Parameter	Units	Company	Council	Company	Council
Time	NZST	8:48	8:48	9:15	9:15
pH (lab)	pH	7.19	7.5	7.44	7.5
Total Cl ₂ (Company lab and Council lab)	mg/L	0.0	<0.07	0.0	<0.07
Turbidity	NTU	1.16	2.2	0.0	1.95
Oil and grease	g/m ³	A	10	A	8
Conductivity (lab)	µS/cm @ 25°C	265	266	452	459
Conductivity	mS/m	26.5	26.6	45.2	45.9
Phosphate (DRP)	g/m ³	0.14	0.105	N/P	0.005
Discharge flow (meter)	L/s	15.8	15.86	16.8	17.07
pH (meter)	pH	7.09 ³	7.09	7.53 ⁴	7.54
Total Cl ₂ (continuous meter)	mg/L	0.015	0.015	-0.011 ⁵	0.0
Temperature (meter)	°C	13.6	13.2	13.9	14.7
TSS	g/m ³	N/P	8	N/P	<3
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m ³	N/P	<0.01	N/P	<0.01
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m ³	N/P	<0.00007	N/P	<0.00008

12 June 2024	Site	IND002038 (Stratford Peaker Plant SPP)		IND002023 (Taranaki Combined Cycle TCC)	
Parameter	Units	Company	Council	Company	Council
Time	NZST	9:14	9:14	9:25	9:25
pH (lab)	pH	7.57	7.5	7.28	7.4
Total Cl ₂ (Company lab and Council lab)	mg/L	0.02	<0.07	0.0	<0.07
Turbidity	NTU	N/P	1.62	N/P	3.1
Oil and grease	g/m ³	A	<4	A	<4
Conductivity (lab)	µS/cm @25°C	290	295	1003	1023
Conductivity	mS/m	29.0	29.5	100.3	102.3
Phosphate (DRP)	g/m ³	0.18	0.145	N/P	0.096
Discharge flow (meter)	L/s	15.8	15.79	26.2	26.1
pH (meter)	pH	7.32 ⁶	7.32	6.90 ⁸	6.88
Total Cl ₂ (continuous meter)	mg/L	0.018	0.025	0.012	0.012
Temperature (meter)	°C	14.5 ⁷	11.8	19.8	19.2
TSS	g/m ³	N/P	8	N/P	<3
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m ³	N/P	0.048	N/P	0.04
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m ³	N/P	0.0003	N/P	0.00039

N/P = Not provided; A = Absent

³SPP Ops pit pH analyser reading slightly low, adjusted.

⁴TCC Ops pit pH reading low, adjusted;

⁵TCC Ops pit total chlorine reading slightly low, adjusted.

⁶SPP Ops pit pH analyser reading slightly low, adjusted;

⁷SPP temperature reading too high, lowered to 11.8°C.

⁸TCC Ops pit pH reading low, adjusted.

The results indicated the following:

- All results were within consent limits.
- All pH variations were found to be relatively minor, with the variation being up to 0.31 pH units. In terms of consents, 5848-1 requires the pH of the discharge to remain within set standards (6-9 pH), the values recorded indicated compliance with this consent limit on the four occasions it was assessed.
- Total chlorine levels are assessed in the Council laboratory, and in the Company laboratory. Levels are also continuously monitored at the discharge point through a meter. All results were comparable. On two occasions the TCC ops pit total chlorine analysers were adjusted.
- The temperature comparisons generally indicated good agreement for the TCC samples. The TCC Ops pit had a slightly different reading between the Company and the Council recorded value during April 2024, this may have just been a slight difference in the time of the reading. There was one notable discrepancy of 2.7°C in the SPP Ops pit analyser reading too high (June 2024). On this occasion the Company adjusted the analyser.
- Turbidity comparisons demonstrated reasonable agreement across both plants and all four inter-laboratory exercises. The largest discrepancy was recorded at 1.95 NTU in June 2024 in the TCC discharge. Turbidity results ranged from 0 to 4.04 NTU.
- Oil levels were measured in g/m³ by the Council, and visual checks by the Company. The visual checks were all 'absent', the Council results ranged from below the detection limit of 0.4g/m³ to 10g/m³.
- Conductivity comparisons indicated good agreement between the two laboratories. The largest variation between the two laboratories was 39µS/cm recorded in September 2023 in the TCC discharge.

- Phosphate comparisons only occur for the SPP. There was generally good agreement for all the samples. The largest variation between the two laboratories was 0.04g/m³, recorded in September 2023. The DRP results for both TCC and SPP ranged from 0.005 to 0.65g/m³, with the highest concentration recorded during September 2023.
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS) observations were monitored only by Council during this monitoring period. The highest reading of TSS was 13g/m³ recorded in September 2023 in the SPP discharge.
- Throughout this monitoring period both ammonia and un-ionised ammonia levels were monitored by the Council. The results indicated that levels of ammonia and un-ionised ammonia were all relatively low. The highest recording of ammonia was 0.048g/m³ recorded in June 2024 in the SPP discharge, while the highest recording for un-ionised ammonia was 0.0003g/m³ also recorded during June 2024 in the SPP discharge.

2.2.2 Physicochemical monitoring by the Council

On four occasions in the 2023/24 monitoring period water quality samples were collected from the Pātea River. There are two sample sites (Figure 2) in respect to the discharge of used water from the Company. One site is located upstream (PAT000356) of the discharge, aimed at assessing the preceding water quality. The second site is located at the boundary of the 75m mixing zone downstream of the discharge (PAT000357) aimed at assessing any actual or likely effect of the discharge.

The results of the four monitoring rounds on the Pātea River are presented in Table 8.

Table 8 Surface water monitoring Pātea River 2023/24

	Site	PAT000356	PAT000357	PAT000356	PAT000357	PAT000356	PAT000357	PAT000356	PAT000357
	Date	4 Sep 23	4 Sep 23	31 Jan 24	31 Jan 24	30 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	09 Jun 23	09 Jun 23
Parameter		Upstream	Downstream	Upstream	Downstream	Upstream	Downstream	Upstream	Downstream
Time		11:40	12:05	12:40	13:05	09:50	10:01	09:50	10:02
Sample temperature	°C	10.0	9.8	19.4	20.0	9.1	9.2	9.8	10.0
pH	pH Units	7.7	7.6	8.6	8.5	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.3
Phosphate (DRP)	g/m ³	0.068	0.076	0.110	0.102	0.079	0.077	0.066	0.066
Conductivity	mS/m	11.4	14.3	10.0	11.6	10.9	11.9	10.1	11.5
Un-ionised ammonia	g/m ³	0.00210	0.00160	0.00400	0.00220	0.00090	0.00072	0.00098	0.00097
Ammoniacal nitrogen	g/m ³	0.240	0.210	0.029	0.019	0.128	0.124	0.270	0.250
TSS	g/m ³	< 3	< 3	<3	4	< 3	<3	< 3	3
Turbidity	FNU	1.36	1.17	1.81	1.94	1.65	1.80	2.10	1.65

The analysis provided in Table 8 indicates that the plant discharge from the two operation areas of SPP and TCC is having a minimal effect on Pātea River at the time of sampling.

The monitoring indicated the following:

- Phosphate (DRP) results recorded minimal differences between both sites. The largest and only increase between the upstream and downstream sites was found during the September 2023 monitoring round with an increase of 0.008g/m³. On all the other sampling dates there was either a decrease in DRP or it remained the same.
- Conductivity values indicated slight increases between the two monitoring sites across the four monitoring rounds. The largest increase was found in September 2023 with an increase of 2.9mS/m.

- Un-ionised ammonia was recorded at very low concentrations throughout the monitoring period. For all sampling dates concentrations decreased at the downstream site. All levels (range below detection limit to 0.0039g/m³) were well below the consent limit of 0.025g/m³.
- Ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations were all lower at the downstream site compared to upstream. The recorded range was from 0.019g/m³ through to 0.270g/m³ indicating low concentrations for this analyte.
- Most of the pH results indicated values that were approximately neutral pH (approximately pH 7). Although there were slightly elevated results for the river at both upstream and downstream sites during January 2024 (pH 8.6). This is most likely attributed to the summer climate conditions, dry, warm and low river flows increasing the chance of algal growth. There was no increase of pH levels downstream, all samples decreased in pH except for the sample taken during June 2024, where it remained the same.
- Surface water temperatures ranged from 9.1-20.0°C this monitoring period. The lowest temperatures were observed in April 2024, whilst the higher temperatures were recorded in the January 2024 monitoring round. The greatest increase recorded was 0.6°C during January 2024. It is noted that there was a marginal decrease in temperature of 0.2°C between the upstream and downstream sites at the time of the September 2023 survey. This may be as a result of cooler temperatures in the Kahouri Stream, which joins the Pātea River between the two sampling sites.
- Total suspended solids (TSS) was at or below the level of detection (<3g/m³) during the majority of the monitoring period. The highest value of 4g/m³ was recorded at the downstream site in January 2024 and the greatest increase (1g/m³) was also observed on this occasion.
- Turbidity ranged from 1.17-2.10 FNU, with the highest instream turbidity recorded during the June 2024 survey. On two sampling dates (September 2023 and June 2024) the turbidity decreased at the downstream site, and on two occasions there was an increase. The largest increase in this analyte was 0.15 FNU during April 2024, and the largest decrease recorded was 0.45 FNU during June 2024.

2.2.3 Biological monitoring

Three macroinvertebrate surveys were conducted during the year under review. Summaries of the findings are given in the following sections and a full copy of the reports can be obtained from the Council upon request.

Biomonitoring forms a key component of the consent compliance monitoring programme implemented by the Council following the construction of the TCC power station in 1998, and the addition of SPP in 2011. These particular biological monitoring surveys relate primarily to Consent 5848, which permits the discharge of cooling water into the Pātea River approximately 1km upstream of the river's confluence with the Kahouri Stream, and also Consent 4459-1 to discharge stormwater into tributaries of the Pātea River.

2.2.3.1 Pātea River macroinvertebrate survey

Five sites in total were surveyed in the Pātea River. The Consents granted in 2001 (5847-1.3 and 5850-1) for the previously planned expansion of the power station (currently no longer scheduled) required the establishment and monitoring of two additional sites in the mid-reaches of the Pātea River, between the site of the proposed additional water abstraction (Skinner Road) and the confluence with the Mangaehu River. These sites (Table 9 and Figure 9) at Hungers Road and a further 13km downstream (adjacent to Raupuha Road, below the Makuri Stream confluence) were initially sampled as a component of the environmental effects assessment for the then planned power station expansion (Stark and Young, 2001 and CF251).

At each of these sites the Council collected streambed macroinvertebrates to investigate the effects of the cooling water discharge and abstraction of water for the Company's combined cycle and peaker power

stations. Macroinvertebrates were identified, the number of different types of taxa counted (taxa richness), and MCI and SQMCI scores were calculated for each site.

The MCI is a measure of the overall sensitivity of the macroinvertebrate community to the effects of nutrient pollution in streams. It is based on the presence/absence of taxa with varying degrees of sensitivity to pollution. The SQMCI takes into account taxa abundance as well as sensitivity to pollution, and may reveal more subtle changes in communities. Significant differences in either the MCI or the SQMCI between sites indicate the degree of adverse effects (if any) of the discharges/abstractions being monitored and enable the overall health of the macroinvertebrate communities to be determined.

Biomonitoring of the TCC station stormwater discharges to the Kahouri Stream is also performed as a separate monitoring programme and this is reported in Section 2.2.3.2.

The standard '400ml kick sampling' technique was used to collect streambed (benthic) macroinvertebrates from five riffle sites in the Pātea River.

Table 9 Location of biomonitoring sampling sites in relation to the Pātea River

Site No	Site code	Grid reference	Location	Altitude (m asl)
1	PAT000356	E1714497 N5645112	U/s of TCC cooling wastes discharge	250
2	PAT000357	E1714662 N5645076	100m d/s of TCC cooling wastes discharge	250
3	PAT000360	E1715919 N5644681	Skinner Road	240
4	PAT000397	E1718991 N5643531	Hungers Road	200
5	PAT000430	E1723952 N5641068	Raupuha Road	160



Figure 9 Location of biomonitoring sites in the Pātea River in relation to the Stratford Power Station

Overall, the biomonitoring surveys performed in relation to the discharge of cooling water from the power station and water abstraction indicated no significant impacts upon the biological communities of the Pātea River.

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The results of this survey are summarised in Figure 10 and Table 10.

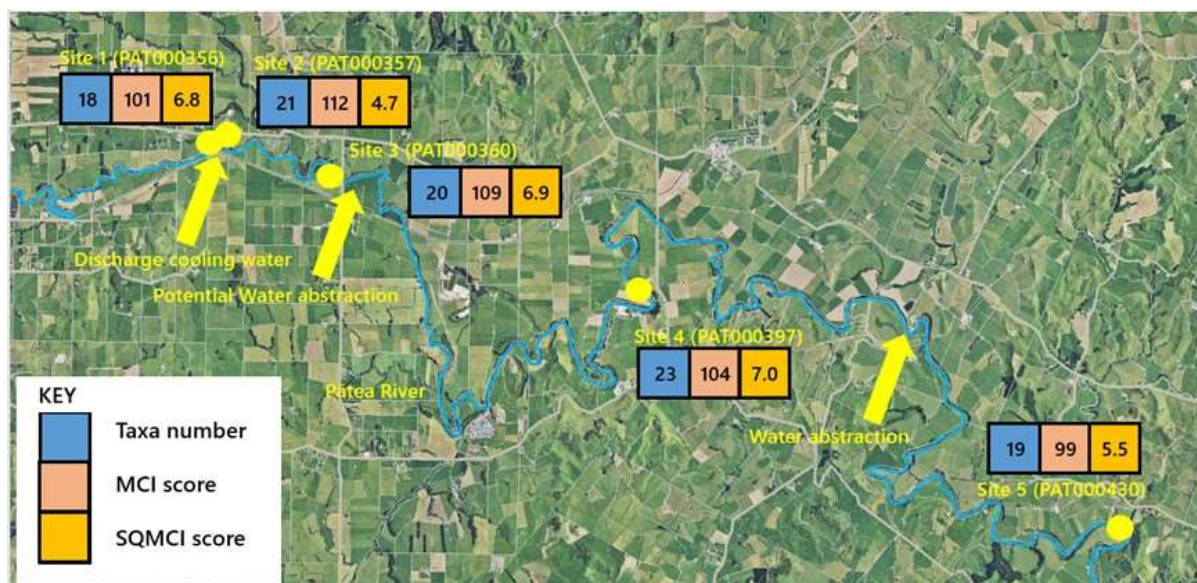


Figure 10 Macroinvertebrate index results recorded at sites in the Patea River for November 2023

Table 10 Numbers of macroinvertebrate taxa, MCI and SQMCI values recorded in the Patea River

Site	N	Numbers of taxa				MCI values				SQMCI values				
		Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey (Nov 23)	Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey	N	Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey (Nov 23)
1	57	14-31	22	14	18	81-116	98	103	101	50	2.3-7.2	4.2	4.5	6.8
2	50	13-33	21	21	21	74-111	99	98	112	50	2.0-6.8	4.2	3.6	4.7
3	59	15-33	23	22	20	77-112	98	107	109	51	1.9-7.3	4.2	6.1	6.9
4	43	15-30	20	18	23	82-108	95	69	104	43	3.1-7.2	4.8	5.9	7.0
5	43	15-26	20	19	19	82-103	94	93	99	43	2.6-7.1	4.3	6.0	5.5

Macroinvertebrate taxa richness was low to moderate, with sites 1 to 5 recording 18, 21, 20, 23 and 19 taxa respectively. Compared to the previous survey results, taxa richness at sites 1 and 4 increased by four and five taxa respectively; unchanged at sites 2 and 5; and decreased by two taxa at site 3. Compared to the historical median, current taxa richness results were relatively similar.

The MCI scores recorded were reflective of 'good' health at sites 1 to 4, while the score at site 5 was categorised as 'fair' health. All MCI results were greater compared to their respective historical medians, with sites 2 and 3 both significantly higher (by 13 and 11 units respectively).

The SQMCI scores were reflective of 'excellent' health at site 4, and 'very good' health at sites 1 and 3, 'good' health at site 5 and 'fair' macroinvertebrate community health at site 2. Sites 1, 3 and 4 scored significantly greater SQMCI scores compared to sites 2 and 5. All current SQMCI scores increased compared to the previous survey, with sites 1, 2 and 4 seeing a significant rise. Compared to the historical median, scores increase at all sites significantly except for site 2.

The lower rating for site 5 was due to the relatively high presence of tolerant taxa and the absence of several sensitive taxa, such as *Nesameletus* mayfly larvae, Hydraenidae beetles, and *Beraeoptera* caddisfly larvae. However, the SQMCI results, which also consider taxa abundance, classified site 5 as having 'good' macroinvertebrate community health, since most tolerant taxa, including Oligochaeta worms, *Potamopyrgus* snails, *Hydropsyche* caddisfly larvae and *Tanytarsini* fly larvae, were present only in low abundance.

Meanwhile, site 2 recorded the lowest SQMCI score among all sites, primarily due to the 'very abundant' presence of 'tolerant' taxa, such as *Maoridiamesa* and Orthoclaadiinae larvae, which are typically found in areas with abundant streambed algae. The higher water temperature at site 2 may have promoted increased periphyton growth. However, considering all three macroinvertebrate indices at this site, it appears that the cooling water discharge did not have significant adverse effects on the macroinvertebrate community.

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The results of this survey are summarised in Figure 11 and Table 11.

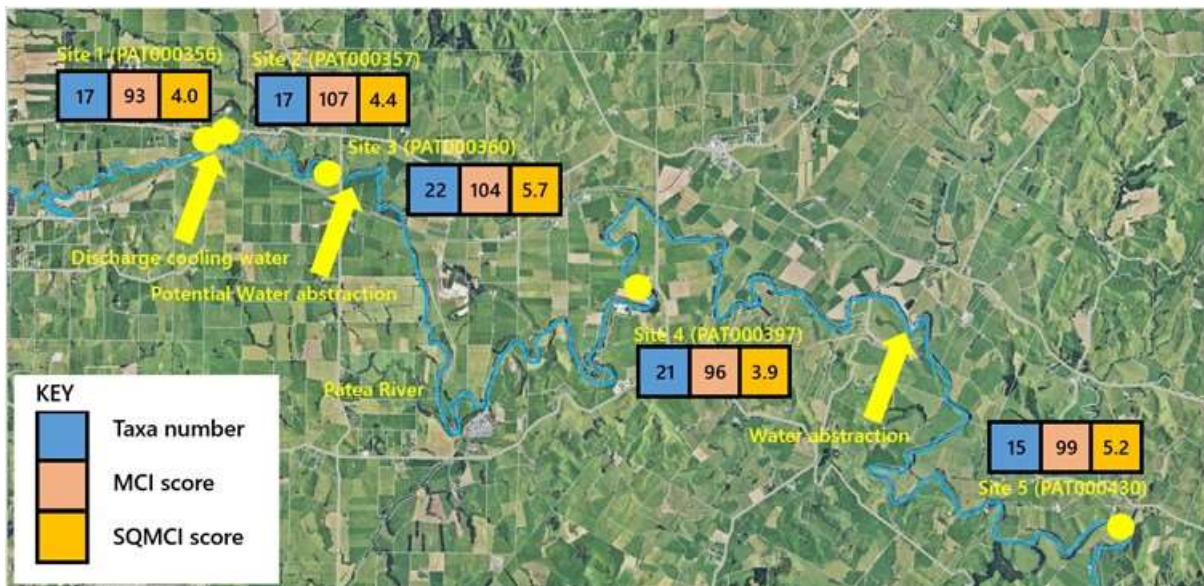


Figure 11 Macroinvertebrate index results recorded at sites in the Patea River for February 2024

Table 11 Numbers of macroinvertebrate taxa, MCI and SQMCI values recorded in previous surveys in the Patea River.

Site	N	Numbers of taxa				MCI values				SQMCI values				
		Range	Median	Previous Survey (Nov 23)	Current Survey (Feb 24)	Range	Median	Previous Survey (Nov 23)	Current Survey (Feb 24)	N	Range	Median	Previous Survey (Nov 23)	Current Survey (Feb 24)
1	58	14-31	22	18	17	81-116	98	101	93	51	2.3-7.2	4.3	6.8	4.0
2	51	13-33	21	21	17	74-112	99	112	107	50	2.0-6.8	4.2	4.7	4.4
3	60	15-33	23	20	22	77-112	98	109	104	52	1.9-7.3	4.2	6.9	5.7
4	44	15-30	21	23	21	82-108	96	104	96	44	3.1-7.2	4.8	7.0	3.9
5	44	15-26	20	19	15	82-103	95	99	99	44	2.6-7.1	4.4	5.5	5.2

The Patea River sites had low to moderate macroinvertebrate community richness, with sites 1 to 5 recording 17, 17, 22, 21 and 15 taxa, respectively. Current taxa richness at all sites was comparable to previous survey results and the historical median, with variations ranging from one to four taxa compared to the previous survey and one to five taxa compared to the historical median. However, site 5 recorded a taxa richness equal to the lowest recorded top date.

Sites 2 and 3 were categorised as having 'good' macroinvertebrate community health, while sites 1, 4 and 5 were categorised as having 'fair' health. The MCI scores increased significantly between control site 1 and site 2, indicating no adverse effects from the discharge at this site. Additionally, the MCI scores recorded at sites 4 and 5, situated upstream and downstream of the abstraction point, were not significantly different from each other. Compared to the historical medians, current MCI results were greater at sites 2, 3 and 5, remained unchanged at site 4 and were lower at site 1, with no significant differences.

The SQMCI scores were reflective of 'good' macroinvertebrate community health at sites 3 and 5, 'fair' health at sites 1 and 2, and 'poor' macroinvertebrate community health at site 4. Compared to the previous survey, current SQMCI results were lower at all sites, with significant differences at sites 1, 3 and 4. In comparison to the historical medians, current SQMCI scores were similar at sites 1, 2 and 5, greater at sites 3, and significantly lower at site 4.

2.2.3.2 Kahouri Stream macroinvertebrate survey

This survey fulfilled the biological components of the 2023/24 monitoring programme for the Company's site located on East Road, Stratford. It was performed to determine whether consented stormwater discharges from the site had any recent detrimental effect upon the macroinvertebrate communities of the Kahouri Stream. The monitoring is related to Consent 4459-1 to discharge stormwater into the tributary of the Pātea River, namely the Kahouri Stream.

The standard '400ml kick-sampling' technique was used to collect streambed macroinvertebrates from two established sites in the Kahouri Stream on 22 February 2024 (Table 12). The location of the sites and a summary of the results from this survey are presented in Table 13 and Figure 12.

Table 12 Biomonitoring sites in the Kahouri Stream

Site No	Site code	GPS co-ordinates	Location
1	KHI000457	E 1713512 N 5645931	Kahouri Stream, upstream of the Contact Energy site
2	KHI000480	E 1714880 N 5645282	Kahouri Stream, 20m upstream of the Piakau Stream confluence

Table 13 Numbers of macroinvertebrate taxa, MCI and SQMCI values recorded in the Kahouri Stream

Site	N	Numbers of taxa				MCI values				SQMCI values				
		Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey	Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey	N	Range	Median	Previous Survey	Current Survey
1	30	16-31	23	16	18	87-126	105	126	113	25	2.3-7.6	6.0	6.9	5.9
2	31	17-34	24	19	22	82-116	98	116	113	25	3.8-7.5	5.6	6.8	6.4



Figure 12 Macroinvertebrate index results recorded at sites in the Kahouri Stream 22 February 2024

Macroinvertebrate taxa richness was moderate, with 18 and 22 taxa recorded at sites 1 and 2 respectively. Taxa richness was greater than that recorded in the previous survey, but less than the respective historical medians.

MCI scores indicated that site 1 and 2 had 'good' macroinvertebrate health, both with the same score of 113. Compared to the previous survey, site 1 was significantly lower, while site 2 was similar. In comparison to historical medians both sites were higher, with site 2 significantly so.

The SQMCI scores were reflective of 'good' macroinvertebrate community at site 1 and 'very good' at site 2. Additionally, there was no significant difference in SQMCI scores between sites. Compared to the previous survey, the current SQMCI score at site 1 was significantly lower, while at site 2 it was fairly similar. Scores at site 1 were similar to the historical median, and site 2 was higher.

EPT taxa comprise the pollution sensitive mayfly, stonefly and caddisfly groups. Both macroinvertebrate samples comprised more than 50% of EPT species, slightly lower than the previous year.

Overall, there was no significant differences in macroinvertebrate community metrics between the two sites, suggesting there is no evidence that stormwater discharges from the Company's site had any adverse effects on the macroinvertebrate community health of the Kahouri Stream.

2.3 Air

Communications between the Company and the Council during the year under review included the following:

- The Stratford Team now have responsibility for operating the Contact Energy Gas Turbine Power plant in Whirinaki. The site provides 24-hour control and monitoring and provides management, maintenance and engineering support. This in turn strengthens the workforce in Stratford during the transition to renewable energy.
- During the spring of 2023, TCC was prepared for extended operation with forecast low hydrology for 2024. The unit then ran for significant periods chosen for its higher efficiency across the New Zealand wide fleet.

- TCC Gas turbine will not receive any further major overhauls and is expected to be decommissioned in the near future as part of the Company's decarbonisation strategy.
- Extensive gas turbine borescope and steam turbine inspections were undertaken with internal conditions being assessed as suitable for extended operation. This was the most effective option to meet the predicted difficult market conditions.
- The gas turbine exhaust emissions monitoring system was subject to some additional attention with components being both maintained and upgraded locally with a much improved availability outcome.
- The Company has been successful in keeping the continuous emissions monitoring equipment functional, but it is very old and is still at risk of failing. The variation to Schedule A (Consent 4454-1) is to move from online continuous monitoring to scheduled emissions along the lines of what occurs with SPP. It was agreed that due to the TCC nearing the end of life that this proposed variation is retained in a parked state.
- Continued notification that there had been a failure of the water pump controller on the NO_x (emission reduction) water system for the GT21 Peaker Plant in March 2023 and there were no spares available at the time. The Company advised that until the repairs had been undertaken, GT21 would remain in "duty 2 start mode" so that the operation can be minimised while national grid demands allow; the turbines operate within consent parameters without NO_x water.
- The work on GT21 was completed during October 2023 and NO_x water injection became available and fully operational on 27th October 2023. The Company has now sourced appropriate spares if this fault re-occurs.
- Peaker Plant GT22 has not been operational since September 2023. The peaker LMS100 spare engine had been shipped to Houston, USA for a major overhaul and was not expected to be available until late 2024 at the earliest.
- Captivate Technology completed a successful trial at SPP during June 2024 to capture carbon dioxide from the emission gas from GT21. There are positive economic business cases for turning carbon dioxide into value and the Company is open to being involved in future trials at SPP.

2.3.1 Inspections

Site inspections include a focus on plant processes, with associated emission sources and characteristics, odour and dust. The TCC emissions are monitored through the use of continuous emissions monitoring sensors (CEMS), with monthly reports provided to Council. While for the SPP, the emissions are checked regularly with stack testing, with the most recent testing commissioned in June 2023 (Appendix IV).

During all inspections compliance was met.

2.3.2 Results of discharge monitoring

The Company provides monthly reports to the Council which summarise its emissions monitoring data with respect to the TCC. The report includes the average, maximum and minimum concentrations of the following target gases:

- nitrogen oxides (NO_x);
- oxygen (O₂);
- carbon monoxide (CO); and
- carbon dioxide (CO₂).

2.3.2.1 Taranaki Combined Cycle

The TCC is fitted with continuous emissions monitoring sensors (CEMS) which continually analyses for source exhaust gases.

In terms of the TCC, under normal operation the maximum concentration of total nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions for the year was reported as 32.63ppm. This is well below the consent limit of 50ppm above which all reasonable steps must be initiated to reduce emissions (Consent 4454-1, condition 12). There were eight occasions during plant start-up and shutdown where the plant exceeded the 50ppm limit which applies during steady-state operation. However, during start-up and shut down of the plant there are brief specified periods of time that are exempt from this requirement. Across these start-up or cessation operations, the maximum NO_x concentration value was reported at 79.97ppm.

The maximum hourly NO_x discharge rate reported to the Council was 117.50kg/hr, which is in compliance with Consent 4454-1, condition 13. This condition allows for a maximum of 430kg in any one hour period.

Total carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the 2023/24 monitoring period were calculated by the Company to be 588,667 tonnes CO₂ for the year. This was an increase of 514,633 tonnes CO₂ when compared to the previous monitoring period. The TCC plant operation was in use for a total of 248 days this monitoring period, which was 211 days more than the previous monitoring period (37 days). The increase of carbon dioxide emissions is a reflection of the increase in operational days for 2023/24.

NO_x emissions from the plant were recorded at 176.70 tonnes NO_x in the 2023/24 monitoring period. This is an increase of 158.28 tonnes NO_x from the previous monitoring period (18.42 tonnes). This too is correlated to the increase in operational days.

Monthly discharges to air are summarised in Table 14.

Table 14 TCC Discharges to air 2023/24

Month	NO _x max emission rate g/sec	NO _x average concentration ppm	NO _x max concentration ppm	CO average concentration ppm	CO ₂ calculated average t/hr
July	25.30	10.08	79.95 Start-up on 3 Jul	116.9	102.6
August	21.89	13.34	23.13	26.6	119.1
September	32.63	9.12	18.40	34.9	97.8
October	12.72	0.89	79.95 Shut-down 6 Oct	49.4	16.5
November	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
December	27.37	2.81	79.97 Start-up 19 Dec	76.0	34.4
January	15.86	6.38	79.93 Shut-down 23 Jan	100.9	71.6
February	27.11	6.51	79.97 Start-up 11 Feb	109.7	59.3
March	17.54	11.58	18.03	107.0	104.7
April	16.01	3.32	79.95 Shut-down 11 Apr	64.3	31.7
May	28.18	7.81	79.97 Start-up 10 May Re-start 12 May	76.2	67.3
June	16.82	9.66	18.03	159.7	97.4

2.3.2.2 Emissions testing of the Stratford Peaker plants

Consent 4022-2 defines the limits on the concentration and mass emission rate for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) discharged to air from the operation of the two peaker plant gas turbines (SPP). Limits are also imposed on maximum ground level concentration of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, derived from emissions to the atmosphere from the site at or beyond the site boundary under ambient conditions.

No continuous emissions monitoring sensors (CEMS) are fitted to the peaker plants. The peaker plants employ NO_x control technology, coupled with a relatively regular cycle of emissions for peaker plants of that design. The Company undertakes regular assessments of the peaker plants. The most recent biennial air emissions testing from both plants was undertaken on 8 June 2023.

The Company commissioned Air Resource Management Ltd to assess the air emissions performance of the two General Electric (GE) LMS100 PA gas turbine power plants. The Company requested the air emissions testing to demonstrate that the Stratford Peaker plants were being operated in compliance with Consent 4022-2, conditions 7 and 8.

Table 15 details the air emissions testing carried on the 8 June 2023 on both gas turbines located at the Stratford Power Station site.

Table 15 Summary of NO_x emissions from SPP including the combined emissions June 2023 (Air Resource Management 2023)

Source (average)	NO _x (ppm)	NO ₂ (ppm)	NO (ppm)	Gas Temp (°C)
GT21	82.6	5.6	77.0	418
GT22	41.8	5.5	36.4	423
Average	62.2	5.6	56.7	421
	NO _x (ppm)	NO _x (mg/m ³ @ 450°C)	NO _x (g/s @ 0°C)	NO _x (kg/hr @ 0°C)
GT21	82.6	64.0	19.9	71.6
GT22	41.8	23.4	9.4	33.9
Total	124.4	87.4	29.3	105.5

*Calculation approximated using NO₂ as mass. All figures in table 8 to 1 ATM.

The report noted that the deNO_x water was not available for GT21, but was working as normal for GT22. Although this resulted in a higher result for GT21 and the GT21 and GT22 averages and totals, the testing confirmed compliance with the consent conditions.

Table 16 Comparison of the June 2023 emissions monitoring results with the consent limits (Air Resource Management 2023)

GT 21 Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(7a) NO _x Concentration (mg/m ³ , 450°C)	100	64.0
(7c) NO _x Mass Emission (g/s, 0°C)	175	19.9
GT 22 Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(7a) NO _x Concentration (mg/m ³ , 450°C)	100	23.4
(7c) NO _x Mass Emission (g/s, 0°C)	175	9.4
Total Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(8) NO _x Total Mass Emission (kg/hr, 0°C)	830	105.5

*All figures given on a dry gas basis, and to 1 atmospheric pressure.

The next biennial air emissions testing is due in the 2024/25 year.

2.3.3 Reviews and audits

The Company hold three air discharge consents. Two of these (4454-1 & 4022-3.0) are currently in use for the TCC and SPP. The third (5846-1.3) related to the proposed future facility that is now not being built. Included in each of these three consents is a condition that requires the Company to provide the Council with a six yearly report that is to include the following:

- reviewing technological advances in reducing or mitigating plant emissions;
- providing a site emissions inventory;
- describing the energy efficiency of the plant;
- covering other matter relating to mitigation or emissions reduction, and
- detailing carbon dioxide emissions from the site.

The latest Consent 4022-3 no longer has this condition however, it remains within Consent 4454-1 (condition 8).

The most recent report, which relates to both the TCC and SPP, was received in December 2020. The main points of the report are summarised below. Updates provided are also included.

Technological advances and energy efficiency improvements

Consent 4454-1

A large efficiency improvement was made on the GT26 Gas Turbine firing control in 2017/18 with the engine now able to operate at variable fuel inlet pressures. A significant project was undertaken to remove the need for the Fuel Gas Compressors and their subsequent electrical load of 2000 kilowatts. This energy is now available for export and is especially effective in the low to mid load range where TCC often operates.

There have been no technological advances to the TCC plant in the last seven years, as new technological advancements for these gas turbines have not been developed in recent years. Hence, technological advances to plant such as TCC which reduce or mitigate emissions are limited to minor adjustments as this plant already incorporates the latest available technology, such as EV burners and sequential combustion. The minor adjustments would generally result in small improvements in efficiency and output. Improvements to efficiency directly reduce carbon dioxide emissions whilst improvements to output

improve the electricity sector’s carbon dioxide emissions by displacing emissions, from plants that have higher emission factors.

The technology relating to the mitigation of emissions is continually developing with the most notable advances being related to alternative electricity generating plant.

Consent 4022-2

There was one specific upgrade implemented at the end of 2019 on Peaker Plant GT22 which is worthwhile from an environmental improvement point of view.

The inlet air filters on the gas turbines have a three to five year life cycle and during the last planned outage on GT22 when these filters were scheduled for replacement, the Company chose to install high grade HEPA filtration filters into the air intake housing of the gas turbine. HEPA stands for “high efficiency particulate air”. The Company installed an E12 HEPA filter, which has the highest filtration class in the market, replacing the standard F9 synthetic filters which were struggling to keep the turbine hardware in a clean condition. This had meant regular water washes were required throughout the year (six weekly) to reduce the rate of degradation of the compressor hardware between outages (hand cleaning of the compressor occurs annually).

The cost of HEPA filtration had in the past been prohibitive, but the Company has been able to offset this extra cost through savings made as a result of sustained higher unit efficiency and a reduced number of water washes. The use of high efficiency filters has an improved operational and environmental outcome. The low pressure compressor cleanliness and efficiency does not significantly degrade. As a result of the sustained clean condition, the degradation in performance (efficiency) of the engine is minimal. In general terms, fouling, corrosion, and pressure drop cause gas turbines to become less efficient limiting their maximum power output and increasing their heat rate. Engines with higher heat rates burn more fuel to produce the same power. Therefore, burning less fuel for the same output means less emissions are produced and will result in an overall reduction in emissions between annual outages. Annually the reduced number of water washes results in less water use, less chemical use and less off-site discharges and an overall higher availability (due to the reduced number of water wash outages). The same upgrade was planned for Peaker Plant GT21 in 2021. This upgrade has since been carried out.

Patterns of annual operation

Table 17 and Figure 13 show the operational days of the TCC since 2015. In the 2023/24 year there was a significant increase in operational days to 248 days, the greatest number of days since 2015. This reflects the fact that the requirement for baseline power in New Zealand can vary annually.

During the 2023/24 year there were 140 days of operation for the Peaker Plant GT21, and 38 days for the two months that the Peaker Plant GT22 was functioning (Table 18). This was an overall decrease in the number of days of operation compared to the previous monitoring year.

Table 17 TCC operational days per monitoring period since 2015

Monitoring period	Days of operation
2015/16	52
2016/17	155
2017/18	176
2018/19	195
2019/20	136
2020/21	179
2021/22	120

Monitoring period	Days of operation
2022/23	37
2023/24	248

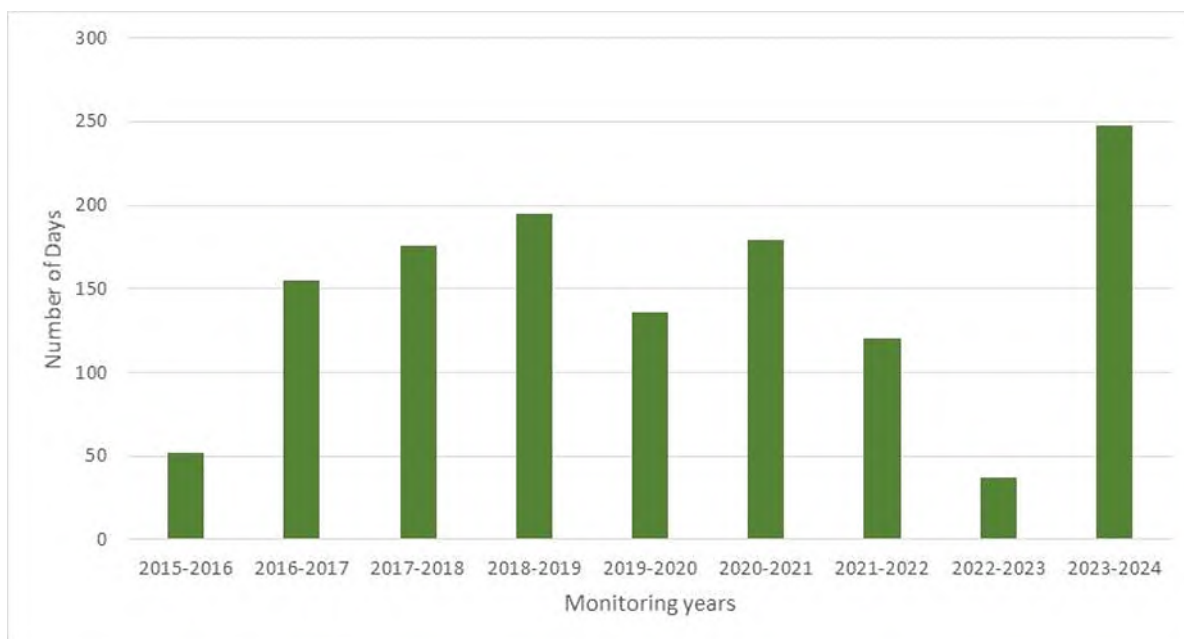


Figure 13 Annual days of operation TCC 2015-2024

Table 18 TCC, GT21 and GT22 monthly number of operational days 2023/24

Month	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Annual
GT21	5	17	9	23	25	20	2	8	9	4	12	6	140
GT22	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
TCC	29	31	30	6	0	17	23	19	31	11	21	30	248

2.4 Incidents, investigations, and interventions

The monitoring programme for the year was based on what was considered to be an appropriate level of monitoring, review of data, and liaison with the Company. During the year matters may arise which require additional activity by the Council, for example provision of advice and information, or investigation of potential or actual causes of non-compliance or failure to maintain good practices. A pro-active approach, that in the first instance avoids issues occurring, is favoured.

For all significant compliance issues, as well as complaints from the public, the Council maintains a database record. The record includes events where the individual/organisation concerned has itself notified the Council. Details of any investigation and corrective action taken are recorded for non-compliant events.

Complaints may be alleged to be associated with a particular site. If there is potentially an issue of legal liability, the Council must be able to prove by investigation that the identified individual/organisation is indeed the source of the incident (or that the allegation cannot be proven).

In the 2023/24 period, the Council was not required to undertake significant additional investigations and interventions, or record incidents, in association with the Company's conditions in resource consents or provisions in Regional Plans.

3. Discussion

3.1 Discussion of site performance

Water abstraction

The daily surface water abstraction limit was not exceeded (19,440m³/day) throughout the monitoring period. The maximum daily abstraction was recorded as approximately 6,862m³/day (September 2023). The daily surface water abstraction rate was not exceeded (<225L/s) at times when the flow rate in the Pātea River is greater than 765L/s). The maximum rate recorded was 115L/s (August 2023).

The total volume of abstracted surface water during this monitoring period was 1,216,862m³. This was a significant increase of 879,801m³ when compared to the previous monitoring period due largely to increased operational days of the TCC. However, it still remains well below the consented annual abstraction volume of 7,095,600m³.

Compliance was met throughout the monitoring year with regard to water abstraction.

Discharge of process waters

The maximum discharge flow rate from the operations pits was 46.50L/s, maximum total daily discharge 2,555m³, with the average combined flow recorded as 10.73L/s. The total volume of wastewater discharged for the year was 316,005m³. This was a 13% increase when compared to the previous monitoring period, when 274,818m³ was discharged. Discharge volumes and flow rates were compliant.

Chlorine analysis by the Company indicated compliance with the set requirement for not exceeding 0.05g/m³ in the discharge. When the continuous chlorine monitors indicate an exceedance with respect to the free total chlorine limit, the wastewater discharge valve at relevant operations pit on the site automatically closes immediately (within one minute). This stops the non-compliant discharge from entering the river. Therefore, although there were occasions on which the reported chlorine concentration was above the consent limit, the operational controls prevented this from being discharged.

The discharge pH remained within the consent range limit of pH 6.0-9.0 throughout the monitoring period. For TCC the minimum pH observed was pH 6.0 recorded in January 2024. The maximum observed was pH 8.95, recorded in October 2023. For SPP the minimum pH recorded was pH 6.3, recorded in January 2024. The yearly maximum was recorded as pH 9.12 during August 2023.

When the continuous pH monitors indicate an exceedance with respect to the pH range limit, the wastewater discharge valve, at the relevant operations pit, on site automatically closes immediately (within one minute). This prevents the non-compliant discharge to enter the river. The valves activate when the pH reading on the monitor reaches either pH 6.1 or 8.9.

Water usage

During the year under review, approximately 26% of the water abstracted was returned to the river. In comparison, this proportion is less than the previous two monitoring years.

Volumes discharged are dependent on whether the TCC or SPP is utilised during the year. With an increase in utilisation of the TCC, lower volumes are discharged due to a higher vaporisation through the process. Whereas with higher utilisation of SPP, greater volumes are discharged. Therefore, volumes returned to the river have a correlation to the operational days of the two plants.

Temperature monitoring of receiving surface waters

The Pātea River temperature during the monitoring period remained below the 25°C consented limit for the full duration, allowing for continuous discharge if required. River temperature differentials also remained within consent limits.

Kahouri stormwater

The stormwater overflow to the Kahouri Stream occurred on several occasions in this monitoring period. These were all noted to have occurred during high rainfall events.

Inter-laboratory comparisons

Inter-laboratory comparisons were undertaken on four occasions this monitoring period. The results provided by the Company generally indicated good agreement between both parties across the parameters assessed.

Pātea River physicochemical analysis

Physicochemical analysis of the Pātea River was undertaken on four occasions this monitoring period. The aim was to assess the effects of the discharge from the operations pits when they are discharging to the Pātea River. The results showed that the discharge of process waters were not causing an effect more than minor.

Emissions to air

The TCC plant operation was in use for a total of 248 days this monitoring period. Of note, the TCC was in use 211 days more than the previous monitoring period (37 days). This was due to the low hydrology forecast and the subsequent use of the unit for its higher efficiency across the New Zealand wide fleet.

Total carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions were calculated by the Company to comprise 588,667 tonnes CO₂ in the 2023/24 monitoring period. This was an increase of 514,633 tonnes CO₂ (73.3%) when compared to the previous monitoring period. NO_x emissions from the plant were recorded at 176.70 tonnes NO_x in the 2023/24 monitoring period. This is an increase of 158.28 tonnes NO_x from the previous monitoring period (18.42 tonnes).

The maximum NO_x concentration within the air discharge under normal operational circumstances was recorded at 23.13ppm. On eight occasions emissions of NO_x were higher than the consent limit that requires actions to be taken to reduce the NO_x concentration (50ppm) during steady-state operation. These eight occasions were during start-up operations and so no action was required, as the Company are permitted brief periods above this concentration during start-up or shutdown of this plant.

The maximum hourly NO_x discharge rate reported to the Council was 117.5kg/hr, which is in compliance with Consent 4454-1, condition 13. This was recorded in September 2023. This condition allows for a maximum of 430kg in any hour period.

Emissions from the SPP, in comparison to the TCC, do not have emission specific monitoring sensors. The SPP employ NO_x control technology, coupled with a relatively regular cycle of emissions for peaker plants of that design. The Company undertakes regular assessments of their SPP units. The most recent assessment was undertaken during June 2023. The results indicated the site was operating within the limits of the air discharge Consent 4022-2.

There were no incidents, investigations or interventions required with respect to the Company this monitoring period.

Overall, there continues to be good communication between the Company and the Council. This includes the supply of monthly monitoring reports from the Company to the Council as to the processes undertaken by the facility, which provides good transparency between both parties. The Company's annual report was submitted in a timely fashion.

3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Minimal environmental effects were noted during the period under review. In terms of emissions to air, carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides (CO₂ & NO_x) emissions from the TCC increased in comparison to the previous monitoring period. This was a direct result of the increased days of operation for the TCC this monitoring period.

For the SPP, stack testing was undertaken in June 2023, all results were recorded within compliance standards.

No issues related to odour were recorded or communicated by the inspectors during the inspections this monitoring period.

Biological monitoring of the Pātea River (two occasions) and the Kahouri Stream (one occasion) was undertaken this monitoring period. In terms of the Pātea River, it was concluded that there were no significant impacts upon the biological communities of the Pātea River in relation to the discharge of cooling water for the power station and water abstraction. In relation to the Kahouri Stream, it was concluded that there was no evidence that stormwater discharges from the Company's site had any discernible impact on the macroinvertebrate community of the Kahouri Stream.

Inspections and monitoring of process waters did not indicate anything of an adverse nature. Temperature monitoring indicated compliance with consent defined criteria for both maximum thermal increase and total river temperature.

With regard to discharges of process waters to the Pātea River, minimal effects were noted during the surface water and discharge monitoring rounds. It is noted that there was a significant increase in water usage at the site during the year under review when compared to the previous year. This was reflected in both an increased volume abstracted for the year and a decrease in the proportion of abstracted water that was returned to the river. Which, in turn, correlates to the number of TCC operational days in the year.

3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the consent holder's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Tables 19-37.

Table 19 Summary of performance for Consent 4022-2 (up to 11 September 2023)

Purpose: To discharge emissions to the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Power Station and ancillary plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Adopt best practicable option (BPO)	Site inspections - checking that standard operating procedures to achieve compliance with conditions are followed Stack testing commissioned 2022/23, compliant results. Next due 2024/25.	Yes
2. Consulting over significant proposed changes	Liaison during visits and also consistent communication with Council via monthly reports, chemical changes and plant operations	Yes

Purpose: To discharge emissions to the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Power Station and ancillary plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
3. Provision of reports on specific monitoring/investigations	Review of Council records. Received December 2020. Next due in the 2026/27 year if the schedule is maintained in the reissued consent	Yes
4. Limit on ambient carbon monoxide at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
5. Limit on ambient nitrogen oxides at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
6. Limit on other emissions at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
7. Limits on nitrogen oxides outside start-up or shut-down periods	Stack testing commissioned in June 2023 indicated compliance with this condition	Yes
8. Limit on nitrogen oxides mass discharge rate	Stack testing commissioned in June 2023 indicated compliance with this condition	Yes
9. Stack height	Inspection by Council	Yes
10. Ecological effects	Inspection by Council and observation of vegetation	Yes
11. Optional review of consent	Consent expired. Under Section 124 protection. No review opportunities	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 20 Summary of performance for Consent 4022-3.0 (12 September 2023 onwards)

Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Peaker Power Station and ancillary plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Activities authorised by this consent undertaken in general accordance with the application for this resource consent	Site inspections	Yes
2. The consent holder shall appoint a representative to be the principal contact person	Appointed	Yes
3. Control of emissions authorised are maintained at the minimum practicable level	Site inspections and Company supplied monitoring data	Yes
4. Stack height	Inspection by Council	Yes
5. Adopt best practicable option (BPO)	Site inspections - checking that standard operating procedures to achieve compliance with conditions are followed Regular stack testing.	Yes

Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Peaker Power Station and ancillary plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
6. Limit on ambient carbon monoxide at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
7. Limit on ambient nitrogen oxides at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
8. Limit on other emissions at or beyond the boundary of the site	Not monitored beyond boundary in this monitoring period Source monitoring at commissioning and modelling undertaken during the assessment of effects provided adequate results	N/A
9. Limits on nitrogen oxides outside start-up or shut-down periods	Stack testing commissioned in June 2023 indicated compliance with this condition	Yes
10. Limit on nitrogen oxides mass discharge rate	Stack testing commissioned in June 2023 indicated compliance with this condition	Yes
11. Air Monitoring Programme within 6 months of issued consent date	Received January 2024	Yes
12. Implementation of Cond 11 monitoring plan	Implemented	Yes
13. Maintain records of start-ups/shutdowns and any unusual operation and steps taken to rectify	Made available to Council	Yes
14. Record of air quality complaints	Confirmation from Company	Yes
15. Annual Monitoring Report	Received September 2024	Yes
16. Within 40 working days of commencement of this consent formation of Kaitiaki Rōpū	First official meeting held 15 November 2023	Yes
17. Members of Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāti Maru and the Company	Evidence of official invitation	Yes
18. Kaitiaki Rōpū to meet at least annually	Confirmation of meetings from the Company	Yes
19. The purpose is to facilitate partnership	Regular meetings	Yes
20. Responsibility to convene meeting and cover administration costs of meetings and upon agreement other reasonable costs	Confirmation from the Company	Yes
21. Drafts of all monitoring plans and reports to be provided to the Kaitiaki Rōpū	Confirmation from the Company	Yes
22. Any feedback received within 10 days shall be taken into account	Confirmation from the Company, no feedback received	N/A
23. Any feedback to be provided to the Council	No feedback received	N/A
24. Consent lapses 5 years after date of commencement	Exercised	N/A
25. Optional review of consent	Between April and August 2028	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 21 Summary of performance for Consent 4454-1

Purpose: To discharge emissions to air from a combined cycle power station and ancillary plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Adopt best practicable option (BPO) ²	Site inspections-checked that standard operating procedures to achieve compliance with conditions are followed Outlined when equipment malfunctioned and kept Council updated on issues sourcing replacement parts	Yes
2. Outline BPO measures at time of commissioning	Report provided in 1998, as required	N/A
3. Option to review BPO measures	No review sought by Council	N/A
4. Consulting over significant proposed changes	Liaison during visits. No significant changes undertaken during year. Discussions commenced regarding contingent alternative means of monitoring should unsupported NOx continuous monitoring equipment fail	N/A
5. Provision of reports on specific monitoring/investigations	Review of Council records. Received December 2020. Next due in the 2026/27 year	Yes
6. Limit on ambient carbon monoxide	Not monitored beyond boundary, as continuous CO emission monitoring by the Company gave low results	N/A
7. Limit on ambient nitrogen oxides	Not monitored, as emissions monitored continuously by the Company, and previous ambient monitoring by Council, gave low results	N/A
8. Limit on other emissions at boundary	Not monitored, as emissions monitoring by the Company and dispersion modelling undertaken during AEE stage demonstrated no requirement	N/A
9. Limits on nitrogen oxides outside start-up or shut-down periods	Continuous monitoring by the Company and monthly report to Council	Yes
10. Limit on nitrogen oxides mass discharge rate	Continuous monitoring by the Company and monthly report to Council	Yes
11. Stack height	Inspection by Council	Yes
12. Ecological effects	Inspection by Council and observation of vegetation	Yes
13. Visibility of cooling system plume	Inspection and observation by Council and The Company	Yes
14. Cooling system drift	Inspection and observation by Council	Yes
15. Optional review of consent	Review available within 6 months of report being submitted as per condition 8. Next report to be submitted in the 2026/27 year	N/A
16. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 22 Summary of performance for Consent 4455-1

Purpose: To take water up to 19,440m ³ /day [225L/s averaged over 15 minutes] of water on a continuous basis from the Patea River for use on power stations on East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Measurement of abstraction rate	Continuous flow metering by the Company and monthly report	Yes
2. Limit on maximum abstraction rate	Continuous flow metering by the Company and monthly	Yes

² Condition numbers 1 to 3 have previously been deleted from the consent

Purpose: To take water up to 19,440m³/day [225L/s averaged over 15 minutes] of water on a continuous basis from the Pātea River for use on power stations on East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
	report to Council	
3. Limit on abstraction rate during low river flows	Continuous flow metering by the Company and monthly report to Council	Yes
4. Limit on abstraction rate during very low river flows	Continuous flow metering by the Company and monthly report to Council	Yes
5. Optional review of consent	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 23 Summary of performance for Consent 4456-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain an intake structure in and on the bed of the Pātea River		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Notification of works	Maintenance communicated when required	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation	Maintenance communicated when required	Yes
3. Adopt BPO to prevent or minimise adverse effects	Communicated when required	Yes
4. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement	Inspections	Yes
5. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A
6. Timing of works	Communicated to the Council when required	Yes
7. Optional review provision	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

Table 24 Summary of performance for Consent 4458-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a diffuser structure in and above the bed of the Pātea River for the purpose of discharging used water from power stations at East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Provision of design plans	Plans received by Council and approved in 1996	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation		N/A
3. Passage of fish not to be obstructed	Not observed to be obstructing fish during period under review, assessed during surface water sample collection	Yes
4. Notification prior to and after maintenance		Yes
5. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	Yes
6. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	Liaison with the Company and inspection of diffuser	Yes
7. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement		N/A
8. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a diffuser structure in and above the bed of the Pātea River for the purpose of discharging used water from power stations at East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 25 Summary of performance for Consent 4459-1.3 and 4459-1.4

Purpose: To discharge stormwater from the operation of a Power Station site into an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream and into the Kahouri Stream, both tributaries of the Pātea River		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	Site inspections - checking that standard operating procedures to achieve compliance with conditions are followed	Yes
2. Stormwater discharged not to exceed area outlined (changed from 7.5ha to 8.6ha commencing 1 February 2024)	Inspections	Yes
3. Stormwater treatment system	Inspections	Yes
4. Meet constituent limits	Inspections and monitoring	Yes
5. Notification of direct discharge of stormwater to Kahouri Stream	Records and notification supplied	Yes
6. Limit effects on receiving water	Inspections and monitoring	Yes
7. Contingency Plan	Received by Council	Yes
8. Management Plan	Received by Council	Yes
9. Notification of any changes	Provide notification	N/A
10. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 26 Summary of performance for Consent 4460-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain, in and above the beds of an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream and of the Kahouri Stream, both tributaries of the Pātea River, structures for the purpose of discharging stormwater from a power station site		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Provision of plans	Plans received by Council and approved	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
3. Passage of fish not to be obstructed	No monitoring during review period, as design of structure satisfactory	N/A
4. Notification prior to and after maintenance	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
6. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
7. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement	No maintenance during period under review	N/A

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain, in and above the beds of an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream and of the Kahouri Stream, both tributaries of the Pātea River, structures for the purpose of discharging stormwater from a power station site		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
8. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 27 Summary of performance for Consent 4461-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain in, over and under the bed of the Kahouri Stream, a tributary of the Pātea River, within the site and adjacent land immediately to the southeast, a bridge, pipelines, cables and associated utilities for a power station site		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Provision of plans	Plans received by Council and approved	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
3. Passage of fish not to be obstructed	No monitoring during review period, as design of structure satisfactory	N/A
4. Notification prior to and after maintenance	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
6. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
7. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
8. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 28 Summary of performance for Consent 4462-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain water pipelines and associated control cables above, through or below the beds of the Toko Stream and various small unnamed streams, for the purpose of water transmission from the Pātea River to power stations at East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Provision of design plans	Plans received by Council and approved in 1996	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
3. Passage of fish not to be obstructed	No monitoring during review period, as design of structure satisfactory	N/A
4. Notification prior to and after maintenance	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	N/A

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain water pipelines and associated control cables above, through or below the beds of the Toko Stream and various small unnamed streams, for the purpose of water transmission from the Pātea River to power stations at East Road, Stratford		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
6. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
7. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
8. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A
9. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 29 Summary of performance for Consent 4804-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain over the bed of an unnamed tributary of the Kahouri Stream in the Pātea catchment, within the site and adjacent land immediately to the southeast a bridge structure to convey high voltage electricity cables and associated communication cables for a power station site		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Provision of design plans	Plans received by Council and approved in 1996	Yes
2. Construction and maintenance in accordance with documentation	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
3. Notification prior to and after maintenance	No monitoring during review period, as design of structure satisfactory	N/A
4. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Adopt best practicable option to prevent or minimise adverse effects	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
6. Riverbed disturbance and reinstatement	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
7. Removal of structure when no longer required		N/A
8. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 30 Summary of performance for Consent 5633-1

Purpose: To discharge fine sediment and organic matter from water intake structure tee screens to the Pātea River		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Discharge according to documentation submitted	Inspection by Council	Yes
2. Controls on effect of discharge in receiving water	Inspection and biological monitoring by Council	Yes
3. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 31 Summary of performance for Consent 5848-1

Purpose: To discharge up to 6,740m³ (78L/s averaged over 15 minutes) of used water, mainly blowdown water from the cooling system from power stations at East Road, Stratford into the Pātea River		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Discharge in accordance with effluent disposal management plan	Inspection by Council, and provision of annual report by the Company	Yes
2. Provision and revision of effluent disposal management plan	Plan received by Council and approved 1996. Most recent update received 2020 approved by Council	Yes
3. Provision of details on proposed new water treatment chemicals	Liaison with Company. No changes during year under review	N/A
4. Provision of details on proposed new cleaning chemicals	As above	N/A
5. Optional review of consent on notification of new chemicals	No review required	N/A
6. Provision and maintenance of contingency plan	Plan received by Council and approved May 2016. Latest update received, dated January 2024	Yes
7. Controls on effect of discharge in receiving water	Inspection, sampling and biological monitoring by Council	Yes
8. Passage of fish not to be obstructed	Inspection of diffuser during compliance inspections did not indicate any fish barriers. Trout monitoring survey in January 2004 did not show any effect	Yes
9. Limit on river temperature increase	Monitoring by the Company and Council	Yes
10. Limit on maximum river temperature	Monitoring by the Company and Council	Yes
11. Consent holder to continuously monitor temperature and provide records	Monthly reporting by the Company	Yes
12. Concentration limits upon potential contaminants in discharge	Continuous monitoring and monthly reporting by the Company, and measurement checks by Council through inter-laboratory analysis	Yes
13. Limit on ammonia in river	Monitoring by Council	Yes
14. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
15. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Next option for review in June 2028	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 32 Summary of performance for Consent 7247-1

Purpose: To discharge emissions into air from the operation of the cooling tower associated with the Stratford Peaker Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Adopt best practicable option (BPO)	Site inspections	Yes
2. Cooling tower design as described in application	Inspection by Council	Yes
3. Prior notification of exercise of consent	Notification received 10 November 2010	N/A
4. Minimisation of emissions	Inspection by Council	Yes
5. Visibility of cooling system plume	Inspection and observation by Council and the Company	Yes
6. Cooling system drift	Inspection and observation by Council	Yes

Purpose: To discharge emissions into air from the operation of the cooling tower associated with the Stratford Peaker Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
7. Consulting over significant proposed changes	Liaison during inspections. No significant changes undertaken during year	Yes
8. Description of water treatment regime to be provided	Inspection and liaison with the Company. No changes during the year under review. Last update to water treatment regime implemented in 2018/19 year. Documentation provided	Yes
9. Offensive or objectionable odour prohibited	Inspection by Council	Yes
10. Ecological effects	Inspection by Council	Yes
11. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
12. Optional review of consent	Next option for review in June 2028	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 33 Summary of performance for Consent 7248-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge over an unnamed tributary of the Kahouri Stream for pedestrian access and carriage of water pipes, high voltage cables, control cables and associated utilities		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Exercise of consent in accordance with application	Liaison with Company	Yes
2. Provision of bridge plans prior to construction	Not received	N/A
3. Notification prior to exercise of consent	Notification received 15 February 2010	N/A
4. Minimisation of sediment in stream	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Area and volume of disturbance to be minimised	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
6. Structure removed and area reinstated if no longer required		N/A
7. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
8. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Next option for review in June 2028	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 34 Summary of performance for Consent 7250-1

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge over the Kahouri Stream for pedestrian access and carriage of water pipes, high voltage cables, control cables and associated utilities		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Exercise of consent in accordance with application	Liaison with Company	Yes
2. Provision of bridge plans prior to construction	Not received.	N/A
3. Notification prior to exercise of consent	Notification received 15 February 2010	N/A
4. Minimisation of sediment in stream	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Area and volume of disturbance to be minimised	No maintenance during period under review	N/A

Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge over the Kahouri Stream for pedestrian access and carriage of water pipes, high voltage cables, control cables and associated utilities		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
6. Structure removed and area reinstated if no longer required		N/A
7. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
8. Optional review provision re environmental effects	Next option for review in June 2028	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 35 Summary of performance for Consent 7605-1

Purpose: To construct, place and maintain a stormwater outlet structure in the Kahouri Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Exercise of consent in accordance with application	Liaison with Company	Yes
2. Notification prior to exercise of consent	Notification received 16 March 2010	N/A
3. Area and volume of disturbance to be minimised	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
4. Minimisation of sediment in stream	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Structure removed and area reinstated if no longer required		N/A
6. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
7. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 36 Summary of performance for Consent 7653-1

Purpose: To construct, place and maintain a stormwater outlet structure in the Kahouri Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Exercise of consent in accordance with application	Liaison with Company	Yes
2. Timing of works	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
3. Notification prior to exercise of consent	Notification received 9 July 2010	N/A
4. Area and volume of disturbance to be minimised	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
5. Minimisation of sediment in stream	No maintenance during period under review	N/A
6. Structure removed and area reinstated if no longer required		N/A
7. Lapse of consent	Consent was exercised	N/A
8. Optional review provision re environmental effects	No further review opportunities prior to consent expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environment performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 37 Evaluation of environmental performance over time

Year	Consent numbers	High	Good	Improvement req	Poor
2019/20	4022-2, 4454-1, 4455-1, 4456-1, 4458-1, 4459-1.3, 4460-1, 4461-1, 4462-1, 4804-1, 5633-1, 5848-1, 7247-1, 7248-1, 7250-1, 7605-1, 7653-1	17	-	-	-
2020/21	4022-2, 4454-1, 4455-1, 4456-1, 4458-1, 4459-1.3, 4460-1, 4461-1, 4462-1, 4804-1, 5633-1, 5848-1, 7247-1, 7248-1, 7250-1, 7605-1, 7653-1	17	-	-	-
2021/22	4022-2, 4454-1, 4455-1, 4456-1, 4458-1, 4459-1.3, 4460-1, 4461-1, 4462-1, 4804-1, 5633-1, 5848-1, 7247-1, 7248-1, 7250-1, 7605-1, 7653-1	17	-	-	-
2022/23	4022-2, 4454-1, 4455-1, 4456-1, 4458-1, 4459-1.3, 4460-1, 4461-1, 4462-1, 4804-1, 5633-1, 5848-1, 7247-1, 7248-1, 7250-1, 7605-1, 7653-1	17	-	-	-
2023/24	4022-2 (4022-3), 4454-1, 4455-1, 4456-1, 4458-1, 4459-1.3 (4459-1.4), 4460-1, 4461-1, 4462-1, 4804-1, 5633-1, 5848-1, 7247-1, 7248-1, 7250-1, 7605-1, 7653-1	17	-	-	-

During the year, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental and high level of administrative performance with the resource consents as defined in Appendix II.

3.4 Recommendations from the 2022/23 Annual Report

In the 2022/23 Annual Report, it was recommended:

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Stratford Power Station in the 2023/24 year continue at the same level as in 2022/23.
2. THAT should there be issues with environmental or administrative performance in 2023/24, monitoring may be adjusted to reflect any additional investigation or intervention as found necessary.

Recommendation 1 was undertaken, recommendation 2 was not required.

3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2024/25

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air/water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account:

- the extent of information already made available through monitoring or other means to date;
- its relevance under the RMA;
- the Council's obligations to monitor consented activities and their effects under the RMA;
- the record of administrative and environmental performances of the consent holder; and
- reporting to the regional community.

The Council also takes into account the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki exercising resource consents.

There are no planned changes to the current compliance monitoring programme for Stratford Power Station in the 2024/25 monitoring period.

It should be noted that the proposed programme represents a reasonable and risk-based level of monitoring for the site(s) in question. The Council reserves the right to subsequently adjust the programme from that initially prepared, should the need arise if potential or actual non-compliance is determined at any time during 2024/25.

4. Recommendations

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Stratford Power Station in the 2024/25 year continue at the same level as in 2023/24.
2. THAT should there be issues with environmental or administrative performance in 2024/25, monitoring may be adjusted to reflect any additional investigation or intervention as found necessary.

Glossary of common terms and abbreviations

The following abbreviations and terms may be used within this report:

Al*	Aluminium.
As*	Arsenic.
Biomonitoring	Assessing the health of the environment using aquatic organisms.
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand. A measure of the presence of degradable organic matter, taking into account the biological conversion of ammonia to nitrate.
BODF	Biochemical oxygen demand of a filtered sample.
Bund	A wall around a tank to contain its contents in the case of a leak.
CBOD	Carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand. A measure of the presence of degradable organic matter, excluding the biological conversion of ammonia to nitrate.
CEMS	Continuous emissions monitoring sensors
cfu	Colony forming units. A measure of the concentration of bacteria usually expressed as per 100 millilitre sample.
COD	Chemical oxygen demand. A measure of the oxygen required to oxidise all matter in a sample by chemical reaction.
Conductivity	Conductivity, an indication of the level of dissolved salts in a sample, usually measured at 25°C and expressed in $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.
Cu*	Copper.
Cumec	A volumetric measure of flow- 1 cubic metre per second ($1\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}$).
DO	Dissolved oxygen.
DRP	Dissolved reactive phosphorus.
E.coli	Escherichia coli, an indicator of the possible presence of faecal material and pathological micro-organisms. Usually expressed as colony forming units per 100 millilitre sample.
Ent	Enterococci, an indicator of the possible presence of faecal material and pathological micro-organisms. Usually expressed as colony forming units per 100 millilitre of sample.
EPT	Ephemeroptera (mayflies), Plecoptera (stoneflies) and Trichoptera (caddisflies).
F	Fluoride.
FC	Faecal coliforms, an indicator of the possible presence of faecal material and pathological micro-organisms. Usually expressed as colony forming units per 100 millilitre sample.
FNU	Formazin nephelometric units, a measure of the turbidity of water.
Fresh	Elevated flow in a stream, such as after heavy rainfall.
$\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{day}$	grams/metre ² /day.
g/m^3	Grams per cubic metre, and equivalent to milligrams per litre (mg/L). In water, this is also equivalent to parts per million (ppm), but the same does not apply to gaseous mixtures.
HEPA filter	High efficiency particulate air filter

Incident	An event that is alleged or is found to have occurred that may have actual or potential environmental consequences or may involve non-compliance with a consent or rule in a regional plan. Registration of an incident by the Council does not automatically mean such an outcome had actually occurred.
Intervention	Action/s taken by Council to instruct or direct actions be taken to avoid or reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.
Investigation	Action taken by Council to establish what were the circumstances/events surrounding an incident including any allegations of an incident.
Incident register	The incident register contains a list of events recorded by the Council on the basis that they may have the potential or actual environmental consequences that may represent a breach of a consent or provision in a Regional Plan.
L/s	Litres per second.
m ²	Square Metres.
MCI	Macroinvertebrate community index; a numerical indication of the state of biological life in a stream that takes into account the sensitivity of the taxa present to organic pollution in stony habitats.
Mixing zone	The zone below a discharge point where the discharge is not fully mixed with the receiving environment. For a stream, conventionally taken as a length equivalent to 7 times the width of the stream at the discharge point.
MPN	Most Probable Number. A method used to estimate the concentration of viable microorganisms in a sample.
µS/cm	Microsiemens per centimetre.
NES	National Environmental Standard
NH ₄	Ammonium, normally expressed in terms of the mass of nitrogen (N).
NH ₃	Unionised ammonia, normally expressed in terms of the mass of nitrogen (N).
NO ₃	Nitrate, normally expressed in terms of the mass of nitrogen (N).
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, a measure of the turbidity of water.
O&G	Oil and grease, defined as anything that will dissolve into a particular organic solvent (e.g. hexane). May include both animal material (fats) and mineral matter (hydrocarbons).
Pb*	Lead.
pH	A numerical system for measuring acidity in solutions, with 7 as neutral. Numbers lower than 7 are increasingly acidic and higher than 7 are increasingly alkaline. The scale is logarithmic i.e. a change of 1 represents a ten-fold change in strength. For example, a pH of 4 is ten times more acidic than a pH of 5.
Physicochemical	Measurement of both physical properties (e.g. temperature, clarity, density) and chemical determinants (e.g. metals and nutrients) to characterise the state of an environment.
PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , PM _{1.0}	Relatively fine airborne particles (less than 10 or 2.5 or 1.0 micrometre diameter, respectively).
Resource consent	Refer Section 87 of the RMA. Resource consents include land use consents (refer Sections 9 and 13 of the RMA), coastal permits (Sections 12, 14 and 15), water permits (Section 14) and discharge permits (Section 15).
RMA	<i>Resource Management Act 1991</i> and including all subsequent amendments.

SPP	Stratford Peaker Plant
SS	Suspended solids.
SQMCI	Semi quantitative macroinvertebrate community index.
TCC	Taranaki Combined Cycle
Temp	Temperature, measured in °C (degrees Celsius).
Turb	Turbidity, expressed in NTU or FNU.
Zn*	Zinc.

*an abbreviation for a metal or other analyte may be followed by the letters 'As', to denote the amount of metal recoverable in acidic conditions. This is taken as indicating the total amount of metal that might be solubilised under extreme environmental conditions. The abbreviation may alternatively be followed by the letter 'D', denoting the amount of the metal present in dissolved form rather than in particulate or solid form.

For further information on analytical methods, contact a manager within the Environment Quality Department.

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Appendix I

Resource consents held by Contact Energy Stratford

(For a copy of the signed resource consent
please contact the TRC Consents department)

Water abstraction permits

Section 14 of the RMA stipulates that no person may take, use, dam or divert any water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or it falls within some particular categories set out in Section 14. Permits authorising the abstraction of water are issued by the Council under Section 87(d) of the RMA.

Water discharge permits

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising discharges to water are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

Air discharge permits

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising discharges to air are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

Discharges of wastes to land

Sections 15(1)(b) and (d) of the RMA stipulate that no person may discharge any contaminant onto land if it may then enter water, or from any industrial or trade premises onto land under any circumstances, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising the discharge of wastes to land are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

Land use permits

Section 13(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may in relation to the bed of any lake or river use, erect, reconstruct, place, alter, extend, remove, or demolish any structure or part of any structure in, on, under, or over the bed, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Land use permits are issued by the Council under Section 87(a) of the RMA.

Coastal permits

Section 12(1)(b) of the RMA stipulates that no person may erect, reconstruct, place, alter, extend, remove, or demolish any structure that is fixed in, on, under, or over any foreshore or seabed, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Coastal permits are issued by the Council under Section 87(c) of the RMA.

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON 6143

Change To
Conditions Date: 9 February 2010 [Granted: 14 December 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Power Station and ancillary plant at or about (NZTM) 1713825E-5645366N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2022

Review Date(s): As per special condition 11

Site Location: Stratford Peaker Power Station,
State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 19365 & Lot 1 DP 17776 Blk II Ngaere SD

Consent 4022-2

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. That the consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants into the environment from the site.
2. That prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations, as specified in the application which may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act.
3. That the consent holder shall provide to the Council within two years from the granting of this consent and every six years thereafter a written report:
 - a) reviewing any technological advances in the reduction or mitigation of emissions, how these might be applicable and/or implemented at the power station, and the costs and benefits of these advances; and
 - b) detailing an inventory of emissions from the site of such contaminants as the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, may from time to time specify following consultation with the consent holder; and
 - c) detailing any measures that have been taken by the consent holder to improve the energy efficiency of the power station; and
 - d) addressing any other issue relevant to the minimisation or mitigation of emissions from the site that the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, considers should be included; and
 - e) detailing carbon dioxide emissions from the site.

Consent 4022-2

4. That the consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of carbon monoxide arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 10 mg m^{-3} [eight-hour average exposure], or 30 mg m^{-3} [one-hour average exposure] at or beyond the boundary of the site.
5. That the consent holder shall control all emissions of nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of nitrogen dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 20 ug m^{-3} [twenty-four-hour average exposure], or 60 ug m^{-3} [four-hour average exposure] at or beyond the boundary of the site.
6. That the consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides, in order that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent measured at or beyond the boundary of the site is not increased above background levels:
 - a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant Occupational Threshold Value-Time Weighted Average, or by more than the Short Term Exposure Limit at any time, [all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure indices for New Zealand, 1992, Department of Labour], or
 - b) if no Short Term Exposure Limit is set, by more than three times the Time Weighted Average at any time, [all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices for New Zealand, 1992, Department of Labour].
7. That except in any period of 30 minutes following the initiation of start-up of a turbine or in any period of 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity from a turbine, in the event that the discharge of nitrogen oxides exceeds:
 - a) a mass emission rate for the site of 175 g s^{-1} , or
 - b) *[cancelled]*
 - c) a concentration in any gas turbine stack equivalent to 100 mg m^{-3} at 450 degrees Celsius, or to 125 ppm [volumetric basis].

then the operator shall immediately initiate all reasonable steps to reduce the emissions to below these levels as soon as practicable.
8. That the sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the site of the power station is not to exceed 830 kg in any period of one hour.
9. That the minimum height of discharge of the products of combustion from the turbines shall be 15 metres above ground level.
10. That the discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any direct significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems in the Taranaki region, including but not limited to habitats, plants, animals, microflora and microfauna.

Consent 4022-2

11. That subject to the provisions of this condition, the Taranaki Regional Council may within six months of receiving a report prepared by the consent holder pursuant to condition 3 of this consent, serve notice that it intends to review the conditions of this resource consent in accordance with Section 128(1)(a) of the Act for the purposes of:
- a) dealing with any significant adverse effect on the environment arising from the exercise of the consent which was not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review or
 - b) requiring the holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment caused by the discharge; or
 - c) taking into account any Act of Parliament, regulation, national policy statement, regional policy statement or regional rule which relates to limiting, recording, or mitigating carbon dioxide and which is relevant to emissions from the Stratford gas turbine power station.

Signed at Stratford on 9 February 2010

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Chief Executive

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited

Decision Date: 12 September 2023

Commencement Date: 12 September 2023

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Peaker Power Station and ancillary plant

Expiry Date: 1 June 2035

Review Date(s): April 2028, May 2028, June 2028, July 2028, August 2028

Site Location: Stratford Peaker Power Station, 167 East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713829E-5645369N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The activities authorised by this resource consent shall be undertaken in general accordance with the application for this resource consent, titled 'Contact Energy Limited, Stratford Power Station, Stratford Peaker Plant Application for Resource Consent and Assessment of Environmental Effects', dated 29 October 2021, prepared by Mitchell Daysh Ltd, and all other subsequent supporting documentation submitted, except where otherwise required in the resource consent conditions below. Where there is any discrepancy between the application documents and the resource consent conditions, the conditions below shall prevail.
2. The consent holder shall appoint a representative, who shall be the Taranaki Regional Council's principal contact person in regard to matters relating to this resource consent. The consent holder shall inform the Taranaki Regional Council of the representative's name and how they can be contacted. Should that person change during the term of this resource consent, the consent holder shall give written notice to the Taranaki Regional Council of the new representative's name and how they can be contacted. Non-performance by the appointed representative or any successor shall not absolve the consent holder of any obligation responsibility or liability, other than as provided for within the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The consent holder shall at all times operate, maintain, supervise, monitor and control all processes on site so that emissions authorised by this consent are maintained at the minimum practicable level.
4. All emissions to the air from combustion in the units shall be discharged through chimneys with a minimum height of 15 metres.
5. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants to the environment from the site.

Emission Limits

6. The consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of carbon monoxide arising from the exercise of this consent, in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site, measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 10 mg/m³ (eight-hour average exposure) at or beyond the boundary of the site.

7. The consent holder shall control all emissions of nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of nitrogen dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent, in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site, measured under ambient conditions does not exceed $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (one hour average) at or beyond the boundary of the site. Should monitoring of ambient air quality find nitrogen dioxide concentrations in excess of $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (annual average) or $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (99th percentile of 24 hour averages), then the consent holder shall, in consultation with the Taranaki Regional Council, undertake investigations into the cause and likely effects upon human health of any such exceedances, and report its findings to the Taranaki Regional Council within six months of the exceedance first being detected.
8. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides so that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent measured at or beyond the boundary of the site is not increased above background levels:
 - (a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant occupational threshold value-time weighted average; and/or
 - (b) by more than the short term exposure limit at any time, or if no short-term exposure limit is set, by more than three times the time weighted average at any time.

[Advice note: all terms are as defined in the Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (November 2020)].

9. In the event that the discharge of nitrogen oxides exceeds:
 - (a) a mass emission rate for the peaker plant of 175 g/s; or
 - (b) a concentration in any chimney equivalent to $100 \text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ at 450 degrees Celsius, or 125 ppm (volumetric basis);

the consent holder shall immediately initiate all reasonable steps to reduce the emissions to below these levels as soon as practicable. The limits in (a) and (b) do not apply to the period 30 minutes following the initiation of a start-up of a turbine; or in any period 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity from a turbine.
10. The sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the peaker plant is not to exceed 630 kg in any one-hour period. The sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the peaker plant in conjunction with all discharges of nitrogen oxides from combustion sources elsewhere on the site is not to exceed 830 kg in any one-hour period.

Monitoring Programme

11. The consent holder shall design an Air Monitoring Programme to achieve the following objectives:
 - to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of this consent; and
 - to monitor the environmental effects of the exercise of this consent.

The Air Monitoring Programme shall include, but is not limited to, details and frequency of stack monitoring to be undertaken, with all relevant fuel types, including parameters to be monitored and sampling method. As a minimum the programme should include measurement of in-stack temperature, oxygen, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide, and the frequency of the monitoring to be undertaken. The Air Monitoring Programme shall be submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council within six months of the date of commencement of this consent, and shall be to a standard acceptable to the Consent Authority, acting in a technical capacity. Any proposed changes to the Air Monitoring Programme shall continue to give effect to the requirements of this condition and shall be submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council prior to their implementation, and shall be to a standard acceptable to the Consent Authority, acting in a technical capacity.

12. The consent holder shall implement the monitoring programme required in condition 11.

Operational Monitoring

13. The consent holder shall record the following information:
- (a) start ups or shut downs; and
 - (b) any unusual operation and the steps taken to rectify.

All records, monitoring and test results that are required by the conditions of this consent shall be made available on request, during operating hours, to any warranted enforcement officer of the Taranaki Regional Council.

Complaints Register

14. The consent holder shall log all air quality complaints received by the holder. The complaint details shall include:
- (a) the date, time, position and nature of the complaint;
 - (b) the meteorological conditions at the time of the complaint;
 - (c) the name, phone number and address of the complainant, unless the complainant refuses to supply these details; and
 - (d) any remedial actions undertaken.

Details of any complaints received shall be provided to the Inspectorate, Taranaki Regional Council, by telephone (0800 736 222), as soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours after receipt of the complaint/s.

Reporting

15. The consent holder shall compile an 'Annual Monitoring Report' for the year ending 30 June for each year that this consent is current. As a minimum the report shall:
- (a) include a summary of all the data collected as required under the conditions of this consent;
 - (b) critically analyse the information collected in accordance with the conditions of this consent, in terms of compliance and potential or actual adverse environmental effects;
 - (c) compare data with previously collected and reported results, and identify and comment on any emerging trends;
 - (d) critically evaluate the performance of the procedures and physical mechanisms in place to minimise any adverse effects associated with the exercise of this consent, identify any improvements undertaken, and make recommendations on any additional improvements needed, with respect to procedures or mechanisms relating to the exercise of this consent; and

- (e) any other issue considered important by the consent holder that is relevant to the exercise of this consent.

The 'Annual Monitoring Report' shall be forwarded to the Taranaki Regional Council by 30 November for each year that the consent is current.

Kaitiaki Rōpū

16. Within 40 working days following the commencement of this resource consent, the consent holder shall invite Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru to form and participate in a Kaitiaki Rōpū for the Stratford Peaker Plant.
17. The Kaitiaki Rōpū shall include representatives from the consent holder, Ngāti Ruanui, and Ngāti Maru.
18. The Kaitiaki Rōpū shall operate throughout the exercise of this resource consent and meet at least annually or at a lesser frequency as agreed by the Kaitiaki Rōpū.
19. The purpose of the Kaitiaki Rōpū is to facilitate partnership between the consent holder and Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru in respect of the activities authorised by this resource consent, and enable them to:
 - (a) Maintain and enhance their relationship with the air, land (whenua) and rivers/streams (āwa) and sites and areas of cultural and environmental significance within and adjacent to the Stratford Peaker Plant;
 - (b) Provide recommendations to the consent holder as to how, through the implementation of the obligations in the consent conditions, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru can exercise kaitiakitanga in relation to the air, land (whenua), rivers/streams (āwa) or any other affected sites, resources or taonga;
 - (c) Provide feedback on the development of a monitoring programme associated with discharges to air from the Stratford Peaker Plant and subsequent results of monitoring;
 - (d) Receive compliance reports required by this consent; and
 - (e) Provide recommendations to, and request responses from, the consent holder in respect of the matters listed above or other matters that the Kaitiaki Rōpū may raise from time-to-time.
20. The consent holder shall be responsible for convening the meetings with the Kaitiaki Rōpū and shall cover the administrative costs associated with the establishment and operation of the meetings. The consent holder shall offer an honorarium to Kaitiaki Rōpū members for participants to cover the reasonable expenses in attending meetings. The amount of this honorarium will be at the sole discretion of the consent holder.
21. Drafts of all monitoring plans and monitoring reports required by the conditions of this resource consent shall be provided to the Kaitiaki Rōpū prior to them being submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council for certification.
22. Any feedback received from the Kaitiaki Rōpū within 10 working days of receipt of the draft monitoring plans and monitoring reports from the consent holder shall be taken into account by the consent holder and the relevant plans shall be amended as considered necessary by the consent holder.

23. Any feedback provided by the Kaitiaki Rōpū on draft monitoring plans and monitoring reports shall (with the permission of the Kaitiaki Rōpū) be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council along with information detailing where these recommendations have been addressed in the monitoring plan or monitoring report, or details of why these recommendations have not been included in the monitoring plan or monitoring report. This information shall be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council at the same time as the monitoring plans and monitoring reports are submitted to Taranaki Regional Council for certification.

Lapse

24. This consent lapses 5 years after its date of commencement, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Review

25. The Taranaki Regional Council may at any time during April to August 2028 serve notice on the consent holder under section 128(1) of the Resource Management Act (1991) and commence a review of the conditions of this resource consent for the following purposes:
- (a) to review the effectiveness of the conditions of this resource consent in avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this resource consent, and if necessary to avoid, remedy or mitigate such effects by way of further or amended conditions;
 - (b) if necessary and appropriate, to require the consent holder to adopt the Best Practicable Option or other specific measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment that result from the exercise of this resource consent; and/or
 - (c) to review the adequacy of and necessity for the monitoring and reporting undertaken by the consent holder, and if necessary, to amend and/or introduce new conditions to monitor any adverse effects on the environment that result from the exercise of this resource consent.

Costs associated with any review of the conditions of this resource consent will be recovered from the consent holder in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the Resource Management Act (1991).

Signed at Stratford on 12 September 2023

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 8 July 2016

Commencement Date
(Change): 8 July 2016 (Granted Date: 25 May 1994)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from the operation of a power station site into the Kahouri Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2022 and in accordance with special condition 10

Site Location: Stratford Power Station, 167 East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713640E-5645680N & 1713757E-5645561N

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri
Piakau

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from an area not exceeding 7.5 ha outlined in Appendix 1 (attached).
3. All stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm ⁻³
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm ⁻³

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. The consent holder will notify the Taranaki Regional Council as soon as practicable if a direct discharge of stormwater from the SP1 pond to the Kahouri Stream is required or has been undertaken. The volume and duration of the discharge will be recorded and this information made available to the Council upon request.
6. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 5 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
 - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
 - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
 - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
7. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.

Consent 4459-1.3

8. The site shall be operated in accordance with a 'Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as minimum:
- a) the loading and unloading of materials;
 - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
 - c) general housekeeping; and
 - d) management of the treatment system.

Note: A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of the Taranaki Regional Council's web site www.trc.govt.nz.

9. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act 1991. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to consents@trc.govt.nz.
10. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
- a) during the month of June 2022 and/or
 - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 9 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 8 July 2016

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Appendix 1



Stormwater catchment

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of Consent Holder:	Contact Energy Limited	
Decision Date (Change):	1 February 2024	
Commencement Date (Change):	1 February 2024	(Granted Date: 8 July 2016)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted:	To discharge stormwater from the operation of a power station site into the Kahouri Stream	
Expiry Date:	1 June 2028	
Review Date(s):	In accordance with special condition 10	
Site Location:	191 East Road, Stratford	
Grid Reference (NZTM)	1713640E-5645680N, 1713757E-5645561N and 1713960E-5646040N	
Catchment:	Patea	
Tributary:	Kahouri	

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from an area not exceeding 8.6 ha as outlined in Appendix 1 (attached).
3. All stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table:

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm ⁻³
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm ⁻³

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. The consent holder will notify Taranaki Regional Council as soon as practicable if a direct discharge of stormwater from the SP1 pond to the Kahouri Stream is required or has been undertaken. The volume and duration of the discharge will be recorded and this information made available to Taranaki Regional Council upon request.
6. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 5 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
 - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
 - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
 - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
7. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.

Consent 4459-1.4

8. The site shall be operated in accordance with a 'Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as minimum:
- a) the loading and unloading of materials;
 - b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
 - c) general housekeeping; and
 - d) management of the treatment system.

Note: A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of Taranaki Regional Council's web site www.trc.govt.nz.

9. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act 1991. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to consents@trc.govt.nz.
10. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
- a) during the month of June 2022 and/or
 - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 9 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

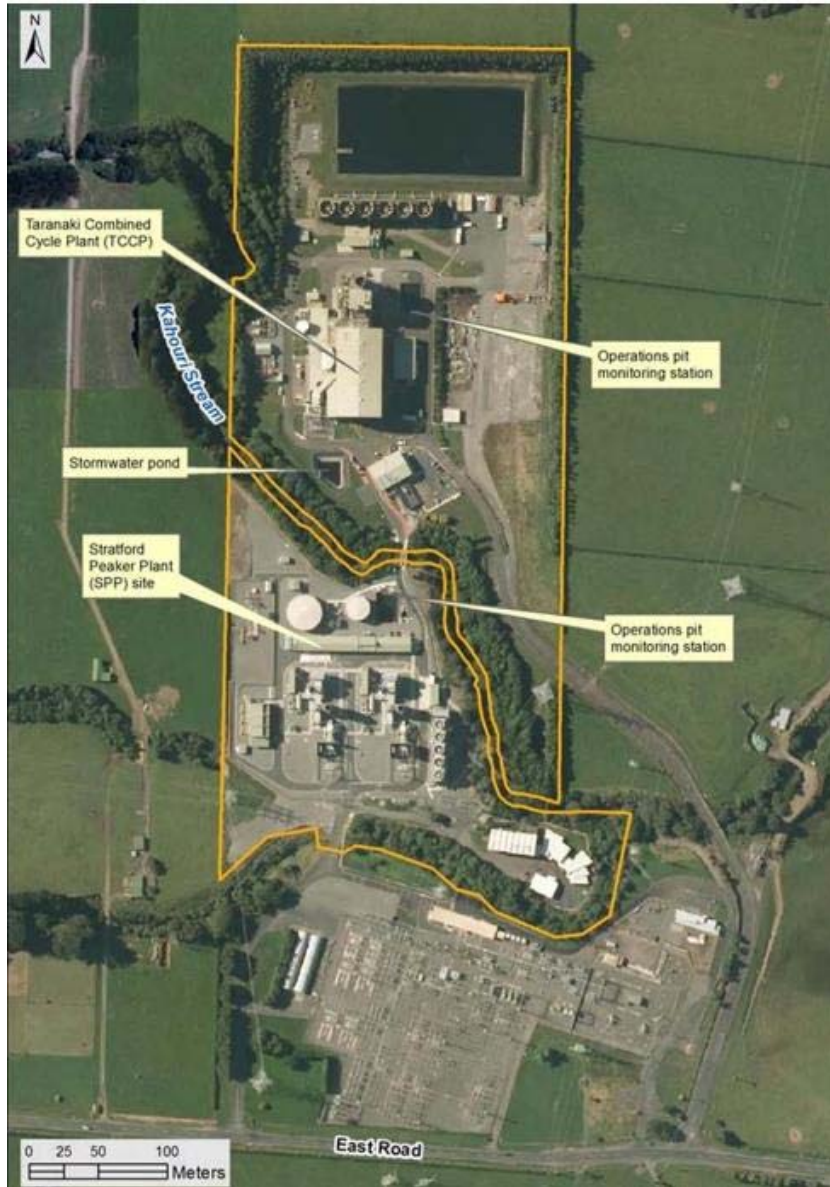
Signed at Stratford on 1 February 2024

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Appendix 1: Stormwater Catchment Area



Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON 6143

Decision Date [change]: 23 March 2012

Commencement Date [change]: 23 March 2012 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain, in and above the beds of an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream at or about (NZTM) 1713959E-5646039N and of the Kahouri Stream at or about (NZTM) 1713635E-5645679N, both tributaries of the Patea River, structures for the purpose of discharging stormwater from a power station site at or about (NZTM) 1713810E-5645800N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: [Part of Stratford Power Station Site – TCC1, TCC2/SP2]
Lot 2 DP 19365, Lot 3 DP 19365 and Sec 134 Blk II
Ngaere SD
[Discharge Points] Lot 2 DP 7012 – Kahouri Stream,
Lot 3 DP 19365 – unnamed tributary of Piakau Stream

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri
Piakau

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of the stormwater discharge structure[s], to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
2. The stormwater discharge structure[s] shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The structure[s] that are the subject of this consent shall not result in the obstruction of fish passage.
4. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council prior to the commencement and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
5. Any instream maintenance works [that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water] shall only take place between 1 November and 30 April inclusive, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
6. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
8. The structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.

Consent 4460-1

9. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 23 March 2012

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON 6143

Decision Date
[change]: 23 March 2012

Commencement
Date [change]: 23 March 2012 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain in, over and under the bed of the Kahouri Stream a tributary of the Patea River, within the site and adjacent land immediately to the southeast a bridge at or about (NZTM) 1713932E-5645443N, pipelines, cables and associated utilities for a power station site at or about (NZTM) 1713810E-5645800N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: [Part of Stratford Power Station Site – TCC, TCC2/SP2] Lot 2 DP 19365, Lot 3 DP 19365 and Sec 134 Blk II Ngaere SD, [Bridge structure] Pt Sec 108 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of the structure, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 2. The structure shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 3. The structure that is the subject of this consent shall not result in the obstruction of fish passage.
- 4. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council prior to the commencement and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
- 5. Any instream maintenance works [that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water] shall only take place between 1 November and 30 April inclusive, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 6. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
- 7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
- 8. The structure authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure removal and reinstatement.

Consent 4461-1

9. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 23 March 2012

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON 6143

Decision Date [change]: 23 March 2012

Commencement Date [change]: 23 March 2012 [Granted: 24 July 1995]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain in, over and under the bed of an unnamed tributary of the Kahouri Stream in the Patea catchment at or about (NZTM) 1713735E-5645420N, within the site and adjacent land immediately to the southeast a bridge structure to convey high voltage electricity cables, pipelines, cables and associated utilities for a power station site at or about (NZTM) 1713810E-5645800N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: [Stratford Power Station Site] Lot 1 DP 19365, Lot 2 DP 19365, Lot 3 DP 19365 and Sec 134 Blk II Ngaere SD, [Bridge structure] Lot 1 DP 19365

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of the structure, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 2. The structure shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 3. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council prior to the commencement and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
- 4. Any instream maintenance works [that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water] shall only take place between 1 November and 30 April inclusive, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 5. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
- 6. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
- 7. The structure authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure removal and reinstatement.

Consent 4804-1

8. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 23 March 2012

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 6 September 2002)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge contaminants to air from power station unit(s)
and ancillary plant located adjacent to State Highway 43
(East Road) approximately three kilometres east of Stratford

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, SH 43, East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713810E-5645800N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The power station shall only operate using gas fuel.
2. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants into the environment from the power station site.
3. A general outline of the methods, specifications, operating guidelines or other measures which represent the best practicable option at the time of commissioning will be supplied by the consent holder and thereafter attached to this consent as Schedule A.
4. The measures representing the best practicable option may be reviewed in accordance with the procedure provided for in conditions 17 and 18.
5. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations, as specified in the application and any variation, which may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991 and any amendments.

Consent 5846-1.3

6. The consent holder shall provide to the Council within two years from the first exercise of this consent and again at four years from the exercise of this consent and every six years thereafter a written report:
 - a) reviewing any technological advances in the reduction or mitigation of emissions, especially but not exclusively in respect of any cooling tower plume and of carbon dioxide, how these might be applicable and/or implemented at the power station site, and the costs and benefits of these advances; and
 - b) detailing an inventory of emissions from the power station site of such contaminants as the Chief Executive may from time to time specify following consultation with the consent holder; and
 - c) detailing any measures that have been taken by the consent holder to improve the energy efficiency of the power station; and
 - d) addressing any other issue relevant to the minimisation or mitigation of emissions from the site that the Chief Executive considers should be included; and
 - e) detailing carbon dioxide emissions from the site;

and should this consent not have been exercised within 4 years of it being granted, then in any case the consent holder shall provide a written report covering matters (a), (c), and (d) above.

7. The consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of carbon monoxide arising from the exercise of this consent in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 10 mg/m³ (eight-hour average exposure), or 30 mg/m³ (one-hour average exposure) at or beyond the boundary of the site.
8. The consent holder shall control all emissions of nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of nitrogen dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 30 ug/m³ (annual average exposure) or 200 ug/m³ (one hour average) at or beyond the boundary of the site.
9. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides, in order that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site measured at or beyond the boundary of the site is not increased above background levels:
 - a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant Workplace Exposure Standard-Time Weighted Average, or by more than the Workplace Exposure Standard-Short Term Exposure Limit at any time, (all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards, 1994, Department of Labour); or
 - b) if no Short Term Exposure Limit is set, by more than three times the Time Weighted Average at any time, (all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards, 1994, Department of Labour).

Consent 5846-1.3

10. Except in any period of 240 minutes following the initiation of start-up of a generating unit or in any period of 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity, the discharge of nitrogen oxides arising from the exercise of this consent shall not exceed:
 - a) a mass emission rate for the plant of 63 g/s, or
 - b) a mass emission rate per generating unit exhaust stack of (63 divided by n) g/s (where n = number of stacks), or
 - c) a concentration in any generating unit exhaust stack equivalent to 50 mg/m³ at 100°Celsius, or to 50 ppm (volumetric basis).
11. For a maximum of 240 minutes from initiation of combustion of a generating unit until low NO_x operation is achieved or in any period of 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity, the discharge of nitrogen oxides arising from the exercise of this consent shall not exceed 230 g/s.
12. The minimum height of discharge of products of combustion from a combined cycle plant shall be 35 metres above ground level.
13. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any direct significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems in the Taranaki region, including but not limited to habitats, plants, animals, microflora and microfauna.
14. The evaporative cooling system to be used shall not produce a visible plume at any ambient condition further from saturation than 6° Celsius and 85% relative humidity.
15. The evaporative cooling system shall be operated in order that the loss of cooling water as droplet drift to atmosphere does not exceed in aggregate 0.02% of the cooling water circulation rate at the time.
16. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024 unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period, or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
17. Subject to the provisions of this condition, within six months of receiving a report prepared by the consent holder pursuant to condition 5 of this consent, or during June 2004, and/or June 2010, and/or June 2016, and/or June 2022, and/or June 2028, the Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice that it intends to review the conditions of this resource consent in accordance with section 128(1)(a) of the Act for the purposes of:
 - a) dealing with any significant adverse effect on the environment arising from the exercise of the consent which was not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review; or
 - b) requiring the holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment caused by the discharge.
 - c) altering, adding, or deleting limits on discharge, receiving environment or ambient concentrations of any contaminant or contaminants, for the purpose of dealing with any significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystem; or
 - d) taking into account any Act of Parliament, regulation, national policy statement or national environmental standard which relates to limiting, recording, or mitigating emissions of carbon dioxide and/or nitrogen dioxide, and which is relevant to the air discharge from the power station.

Consent 5846-1.3

18. Prior to serving notice of its intention to review any condition, the Council shall allow at least 28 days for consultation with the holder as to whether the purposes in condition 17 would be achieved by a review and whether alternative means could be used to achieve those purposes.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Water Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 27 November 2001)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To take and use up to 19,440 cubic metres/day (225 litres/second averaged over 15 minutes) of water from a water intake structure in the Patea River for cooling and power station purposes

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Skinner Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1715933E-5644667N

Catchment: Patea

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

Consent 5847-1.3

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The resource consent holder shall install and operate a measuring device capable of recording instantaneous and daily rates of abstraction and shall make such records available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request.
2. The maximum rate of abstraction authorised by the exercise of this consent shall be managed so that:-
 - a) when the flow in the Patea River at the point of abstraction is more than 1040 litres per second, up to 225 litres per second may be abstracted;
 - b) when the flow in the Patea River at the point of abstraction is between 1040 litres per second and 887 litres per second, a residual flow of at least 812 litres per second shall be maintained at all times in the Patea River downstream of the abstraction point;
 - c) when the flow in the Patea River at the point of abstraction is between 887 litres per second and 695 litres per second, up to 75 litres per second may be abstracted;
 - d) when the flow in the Patea River at the point of abstraction is between 695 litres per second and 620 litres per second, a residual flow of at least 620 litres per second shall be maintained at all times in the Patea River downstream of the abstraction point; and
 - e) when the flow in the Patea River at the point of abstraction is less than 620 litres per second, no abstraction is permitted.

For (c) and (d) abstraction is permitted only if the maximum abstraction permitted under consent 4455 is already being extracted.

The residual flow below the abstraction point and at the point of abstraction will be as measured, or as implied from measurements, at the Taranaki Regional Council Skinner Road recorder (1715933E-5644667N).

3. The maximum rate of abstraction authorised by the exercise of this consent in combination with Water Permit 4455 shall not exceed 225 litres per second.

Consent 5847-1.3

4. By the agreement of the consent holder the consent holder shall provide a one off donation to the Taranaki Regional Council of \$100,000 (plus Goods and Services Tax), for the purposes of enhancing the habitat values of the Patea River and/or its tributaries, benefiting the ecological and/or recreational uses of the Patea catchment, or as otherwise agreed between the Manager, Stratford Power Station, and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. The donation is payable at the start of the construction of the power station in respect of which this consent has been sought.
5. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024 unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period, or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
6. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during June 2010, and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of Consent Holder:	Contact Energy Limited PO Box 10742 Wellington 6143
Decision Date (Change):	19 January 2017
Commencement Date (Change):	19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 27 November 2001)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted:	To erect, place, use and maintain at or about (NZTM) 1713596E-5645713N gas pipelines and associated utilities, under the bed, and including disturbance for installation by trenching of the bed, of the Kahouri Stream in the Patea catchment, for power station purposes
Expiry Date:	1 June 2034
Review Date(s):	June 2022, June 2028
Site Location:	Stratford Power Station Site, SH 43, East Road, Stratford
Grid Reference (NZTM)	1713596E-5645713N 1713810E-5645800N
Catchment:	Patea
Tributary	Kahouri

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of the structures, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 2. The structures shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 3. During and subsequent to construction works the consent holder must observe every practicable measure to minimise the discharge or placement of silt and/or organics and/or debris into the watercourse, and to avoid or remedy erosion and scour attributable to the works.
- 4. The consent holder must notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least seven days before commencing construction.
- 5. Construction of the structures must be undertaken only between 1 November and 30 April inclusive. These dates may be altered only by the written approval of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
- 6. The exercise of this consent must not result in any barrier to the passage of fish species.
- 7. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024 unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period, or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 5849-1.3

8. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during June 2004, and/or June 2010, and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 7 December 2001)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge fine sediment and organic matter from water intake structure screens to the Patea River

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Skinner Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1715933E-5644667N

Catchment: Patea

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. The discharge licensed by this consent shall be undertaken in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of the application to ensure the conditions of this consent are met.
- 2. After allowing for mixing within a mixing zone extending 25 metres downstream of the intake structure, the discharge shall not give rise to any of the following effects in the receiving waters of the Patea River:
 - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
 - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
 - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
- 3. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024 unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period, or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 5851-1.3

4. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 6 December 2001)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge, cables including high voltage electricity cables and associated utilities at or about (NZTM)1713770E-5645532N over the Kahouri Stream in the Patea catchment for power station purposes at or about (NZTM)1713810E-5645800N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, SH 43, East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713770E-5645532N
1713810E-5645800N

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide final plans and details of the bridge, cables and associated utilities, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
2. The bridge, cables and associated utilities shall be constructed generally in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, and shall be maintained to ensure the conditions of this consent are met.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council in writing at least 48 hours prior to the commencement and upon completion of the initial construction and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
4. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
5. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed and bank disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
6. The structure(s) authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure(s) are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to the structure(s) removal and reinstatement.
7. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024 unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period, or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 5852-1.4

8. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
 P O Box 10742
 WELLINGTON 6143

Change To 15 June 2010 [Granted: 23 February 2010]
Conditions Date:

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To construct, place and maintain a stormwater outlet
 structure in the Kahouri Stream at or about (NZTM)
 1713704E-5645626N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: 189 East Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 19365

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council [Council] all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance to section 36 of the Resource Management Act.

Special conditions

1. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of application 6435, in particular, UGL drawing number 3200-0030-S-3609. In the event of a conflict between that material and this consent; the conditions of this consent shall take precedence.
2. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the commencement and upon completion of the initial installation and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz. Notification by fax or post is acceptable only if the consent holder does not have access to email.
3. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of streambed disturbance is, as far as practicable, minimised and any areas that are disturbed are, as far as practicable, reinstated.
4. The consent holder shall take all reasonable steps to:
 - a. minimise the amount of sediment discharged to the stream;
 - b. minimise the amount of sediment that becomes suspended in the stream; and
 - c. mitigate the effects of any sediment in the stream.

Undertaking work in accordance with *Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki region*, by the Taranaki Regional Council, will achieve compliance with this condition.

5. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure is no longer required. A further resource consent may be required to authorise the removal of the structure, and the consent holder is advised to seek advice from the Council on this matter.
6. This consent shall lapse on 31 March 2015, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 7605-1

7. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 15 June 2010

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON 6143

Consent Granted
Date: 21 June 2010

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To construct, place and maintain a stormwater outlet
structure in the Kahouri Stream at or about (NZTM)
1713740E-5645575N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: 189 East Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 19365

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council [the Council] all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance to section 36 of the Resource Management Act.

Special conditions

1. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of application 6498. Specifically this includes United Group Infrastructure Plan 3200-0030-S-3608. If there is any conflict between the documentation submitted in support of application 6498 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. Any disturbance of parts of the riverbed covered by water and/or any works which may result in downstream discolouration of water shall be undertaken only between 1 November and 30 April, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the commencement and upon completion of the initial installation and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz.
4. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of streambed disturbance is, as far as practicable, minimised and any areas that are disturbed are, as far as practicable, reinstated.
5. The consent holder shall take all reasonable steps to:
 - a. minimise the amount of sediment discharged to the stream;
 - b. minimise the amount of sediment that becomes suspended in the stream; and
 - c. mitigate the effects of any sediment in the stream.

Undertaking work in accordance with *Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki region*, by the Taranaki Regional Council, will achieve compliance with this condition.

6. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure is no longer required. A further resource consent may be required to authorise the removal of the structure, and the consent holder is advised to seek advice from the Council on this matter.
7. This consent shall lapse on 30 June 2015, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Consent 7653-1

8. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 21 June 2010

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 23 March 2012)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater, sediment, dewatering water and washdown water into an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream at or about 1713959E-5646039N and into the Kahouri Stream at or about 1713635E-5645679N, from earthworks associated with the construction activities of a power station

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2022

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, SH 43, East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713959E-5646039N
1713635E-5645679N

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri
Piakau

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. At least 30 working days prior to the commencement of any earthworks, the consent holder shall prepare and submit to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, an erosion and sediment control plan. The erosion and sediment control plan shall detail the methodology that will be used to ensure that erosion and sediment control works comply with the conditions of this consent.
2. The consent holder shall at all times adhere to the erosion and sediment control plan approved under condition 1 of this consent. Any changes to the plan approved shall be submitted for certification to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council prior to being implemented.
3. At least 7 working days prior to the commencement of works the consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council of the proposed start date for the work. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and shall be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz.
4. All runoff from any un-vegetated area shall pass through settlement ponds or sediment traps with a minimum total capacity of:
 - a) 100 cubic metres for every hectare of exposed soil between 1 November to 30 April; and
 - b) 200 cubic metres for every hectare of exposed soil between 1 May to 31 October; unless other sediment control measures that achieve an equivalent standard are agreed to by the Chief Executive of the Taranaki Regional Council.
5. The obligation described in condition 3 above shall cease to apply, and accordingly the erosion and sediment control measures can be removed, in respect of any particular site or area of any site, only when the site is stabilised.

Note: For the purpose of conditions 4 and 5 "stabilised" in relation to any site or area means inherently resistant to erosion or rendered resistant, such as by using rock or by the application of basecourse, colluvium, grassing, mulch, or another method to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council and as specified in the Taranaki Regional Council's Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki Region, 2006. Where seeding or grassing is used on a surface that is not otherwise resistant to erosion, the surface is considered stabilised once, on reasonable visual inspection by an officer of the Taranaki Regional Council, an 80% vegetative cover has been established.

Consent 7785-1.1

6. All earthworked areas shall be stabilised vegetatively or otherwise as soon as is practicable immediately following completion of soil disturbance activities.

Note: For the purposes of this condition "stabilised" has the same definition as that set out in condition 4.

7. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants from the power station site.
8. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Decision Date
(Change): 19 January 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 19 January 2017 (Granted Date: 23 March 2012)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge contaminants (dust) to air from earthworks associated with the construction activities of a power station

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2022

Site Location: Stratford Power Station Site, SH 43, East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713810E-5645800N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The dust discharge shall result from earthworks not exceeding 13 hectares.
2. At least 30 working days prior to the commencement of any earthworks, the consent holder shall prepare and submit to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, a dust control management plan. The dust management plan shall detail the methodology that will be used to ensure that discharges to air comply with the conditions of this consent, in particular, special conditions 5 and 6.
3. The consent holder shall at all times adhere to the dust control management plan approved under condition 2 of this consent. Any changes to the plan approved shall be submitted for certification to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council prior to being implemented.
4. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of earthworks associated with this consent . Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz.
5. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
6. Any discharge to air from the site shall not give rise to any offensive, objectionable, noxious or toxic levels of dust at or beyond the boundary of the property, and in any case, suspended particulate matter shall not exceed 3 mg/ m³ [measured under ambient conditions] beyond the boundary of the project site.
7. The consent holder shall maintain a permanent record of any complaints received alleging adverse effects from or related to the exercise of this consent. This record shall include the following, where practicable:
 - a. the name and address of the complainant, if supplied;
 - b. date, time and details of the alleged event;
 - c. weather conditions at the time of the alleged event (as far as practicable);
 - d. investigations undertaken by the consent holder in regards to the complaint and any measures adopted to remedy the effects of the incident/complaint; and
 - e. measures put in place to prevent occurrence of a similar incident.

Consent 7786-1.1

8. The consent holder shall make the complaints record available to officers of Taranaki Regional Council, on request.
9. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council of any complaints received, which relate to the exercise of this consent, within 24 hours of being received.
10. This consent shall lapse on 6 December 2024, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
11. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 19 January 2017

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited

Decision Date: 12 September 2023

Commencement Date: 12 September 2023

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from fuel combustion and other related activities associated with the operation of the Stratford Peaker Power Station and ancillary plant

Expiry Date: 1 June 2035

Review Date(s): April 2028, May 2028, June 2028, July 2028, August 2028

Site Location: Stratford Peaker Power Station, 167 East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713829E-5645369N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The activities authorised by this resource consent shall be undertaken in general accordance with the application for this resource consent, titled 'Contact Energy Limited, Stratford Power Station, Stratford Peaker Plant Application for Resource Consent and Assessment of Environmental Effects', dated 29 October 2021, prepared by Mitchell Daysh Ltd, and all other subsequent supporting documentation submitted, except where otherwise required in the resource consent conditions below. Where there is any discrepancy between the application documents and the resource consent conditions, the conditions below shall prevail.
2. The consent holder shall appoint a representative, who shall be the Taranaki Regional Council's principal contact person in regard to matters relating to this resource consent. The consent holder shall inform the Taranaki Regional Council of the representative's name and how they can be contacted. Should that person change during the term of this resource consent, the consent holder shall give written notice to the Taranaki Regional Council of the new representative's name and how they can be contacted. Non-performance by the appointed representative or any successor shall not absolve the consent holder of any obligation responsibility or liability, other than as provided for within the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The consent holder shall at all times operate, maintain, supervise, monitor and control all processes on site so that emissions authorised by this consent are maintained at the minimum practicable level.
4. All emissions to the air from combustion in the units shall be discharged through chimneys with a minimum height of 15 metres.
5. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants to the environment from the site.

Emission Limits

6. The consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of carbon monoxide arising from the exercise of this consent, in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site, measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 10 mg/m³ (eight-hour average exposure) at or beyond the boundary of the site.

7. The consent holder shall control all emissions of nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of nitrogen dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent, in conjunction with the exercise of any other consent for the site, measured under ambient conditions does not exceed $200 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (one hour average) at or beyond the boundary of the site. Should monitoring of ambient air quality find nitrogen dioxide concentrations in excess of $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (annual average) or $25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (99th percentile of 24 hour averages), then the consent holder shall, in consultation with the Taranaki Regional Council, undertake investigations into the cause and likely effects upon human health of any such exceedances, and report its findings to the Taranaki Regional Council within six months of the exceedance first being detected.
8. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides so that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent measured at or beyond the boundary of the site is not increased above background levels:
 - (a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant occupational threshold value-time weighted average; and/or
 - (b) by more than the short term exposure limit at any time, or if no short-term exposure limit is set, by more than three times the time weighted average at any time.

[Advice note: all terms are as defined in the Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices (November 2020)].

9. In the event that the discharge of nitrogen oxides exceeds:
 - (a) a mass emission rate for the peaker plant of 175 g/s; or
 - (b) a concentration in any chimney equivalent to $100 \text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ at 450 degrees Celsius, or 125 ppm (volumetric basis);

the consent holder shall immediately initiate all reasonable steps to reduce the emissions to below these levels as soon as practicable. The limits in (a) and (b) do not apply to the period 30 minutes following the initiation of a start-up of a turbine; or in any period 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity from a turbine.

10. The sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the peaker plant is not to exceed 630 kg in any one-hour period. The sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the peaker plant in conjunction with all discharges of nitrogen oxides from combustion sources elsewhere on the site is not to exceed 830 kg in any one-hour period.

Monitoring Programme

11. The consent holder shall design an Air Monitoring Programme to achieve the following objectives:
 - to demonstrate compliance with the conditions of this consent; and
 - to monitor the environmental effects of the exercise of this consent.

The Air Monitoring Programme shall include, but is not limited to, details and frequency of stack monitoring to be undertaken, with all relevant fuel types, including parameters to be monitored and sampling method. As a minimum the programme should include measurement of in-stack temperature, oxygen, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide, and the frequency of the monitoring to be undertaken. The Air Monitoring Programme shall be submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council within six months of the date of commencement of this consent, and shall be to a standard acceptable to the Consent Authority, acting in a technical capacity. Any proposed changes to the Air Monitoring Programme shall continue to give effect to the requirements of this condition and shall be submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council prior to their implementation, and shall be to a standard acceptable to the Consent Authority, acting in a technical capacity.

12. The consent holder shall implement the monitoring programme required in condition 11.

Operational Monitoring

13. The consent holder shall record the following information:

- (a) start ups or shut downs; and
- (b) any unusual operation and the steps taken to rectify.

All records, monitoring and test results that are required by the conditions of this consent shall be made available on request, during operating hours, to any warranted enforcement officer of the Taranaki Regional Council.

Complaints Register

14. The consent holder shall log all air quality complaints received by the holder. The complaint details shall include:

- (a) the date, time, position and nature of the complaint;
- (b) the meteorological conditions at the time of the complaint;
- (c) the name, phone number and address of the complainant, unless the complainant refuses to supply these details; and
- (d) any remedial actions undertaken.

Details of any complaints received shall be provided to the Inspectorate, Taranaki Regional Council, by telephone (0800 736 222), as soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours after receipt of the complaint/s.

Reporting

15. The consent holder shall compile an 'Annual Monitoring Report' for the year ending 30 June for each year that this consent is current. As a minimum the report shall:
- (a) include a summary of all the data collected as required under the conditions of this consent;
 - (b) critically analyse the information collected in accordance with the conditions of this consent, in terms of compliance and potential or actual adverse environmental effects;
 - (c) compare data with previously collected and reported results, and identify and comment on any emerging trends;
 - (d) critically evaluate the performance of the procedures and physical mechanisms in place to minimise any adverse effects associated with the exercise of this consent, identify any improvements undertaken, and make recommendations on any additional improvements needed, with respect to procedures or mechanisms relating to the exercise of this consent; and
 - (e) any other issue considered important by the consent holder that is relevant to the exercise of this consent.

The 'Annual Monitoring Report' shall be forwarded to the Taranaki Regional Council by 30 November for each year that the consent is current.

Kaitiaki Rōpū

16. Within 40 working days following the commencement of this resource consent, the consent holder shall invite Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru to form and participate in a Kaitiaki Rōpū for the Stratford Peaker Plant.
17. The Kaitiaki Rōpū shall include representatives from the consent holder, Ngāti Ruanui, and Ngāti Maru.
18. The Kaitiaki Rōpū shall operate throughout the exercise of this resource consent and meet at least annually or at a lesser frequency as agreed by the Kaitiaki Rōpū.
19. The purpose of the Kaitiaki Rōpū is to facilitate partnership between the consent holder and Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru in respect of the activities authorised by this resource consent, and enable them to:
 - (a) Maintain and enhance their relationship with the air, land (whenua) and rivers/streams (awa) and sites and areas of cultural and environmental significance within and adjacent to the Stratford Peaker Plant;
 - (b) Provide recommendations to the consent holder as to how, through the implementation of the obligations in the consent conditions, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru can exercise kaitiakitanga in relation to the air, land (whenua), rivers/streams (awa) or any other affected sites, resources or taonga;
 - (c) Provide feedback on the development of a monitoring programme associated with discharges to air from the Stratford Peaker Plant and subsequent results of monitoring;
 - (d) Receive compliance reports required by this consent; and
 - (e) Provide recommendations to, and request responses from, the consent holder in respect of the matters listed above or other matters that the Kaitiaki Rōpū may raise from time-to-time.
20. The consent holder shall be responsible for convening the meetings with the Kaitiaki Rōpū and shall cover the administrative costs associated with the establishment and operation of the meetings. The consent holder shall offer an honorarium to Kaitiaki Rōpū members for participants to cover the reasonable expenses in attending meetings. The amount of this honorarium will be at the sole discretion of the consent holder.
21. Drafts of all monitoring plans and monitoring reports required by the conditions of this resource consent shall be provided to the Kaitiaki Rōpū prior to them being submitted to the Taranaki Regional Council for certification.
22. Any feedback received from the Kaitiaki Rōpū within 10 working days of receipt of the draft monitoring plans and monitoring reports from the consent holder shall be taken into account by the consent holder and the relevant plans shall be amended as considered necessary by the consent holder.

23. Any feedback provided by the Kaitiaki Rōpū on draft monitoring plans and monitoring reports shall (with the permission of the Kaitiaki Rōpū) be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council along with information detailing where these recommendations have been addressed in the monitoring plan or monitoring report, or details of why these recommendations have not been included in the monitoring plan or monitoring report. This information shall be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council at the same time as the monitoring plans and monitoring reports are submitted to Taranaki Regional Council for certification.

Lapse

24. This consent lapses 5 years after its date of commencement, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Review

25. The Taranaki Regional Council may at any time during April to August 2028 serve notice on the consent holder under section 128(1) of the Resource Management Act (1991) and commence a review of the conditions of this resource consent for the following purposes:
- (a) to review the effectiveness of the conditions of this resource consent in avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this resource consent, and if necessary to avoid, remedy or mitigate such effects by way of further or amended conditions;
 - (b) if necessary and appropriate, to require the consent holder to adopt the Best Practicable Option or other specific measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on the environment that result from the exercise of this resource consent; and/or
 - (c) to review the adequacy of and necessity for the monitoring and reporting undertaken by the consent holder, and if necessary, to amend and/or introduce new conditions to monitor any adverse effects on the environment that result from the exercise of this resource consent.

Costs associated with any review of the conditions of this resource consent will be recovered from the consent holder in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the Resource Management Act (1991).

Signed at Stratford on 12 September 2023

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



A D McLay
Director - Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Change To
Conditions Date: 12 June 2003 [Granted: 15 August 1995]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: Discharge contaminants to air, subject to the following specified conditions, from a combined cycle power station and ancillary plant ['the station'] located adjacent to East Road approximately three kilometres East of the town of Stratford at or about GR: Q20:238-075

Expiry Date: 14 August 2029

Site Location: East Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 2 of Subdiv of Lot 2 Lt 18343 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

Special conditions 4 to 10 deleted

Special conditions 4 to 5 unchanged [previously special conditions 11 to 12]

- 4) That the consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants into the environment from the site.
- 5) That a general outline of the methods, specifications, operating guidelines or other measures which represent the best practicable option at the time of commissioning will be supplied by the consent holder and thereafter attached to this consent as Schedule A.

Special condition 6 – changed [previously special condition 13]

- 6) That the measures representing the best practicable option may be reviewed in accordance with the procedure provided for in condition 18.

Special condition 7 to 17 - unchanged [previously special conditions 14 to 24]

- 7) That prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations specified in the application, which alterations may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act.

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- 8) That the consent holder shall provide to the Council within two years from the commencement of commissioning of the Station and again at four years from commencement of commissioning of the Station and every six years thereafter, a written report:
 - a) reviewing any technological advances in the reduction or mitigation of emissions, especially, but not exclusively in respect of the cooling tower plume and of carbon dioxide, how these might be applicable and/or implemented at the power station, and the costs and benefits of these advances; and
 - b) detailing an inventory of emissions from the site of such contaminants as the Chief Executive may from time to time specify following consultation with the consent holder; and
 - c) detailing any measures that have been taken by the consent holder to improve the energy efficiency of the Station; and
 - d) addressing any other issue relevant to the minimisation or mitigation of emissions from the site that the Chief Executive considers should be included; and
 - e) detailing carbon dioxide emissions from the site.
- 9) That the consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of carbon monoxide arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 10 mg/m³ [eight-hour average exposure], or 30 mg/m³ [one-hour average exposure] at or beyond the boundary of the site.
- 10) That the consent holder shall control all emissions of nitrogen oxides to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of nitrogen dioxide arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed 30 µ/m³ [twenty-four hour average exposure], or 95 µg/m³ [four-hour average exposure] at or beyond the boundary of the site.
- 11) That the consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides, in order that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent measured at or beyond the boundary of the site is not increased above background levels:
 - a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant Occupational Threshold Value-Time Weighted Average, or by more than the Short Term Exposure Limit at any time, [all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices for New Zealand, 1992, Department of Labour], or

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- b) if no Short Term Exposure Limit is set, by more than three times the Time Weighted Average at any time, [all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards and Biological Exposure Indices for New Zealand, 1992, Department of Labour].
- 12) That except in any period of 30 minutes following the initiation of start-up of a turbine or in any period of 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity from a turbine, in the event that the discharge of nitrogen oxides exceeds:-
- a) a mass emission rate for the site of 70 g/s, or
 - b) a mass emission rate per gas turbine stack of [70 divided by n] g/s [where n = number of gas turbine stacks], or
 - c) a concentration in any gas turbine stack equivalent to 75 mg/m³ at 84° Celsius, or to 50 ppm [volumetric basis] then the operator shall immediately initiate all reasonable steps to reduce the emissions to below these levels as soon as practicable.
- 13) That the sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the site of the power station is not to exceed 430 kg in any period of one hour.
- 14) That the minimum height of discharge of the products of combustion from the turbines shall be 35 metres above ground level.
- 15) That the discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any direct significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems in the Taranaki region, including but not limited to habitats, plants, animals, microflora, and microfauna.
- 16) That the evaporative cooling system to be used shall not produce a visible plume at any ambient condition further from saturation than 6° Celsius and 85% relative humidity.
- 17) That the evaporative cooling system shall be operated in order that the loss of cooling water as droplet drift to atmosphere does not exceed in aggregate 0.02% of the cooling water circulation rate at the time.

Special condition 18 – changed [previously special condition 25]

- 18) That subject to the provisions of this condition, the Council may within six months of receiving a report prepared by the consent holder pursuant to condition 8 of this consent, serve notice that it intends to review the conditions of this resource consent in accordance with Section 128(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act for the purpose of:

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- a) dealing with any significant adverse effect on the environment arising from the exercise of the consent which was not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review; or
- b) requiring the holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment caused by the discharge; or
- c) taking into account any Act of Parliament, regulation, national policy statement, regional policy statement or regional rule which relates to limiting, recording, or mitigating carbon dioxide and which is relevant to emissions from the Station.

Special condition 19 – unchanged [previously special condition 26]

- 19) That this consent shall lapse on the expiry of six years after the date of commencement of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to Section 125(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Water Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Change To
Conditions Date: 6 March 2008 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To take up to 19,440 cubic metres/day [225 litres/second averaged over 15 minutes] of water on a continuous basis from the Patea River for use on Power Stations at East Road, Stratford at or about 2631900E-6204900N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2010, June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Toko Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Patea Riverbed adjoining Pt Lot 2 DP 739 & Lot 1 DP 20723 Blk IV Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. The resource consent holder shall install and operate a measuring device capable of recording instantaneous and daily rates of abstraction and shall make such records available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request.
- 2. When the flow in the Patea River at the Taranaki Regional Council Skinner Road recorder [Q20:260-064] is more than 765 litres per second, up to 225 litres per second may be abstracted.
- 3. When the flow in the Patea River at the Taranaki Regional Council Skinner Road recorder [Q20:260-064] is between 765 litres per second and 690 litres per second abstraction may be up to a rate of the flow at the Skinner Road recorder less 540 litres per second.
- 4. When the flow in the Patea River at the Taranaki Regional Council Skinner Road recorder [Q20:260-064] is less than 690 litres per second, up to 150 litres per second may be abstracted.
- 5. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during June 2010, and/or June 2016, and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of review.

Signed at Stratford on 6 March 2008

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Change To
Conditions Date: 20 January 2000 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain an intake structure in
and on the bed of the Patea River at or about GR:
Q20:319-049

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 1998, June 2004, June 2010, June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Patea River, approximately 1 km downstream from the
Toko Stream confluence, Toko Road, Toko, Stratford

Legal Description: Pt Sec 2 DP 1041 Blk IV Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. That the consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council, at least 48 hours prior to the commencement and upon completion of the initial construction and again prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
2. That the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be constructed generally in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of the application and shall be maintained to ensure the conditions of this consent are met.
3. That the consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
4. That the consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
5. That the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.

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6. That any disturbance of parts of the riverbed covered by water and/or any works which may result in downstream discolouration of water shall be undertaken only between 1 November and 30 April, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
7. That the Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions adequately deal with the environmental effects arising from the exercise of this consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Change To
Conditions Date: 28 November 2001 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain a diffuser structure in and above the bed of the Patea River for the purpose of discharging used water from combined cycle power stations at or about GR: Q20:246-067

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 1998, June 2004, June 2010, June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Patea River, Approximately 1 km east of the site above the confluence with the Kahouri Stream, East Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Pt Sec 121 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of any modifications to the diffuser structure, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. These plans and details shall be in accordance with 'option C', as outlined in the report 'Comments on Diffuser Design' [J C Rutherford, NIWA Ecosystems] provided with the application for this consent. Any modifications to the diffuser structure shall be in accordance with Section 3 of the report 'Stratford Power Station Expansion Project: Water Resources Engineering Summary Report [G Boyd, Meritec Limited, June 2001].
2. The diffuser structure shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The structure[s] that are the subject of this consent shall not result in the obstruction of fish passage.
4. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council prior to the commencement and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
5. Modification and any instream maintenance works [that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water] shall only take place between 1 November and 30 April inclusive, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
6. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.

Consent 4458-1

7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
8. The structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.
9. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited

Decision Date (Change): 1 February 2024

Commencement Date (Change): 1 February 2024 (Granted Date: 8 July 2016)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge stormwater from the operation of a power station site into the Kahouri Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): In accordance with special condition 10

Site Location: 191 East Road, Stratford

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1713640E-5645680N, 1713757E-5645561N and 1713960E-5646040N

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from an area not exceeding 8.6 ha as outlined in Appendix 1 (attached).
3. All stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm ⁻³
oil and grease	Concentration not greater than 15 gm ⁻³

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. The consent holder will notify Taranaki Regional Council as soon as practicable if a direct discharge of stormwater from the SP1 pond to the Kahouri Stream is required or has been undertaken. The volume and duration of the discharge will be recorded and this information made available to Taranaki Regional Council upon request.
6. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 5 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the receiving water:
 - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
 - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
 - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
7. The consent holder shall maintain and regularly update a 'Contingency Plan' that details measures and procedures that will be undertaken to prevent, and to avoid environmental effects from, a spillage or any discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent. The plan shall be approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting in a certification capacity.
8. The site shall be operated in accordance with a 'Management Plan' prepared by the consent holder and approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, acting

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in a certification capacity. The plan shall detail how the site is to be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater and shall include as minimum:

- a) the loading and unloading of materials;
- b) maintenance of conveyance systems;
- c) general housekeeping; and
- d) management of the treatment system.

Note: A Stormwater Management Plan template is available in the Environment section of Taranaki Regional Council's web site www.trc.govt.nz.

9. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act 1991. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to consents@trc.govt.nz.
10. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
 - a) during the month of June 2022 and/or
 - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 9 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

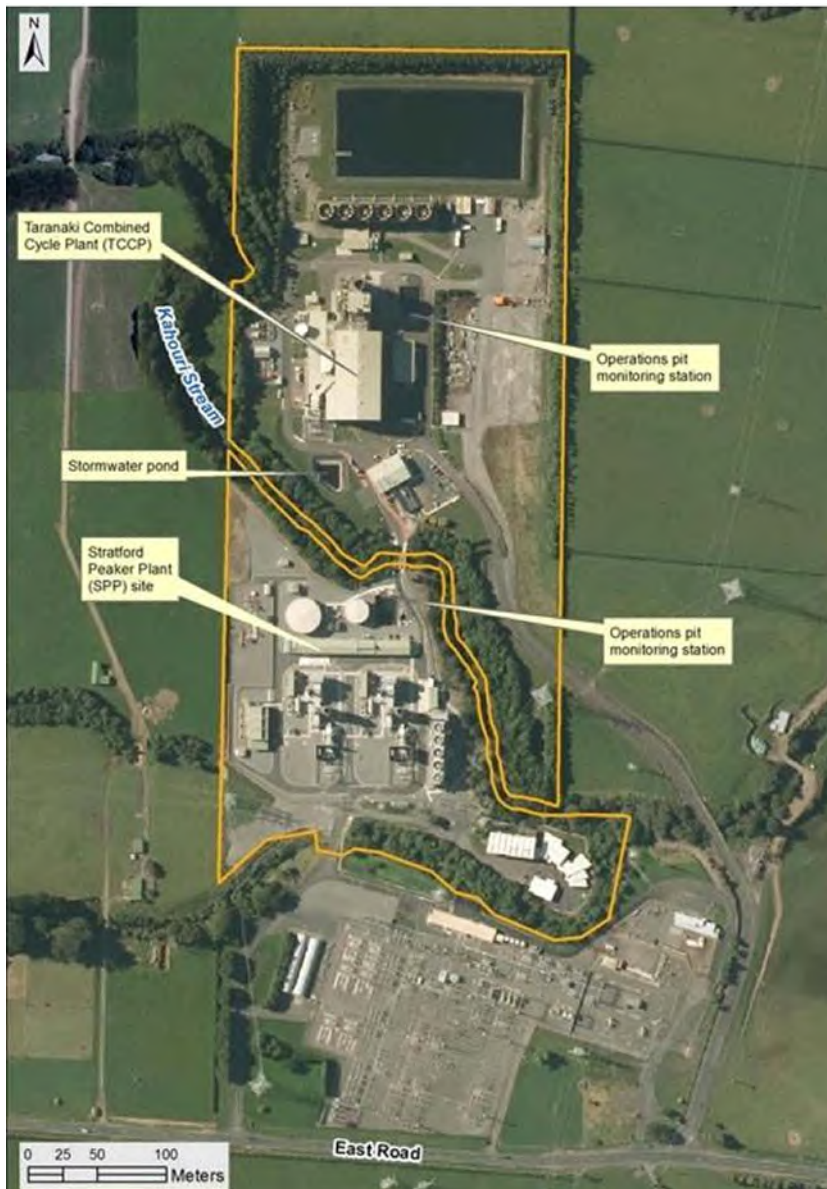
Signed at Stratford on 1 February 2024

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



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Director - Resource Management

Appendix 1: Stormwater Catchment Area



Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Change To
Conditions Date: 6 March 2008 [Granted: 25 May 1994]

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain water pipelines and associated control cables above, through or below the beds of the Toko Stream and various small unnamed streams, for the purpose of water transmission from the Patea River to Power Stations at East Road, Stratford at or about 2631900E-6204900N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2010, June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Pt Secs 134 & 132, Secs 110, 111 & 130 Blk II Ngaere SD, Subdivision 2 of Sec 112 Ngaere SD, Lots 1 & 2 DP 363968, Lot 1 DP 16285, Lot 1 DP 141, Lot 1 DP 17136, Pt Lots 8 to 13 DP 141, Pt Secs 39 & 40 Blk III Ngaere SD, Lot 2 DP 1115, Pt Lots 1 & 2 DP 739, Lot 1 DP 20723

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Toko

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. Prior to commencing construction the consent holder shall provide plans and details of the pipeline and associated structure[s], to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
2. The pipelines and associated structure[s] shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the plans and details provided under condition 1, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The exercise of this consent shall not restrict the passage of fish.
4. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council prior to the commencement and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
5. Any instream maintenance works [that would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water] shall only take place between 1 November and 30 April, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
6. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
8. The structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.

Consent 4462-1

9. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during the month of June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Signed at Stratford on 6 March 2008

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 24 May 2000

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge fine sediment and organic matter from water intake structure tee screens to the Patea River at or about GR: Q20:319-049

Expiry Date: 1 June 2028

Review Date(s): June 2004, June 2010, June 2016, June 2022

Site Location: Patea River, approximately 500 m downstream from the Toko Stream confluence, Toko Road, Toko, Stratford

Legal Description: Pt Sec 2 DP 1041 Blk IV Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The discharge licensed by this consent shall be undertaken in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of the application to ensure the conditions of this consent are met.
2. After allowing for mixing within a mixing zone extending 25 metres downstream of the intake structure, the discharge shall not give rise to any of the following effects in the receiving waters of the Patea River:
 - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
 - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
 - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
3. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects of the discharge on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Consent 5633-1

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 27 November 2001

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge up to 6,740 cubic metres/day [78 litres/second averaged over 15 minutes] of used water mainly blowdown water from the cooling system from combined cycle power stations into the Patea River at or about GR: Q20:246-068

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2004, June 2010, June 2016, June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Combined Cycle Power Station, State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Pt Sec 121 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

- 1. The consent shall be exercised in accordance with the procedures set out in an effluent disposal management plan [the effluent disposal management plan'], which shall demonstrate ability to comply with consent conditions and shall address the following matters:
 - i) monitoring of discharge effluent;
 - ii) chemical, physicochemical, ecological and biological [including trout] monitoring of the Patea River;
 - iii) minimisation of ammonia and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the discharge effluent;
 - iv) mitigation of the effects of the discharge [including but not limited to, the options of riparian planting and other off-site mitigation measures]; and
 - v) reporting on the exercise of consent.
- 2. The effluent disposal management plan shall be submitted to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, for approval not later than three months prior to the exercise of the consent, and such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld if the effluent disposal management plan demonstrates ability to comply with the conditions of this consent and addresses the matters set out in special condition 1 above. Thereafter the effluent disposal management plan shall be subject to revision upon three months' notice by either the consent holder or the Taranaki Regional Council.

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3. No later than three months prior to exercise of the consent, the consent holder shall provide to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, details of water treatment chemicals for use at the Stratford Combined Cycle Power Station, including raw water, boiler water and cooling water. Further, the consent holder shall provide to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, details of any change in water treatment chemical, or increase in maximum concentration of any water treatment chemical used, no later than one month prior to the change.
4. No later than three months prior to exercise of the consent, the consent holder shall provide to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, details of cleaning chemicals for use at the Stratford Combined Cycle Power Station. Further, the consent holder shall provide to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, details of any change in cleaning chemical, or increase in maximum concentration of any cleaning chemical used, no later than one month prior to the change.
5. Pursuant to section 128(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may review special condition 12 of this consent, by giving notice of review within three months of the provision of information under special condition 3 or 4 involving the use of treatment or cleaning chemicals not already advised to the Council or at concentrations not already advised to the Council, for the purpose of including standards addressing water treatment chemicals, cleaning chemicals and their products.
6. The consent holder shall prepare and maintain a contingency plan, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, for action to be taken in the event of accidental spillage or discharge of contaminants, the initial plan to be provided no later than three months prior to exercise of this consent.
7. That after allowing for reasonable mixing in a zone of 75 metres extending downstream of the discharge point ['the mixing zone'], the discharge shall not give rise to all or any of the following effects in the receiving water:
 - i) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams or floatable or suspended materials;
 - ii) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
 - iii) any emission of an objectionable odour;
 - iv) the rendering of freshwater unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
 - v) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life, habitats, or ecology;
 - vi) any undesirable biological growths.
8. Within the mixing zone the discharge shall not give rise to a barrier preventing the movement of fish species.
9. The discharge shall not :

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- (i) alter the ambient temperature of the receiving waters of the Patea River by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius for 95% of the time that the discharge is occurring on an annual basis; and
- (ii) alter the ambient temperature of the receiving waters of the Patea River by more than 2.0 degrees Celsius at any time

when measured simultaneously immediately upstream and 75 metres downstream of the discharge site.

- 10. The discharge shall not raise the temperature of the receiving water above 25 degrees Celsius when measured 75 metres downstream of the discharge site.
- 11. The consent holder shall continuously monitor the temperature of the receiving waters so as to assess compliance with special conditions 9 and 10, and forward the results of this monitoring to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, at monthly intervals.
- 12. The following concentrations shall not be exceeded in the discharge effluent:

Component	Concentration
pH [range]	6.0 – 9.0
Total Residual Chlorine	0.05 gm ⁻³

This condition shall apply immediately prior to the entry of the effluent into the receiving water.

- 13. The discharge shall not cause the concentration of un-ionised ammonia in the Patea River to exceed 0.025 grams per cubic metre when measured at a point 75 metres downstream of the discharge.
- 14. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of six years after the date of commencement of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 15. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent, by giving notice of review during June 2004, and/or June 2010, and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of

Consent 5848-1

Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited (WELLINGTON)
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 27 November 2001

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain an intake structure and ancillary pipework and pumps in and on the bed, and including disturbance associated with construction of the bed of the Patea River, for the purpose of taking water for combined cycle power station purposes located at or about GR: Q20:260-064

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2004, June 2010, June 2016, June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: Skinner Road, Stratford

Legal Description: Patea Riverbed adjoining Pt Lot 8 DP 141 Blk III Ngaere
SD

Catchment: Patea

Consent 5850-1

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council, at least 48 hours prior to the commencement and upon completion of the initial construction and again prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the riverbed or discharges to water.
2. The structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be constructed generally in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of the application and shall be maintained to ensure the conditions of this consent are met.
3. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option to avoid or minimise the discharge of silt or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
4. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
5. The structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.
6. Any disturbance of parts of the riverbed covered by water and/or any works which may result in downstream discolouration of water shall be undertaken only between 1 November and 30 April, except where this requirement is waived in writing by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

Consent 5850-1

7. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of six years after the date of commencement of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125 (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
8. The Taranaki Regional Council may review any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2004 and/or June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions adequately deal with the environmental effects arising from the exercise of this consent which were not foreseen at the time the application was considered and which it is appropriate to deal with at the time of the review.

Transferred at Stratford on 4 July 2005

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Discharge Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 6 March 2008

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from the operation of the cooling tower associated with the Stratford Peaker Power Plant at or about 2623861E-6207168N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2010, June 2016, June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 17776 & Lot 1 DP 19365 Blk II Ngaere SD

Consent 7247-1

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. A hybrid dry/wet mechanical draft cooling tower, as described in section 3.3.4 of the assessment of environmental effects provided with the application, shall be installed.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least seven days prior to the exercise of this consent. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz. Notification by fax or post is acceptable only if the consent holder does not have access to email.
4. The consent holder shall at all times operate, maintain, supervise, monitor and control all processes so that emissions authorised by this consent are maintained at the minimum practicable level.
5. The evaporative cooling system to be used shall not produce a visible plume at any ambient condition further from saturation than 6° Celsius and 85% relative humidity.
6. That the evaporative cooling system shall be operated in order that the loss of cooling water as droplet drift to atmosphere does not exceed in aggregate 0.02% of the cooling water circulation rate at the time.
7. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant, processes or operations which may significantly change the nature or quantity of contaminants emitted from the site and authorised by this consent, the consent holder shall consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act.

Consent 7247-1

8. The consent holder shall provide the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council a description of the water treatment regime to be used in the cooling tower systems no later than 7 days prior to the first exercise of this consent. The consent holder shall thereafter advise the Chief Executive of the current water treatment regime.
9. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to an odour at or beyond the boundary of the site that is offensive or objectionable.
10. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems, including but not limited to habitats, plants, animals, microflora and microfauna.
11. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of five years after the date of issue of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
12. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 6 March 2008

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 6 March 2008

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge over an unnamed tributary of the Kahouri Stream for pedestrian access and carriage of water pipes, high voltage cables, control cables and associated utilities at or about 2623738E-6207157N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2010, June 2016, June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 19365 & Lot 1 DP 18343 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of application 4907. In the case of any contradiction between the documentation submitted in support of application 4907 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. Before beginning construction of the bridge the consent holder shall provide plans of the bridge to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least seven days prior to the exercise of this consent. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz. Notification by fax or post is acceptable only if the consent holder does not have access to email.
4. The consent holder shall take all reasonable steps to:
 - a) minimise the amount of sediment discharged to the stream;
 - b) minimise the amount of sediment that becomes suspended in the stream; and
 - c) mitigate the effects of any sediment in the stream.

Undertaking work in accordance with *Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki region*, by the Taranaki Regional Council, will achieve compliance with this condition.

5. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
6. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.

Consent 7248-1

7. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of five years after the date of issue of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
8. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 6 March 2008

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Land Use Consent
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Contact Energy Limited
P O Box 10742
WELLINGTON

Consent Granted
Date: 6 March 2008

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To erect, place, use and maintain a bridge over the Kahouri Stream for pedestrian access and carriage of water pipes, high voltage cables, control cables and associated utilities at or about 2623777E-6207372N

Expiry Date: 1 June 2034

Review Date(s): June 2010, June 2016, June 2022, June 2028

Site Location: State Highway 43 [East Road], Stratford

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 17776 & Lots 1 & 2 DP 19365 Blk II Ngaere SD

Catchment: Patea

Tributary: Kahouri

General conditions

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
 - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
 - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

Special conditions

1. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken substantially in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of application 4909. In the case of any contradiction between the documentation submitted in support of application 4909 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. Before beginning construction of the bridge the consent holder shall provide plans of the bridge to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least seven days prior to the exercise of this consent. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz. Notification by fax or post is acceptable only if the consent holder does not have access to email.
4. The consent holder shall take all reasonable steps to:
 - a) minimise the amount of sediment discharged to the stream;
 - b) minimise the amount of sediment that becomes suspended in the stream; and
 - c) mitigate the effects of any sediment in the stream.

Undertaking work in accordance with *Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki region*, by the Taranaki Regional Council, will achieve compliance with this condition.

5. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of riverbed disturbance shall, so far as is practicable, be minimised and any areas which are disturbed shall, so far as is practicable, be reinstated.
6. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure[s] authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure[s] are no longer required. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council at least 48 hours prior to structure[s] removal and reinstatement.

Consent 7250-1

7. This consent shall lapse on the expiry of five years after the date of issue of this consent, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
8. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2010 and/or June 2016 and/or June 2022 and/or June 2028, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 6 March 2008

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

Director-Resource Management

Appendix II

Categories used to evaluate environmental and administrative performance

Categories used to evaluate environmental and administrative performance

Environmental performance is concerned with actual or likely effects on the receiving environment from the activities during the monitoring year. Administrative performance is concerned with the Company's approach to demonstrating consent compliance in site operations and management including the timely provision of information to Council (such as contingency plans and water take data) in accordance with consent conditions.

Events that were beyond the control of the consent holder and unforeseeable (that is a defence under the provisions of the RMA can be established) may be excluded with regard to the performance rating applied. For example loss of data due to a flood destroying deployed field equipment.

The categories used by the Council for this monitoring period, and their interpretation, are as follows:

Environmental Performance

High: No or inconsequential (short-term duration, less than minor in severity) breaches of consent or regional plan parameters resulting from the activity; no adverse effects of significance noted or likely in the receiving environment. The Council did not record any verified unauthorised incidents involving environmental impacts and was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to such impacts.

Good: Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were negligible or minor at most. There were some such issues noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party but these items were not critical, and follow-up inspections showed they have been dealt with. These minor issues were resolved positively, co-operatively, and quickly. The Council was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to the minor non-compliant effects however, abatement notices may have been issued to mitigate an identified potential for an environmental effect to occur.

For example:

- High suspended solid values recorded in discharge samples however, the discharge was to land or to receiving waters that were in high flow at the time;
- Strong odour beyond boundary but no residential properties or other recipient nearby.

Improvement required: Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were more than minor, but not substantial. There were some issues noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent minor non-compliant activity could elevate a minor issue to this level. Abatement notices and infringement notices may have been issued in respect of effects.

Poor: Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were significant. There were some items noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent moderate non-compliant activity could elevate an 'improvement required' issue to this level. Typically there were grounds for either a prosecution or an infringement notice in respect of effects.

Administrative performance

High: The administrative requirements of the resource consents were met, or any failure to do this had trivial consequences and were addressed promptly and co-operatively.

Good: Perhaps some administrative requirements of the resource consents were not met at a particular time however, this was addressed without repeated interventions from the Council staff. Alternatively adequate reason was provided for matters such as the no or late provision of information, interpretation of 'best practical option' for avoiding potential effects, etc.

Improvement required: Repeated interventions to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents were made by Council staff. These matters took some time to resolve, or remained unresolved at the end of the period under review. The Council may have issued an abatement notice to attain compliance.

Poor: Material failings to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents. Significant intervention by the Council was required. Typically there were grounds for an infringement notice.

Appendix III

Company provided Annual Environmental Report

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Attn: Chania Hattle

1st August 2024

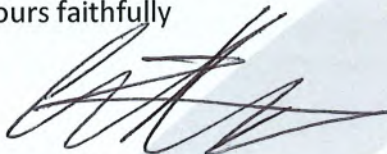
Dear Chania

Subject: Stratford Power Station Annual Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

This summary relates to compliance with Resource Consents held for the operation of Stratford Power Station and the Resource Management (Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes) Regulations for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Please find included an overview of plant operation with regard to consent monitoring and relevant operational changes for the year in review. Summary reports reflecting the last year are included for wastewater discharge, raw water abstraction and stack emissions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Stieller".

Grant Stieller
Generation Controller - Taranaki

Consent Monitoring Highlights for the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

Consent 4455-1 Water Take from the Patea River:

Abstraction from the Patea River was within the consent requirements throughout the year with the river flow results being supplied by TRC.

The total volume of water taken from the Patea River during the year was 1,216,862 m³ with an average abstraction rate of 38 l/s. The maximum abstraction rate for the year was 115 l/s in August 2023.

Total Volume taken in FY24	Consented limit
1,216,862 m ³	19,440m ³ per day (7,095,600m ³)

Consent 5848-1 Waste Water Discharge into the Patea River:

River Temperature:

- During the year the river temperature remained below 25°C allowing for continuous site discharge.
- Temperature differentials remained within the consent limit of 1.5°C for the entire year.
- River temperature probes were calibrated periodically during the year in accordance with the maintenance plan.

The maximum River water temperature and difference between upstream and downstream temperatures occurred in January with a river water temperature of 23°C and differential of 0.91°C.

Discharge Flow:

The maximum recorded combined discharge flow for the year was 46.5 l/s, this being within the discharge consent limit of 78 l/s.

The average combined discharge flow from the site was 10.73 l/s for the year.

The total volume of wastewater discharged for the year from site was 316,005 m³. This equates to approximately 26 % of the water abstracted for plant use during the year.

Monitoring of both the TCC and SPP wastewater discharges is by online analysers. Routine inter-comparison sampling is also performed to verify accuracy of testing in the laboratory. Calibration and servicing of the wastewater pH meters and chlorine meters was carried out as required throughout the year.

High chlorine values were recorded on several occasions while the wastewater discharge valves were closing. These high values often occur due to low sample volume when the

circulation pump has been stopped due to low water level in the wastewater pit. When the high chlorine values are recorded, the control system is in the process of closing the outlet valve to prohibit discharge, thus keeping outflows within consent limits.

Total discharged in FY24	Consented limit
316,005 m ³	6,740 m ³ per day (2,460,100m ³)

Consent 4459-1 Discharge storm water to Piakau and Kahouri Streams (Stratford Power Station):

Storm water discharge remained within consent conditions for the entire year.

The TCC storm water pond overflowed into the neighbouring river on several occasions during the year due to high rainfall occurrences. These are included in monthly reporting statistics. The storm water recovery pump was available for automatic operation. During normal rainfall all storm water from both sites is collected and used within the process.

A variation for this consent was granted on 1 February 2024 to incorporate all stormwater generated from operational activities at the Stratford Power Station site under one consent by increasing the active stormwater area to account for the future development of a Battery Energy Storage System (as consented through Stratford District Council in 2022).

Consent 4454-1 Discharge to air (TCC):

The maximum hourly Nitrogen Oxides discharge rate from the plant for the reporting year was 117.5 kg/hr, which is below the consent limit of 430 kg/hr.

Under normal operation, the maximum concentration of Nitrogen Oxide emissions for the year was 32.63 ppm this is below the consent limit of 50 ppm.

Under start up and shut down operation, the plant is permitted to exceed the 50 ppm limit, the maximum emissions during these periods was 79.97 ppm.

Total Carbon Dioxide stack emissions were calculated to be 588,667 tonnes for the year and the total Nitrogen Oxides emissions from the plant were recorded at 176.7 tonnes for the year.

The cooling tower plume was visible under low ambient conditions as allowed under consents.

Consent 4022-3 Discharge to air (SPP):

The replacement consent was granted on 12 September 2023 and the discharge to air from SPP now occurs under Consent 4022-3.

The consent conditions included the establishment of a kaitiaki rūpū with Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Maru to facilitate partnership in respect of the activities authorised by this consent. The invitation was sent on 15th September 2023 with meetings held on 15th November 2023 and 5 March 2024. A draft Terms of Reference has been established for the operation of the kaitiaki rūpū and it has become a useful forum for sharing pānui about each other's activities (wider than this consent) building on the engagement that has occurred over the last few years.

The Air Monitoring Programme required in Condition 11 was submitted to Taranaki Regional Council on 8th January 2024. This programme recommended the continuation of the biennial stack testing of Nitrous Oxides and this is next due to be completed by June 2025.

Consent 7247-1 Discharge to air (SPP cooling tower)

We have a hybrid dry/wet mechanical draft cooling tower here for the Stratford Peaker units which is designed to efficiently manage the heat dissipation process and to minimize or eliminate the visible amount of plume. We also monitor for any odours at or beyond our boundary of the site that is offensive or objectionable to our neighbours.

We fully maintain, monitor and control all processes so that emissions authorised by this consent are maintained at the minimum practical level.

Inter Laboratory Comparisons and site inspections:

During the year, inter laboratory comparison samples were taken on several occasions. Results reported between the site Laboratory, on-line analysers and the TRC Laboratory were acceptable for all parameters being measured. Inter-comparison sampling occurred on 6th September 2023, 31st January 2024, and 30th April 2024

Site Inspection Notices

Inspection Notice	Inspection Type	Date Issued	Consent	Comments
OBS-2023-116634	Stratford Compliance Monitoring	6th September 2023	R2/4022-2, R2/4454-1, R2/5848-1	All Compliant
OBS-2024-120815	Stratford Compliance Monitoring	31st January 2024	R2/5848-1	All Compliant
OBS-2024-123379	Stratford Compliance Monitoring	30 th April 2024	R2/4456-1, R2/4458-1, R2/4459-1.3, R2/5633-1, R2/5848-1	All Compliant
OBS-2024-126141	Stratford Compliance Monitoring	12 th June 2024	R2/4459-1.3	All Compliant

Plant Improvements:

Captivate Technology completed a successful trial at SPP in June 2024 to capture carbon dioxide from the emission gas from GT21. There are positive economic business cases for turning carbon dioxide into value and we are open to being involved in future trials at SPP.

Plant Operation:

The Stratford Team now have responsibility for operating the Contact Energy Gas Turbine Power plant in Whirinaki. The site provides 24-hour control and monitoring and provides management, maintenance and engineering support. This is a great opportunity to strengthen the expert workforce in Stratford during our transition to renewable energy.

During spring of 2023, TCC was prepared for extended operation with forecast low hydrology for 2024. The unit then ran for significant periods chosen for its higher efficiency across the NZ wide fleet.

Extensive gas turbine borescope and steam turbine inspections were undertaken with internal condition being assessed as suitable for extended operation, this was the most effective option to meet the predicted difficult market conditions.

The Gas Turbine exhaust emissions monitoring system was subject to some additional attention with components being both maintained and upgraded locally with a much improved availability outcome.

TCC Gas Turbine will not receive any further major overhauls and is expected to be decommissioned by the end of 2024 as part of the CEL decarbonisation strategy.

Abnormal Running Conditions

In March 2023, the Nox water pump control drive failed on our LMS 100 engine GT21, which we had no spares for, so were running engine without Nox control, (still within our consent limits). We completed the fix in October 2023 and since this fault have now sourced appropriate spares if this fault ever occurs again.

TCC Number of Operational Days July 2023 – June 2024

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
29	31	30	6	0	17	23	19	31	11	21	30

TCC	Start	Stop
July	1 st July	
August		
September		
October		7 th Oct
November	17 th Nov, 03:30 Hrs	17 th Nov, 05:20 Hrs
December	19 th Dec	
January		23 rd Jan
February	11 th Feb	
March		
April		10 th April
May	10 th May, 05:30 Hrs	10 th May, 10:15 Hrs
May	12 th May	
June		

GT21 Number of Operational Days July 2023 – June 2024

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
5	17	9	23	25	20	2	8	9	4	12	6

Breakdown of GT21 operational starts over the year

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	Y		Y		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	
2	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		Y	
3	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y			Y		Y	
4		Y	Y	Y		Y					Y	
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6			Y			Y			Y		Y	
7			Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	
8				Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	
9				Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	
10		Y		Y	Y	Y		Y			Y	
11				Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
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27	Y				Y							Y
28	Y	Y		Y	Y			Y				Y
29		Y			Y			Y		Y	Y	
30		Y	Y	Y	Y					Y		
31		Y		Y								

GT22 Number of Operational Days July 2023 – June 2024

July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Breakdown of GT22 operational starts over the year

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1	Y											
2	Y	Y										
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29	Y											
30	Y											
31	Y											

We are continually reviewing long term trends to help identify any changes to our consent requirements, including raw water usage, wastewater discharges and emissions to ensure Contact Energy achieves above expectations.

Appendix IV

SPP Air Discharge Report June 2023



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Report on velocity & gas compositions, from gas turbine 21 & 22 units, conducted on 8th of June 2023.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Preliminary Information

Scope

This report describes air emissions monitoring performed by Air Resource Management Ltd on behalf of Contact Energy Ltd at the Stratford thermal generation site, East Rd, Stratford, Taranaki on 8th June 2023. The results of the emission testing exercise are presented following a brief description of the process and the test methods used.

Purpose

This monitoring programme was requested by Contact Energy, to assess the air emissions & performance of each of the two General Electric (GE) LMS100 PA gas turbine (GT) peaker power plants, installed at the Stratford site (the “Stratford peaker plants”). Contact Energy requested the air emissions testing to demonstrate that the Stratford peaker plants are being operated in compliance with the requirements specified in the Taranaki Regional Council Resource Consent for air discharges for the site; Permit No 4022-2, Conditions 7 and 8. The compliance conditions specified in Conditions 7 and 8 of the resource consent No 4022-2 for emissions from the Stratford site peaker plant(s) are:

- 7 That except in any period of 30 minutes following the initiation of start-up of a turbine or in any period of 30 minutes prior to the cessation of the generation of electricity from a turbine, in the event that the discharge of nitrogen oxides exceeds:
 - (a) A mass emission rate for the site of 175 g.s^{-1}
 - (b) [cancelled]
 - (c) A concentration in any gas turbine stack equivalent to 100 mg.m^{-3} at 450 degrees Celsius, or to 125 ppm [volumetric basis].
- 8 That the sum of all discharges of nitrogen oxides from the site of the power station is not to exceed 830 kg in any period of one hour.

Limitations

This report has been prepared by Air Resource Management Ltd for Contact Energy Ltd based upon the scope of sampling as set out in the preceding section and subsequent results presented in this report. This is a factual report on air emission monitoring and laboratory analysis only. Opinions and conclusions included are based upon our understanding and interpretation of these results only and should not be construed as legal opinions. Analysis of the effects of these results on ground level concentrations, and any health impacts that may arise thereof, is beyond the scope of this report. No interpretation of the final results beyond factual comparison of the data presented should be inferred as having been made in this report. Results are presented on the basis that the definition of normal production conditions is reliant upon information supplied by Contact Energy personnel.

1.2 Process Description and Sampling Location

Process Description

Contact Energy's Stratford thermal generation site has two General Electric (GE) open cycle LMS100 PA gas turbines, (the Stratford Peaker plants). These two gas turbines are designated by Contact Energy as GT21 & GT22, and are referred to as such for the purposes of this report. Each LMS100 PA gas turbine provides approximately 100 MW via an aerodynamically coupled generator (i.e., using a free power turbine without the need for a speed reduction gearbox). All gas installed at the Stratford site are fuelled on natural gas. The LMS100 PA gas turbines are equipped with deNOx water injection (i.e., water injected into the GT combustion zone to reduce NOx emissions). At the time of sampling **deNOx was not available for GT21**, while **deNOx was working as normal for GT22**.

Monitoring was performed over a 180-minute period, on each of the two Stratford Peaker plants. The testing was conducted in 25-minute runs, with 5 minutes of pausing at each power level change, to allow for conditions to stabilise. Starting at 7 Megawatts, then increasing to 30, 50, 70, 95, then 101 for GT21 & 106 for GT22. Data gathered will be used to demonstrate that the above compliance conditions are being met under routine normal operating conditions for the plants. No power plant start-up and/or shut-down emissions measurements were requested as part of the monitoring data set.

Sampling Point Locations:

The exhaust gases from each gas turbine are directed through a 90° bend before being discharged to the atmosphere from a vertical exhaust stack. The exhaust stacks rise to a height of approximately 23 metres above ground level. Each exhaust stack has a pair of internal noise baffles orientated parallel to the gas turbine's centreline. The emissions from the gas turbine were sampled from the exhaust stack sampling points which are located approximately 1.8m from the top of the stack at which point the stacks have an internal diameter of approximately 3.6m.

Due to the diameter to height ratio and internal noise baffles, there are no sampling points available that can be defined as an undisturbed flow as per the definition of the standard methods used. Therefore, the flow measurements undertaken from the sample points on the Stratford Peaker plant exhaust stacks may not be accurate to within the precision of the method. The nature of the operation of a gas turbine results in the exhaust gases being well mixed prior to reaching the exhaust stack sampling points and hence the concentrations for the exhaust gases presented herein are considered to be fully representative.

Due to the size of our type-S pitot, not all positions across the traverse could have their differential reading taken. Positions 1 to 18 could be reached, but 19 to 24 were out of range. Please see velocity traverse graphs. However, due to the good laminar flow within the stack, as seen by velocity results, this issue has little effect on volumetric flow rate results.

2 Methodology

2.1 Sampling Methods

Stack Conditions:

Prior to a sampling run, duct conditions are determined using direct measurements of temperature, pressure, and gas composition. The velocity of flue gas is calculated from a series of differential pressure readings using a S-type pitot traverse across the diameter of the duct. Correcting the velocity to 0°C and 1 ATM (dry gas basis) and multiplying by the duct area allow for the determination of the volumetric flow at time of testing. Such measurements are repeated between runs to assess potential temporal variations throughout the duration of the sampling.

ARM Method 1-4.

Instrumental Continuous Emission Monitoring:

A Testo 350 Portable Emission Analyser, manufactured in Germany by Testo SE & Co. KGaA, was used to measure gas composition. The Testo 350 uses electrochemical cells to measure oxygen (O₂), carbon monoxide (CO) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) via separate measurement of nitrogen oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The Testo 350 also measures carbon dioxide (CO₂) using non-dispersive infrared (NDIR). The Testo 350 meets the requirements of the U.S. EPA conditional test method CTM-034: Determination of Oxygen, Carbon Monoxide and Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Sources, for Periodic Monitoring (Portable Electrochemical Analyzer Procedure). The Testo 350 Portable Emission Analyser extracts a continuous gas sample from the sampling point via a testing probe supplied as standard with the analyser. The stack gases are automatically conditioned (i.e., filtration, dried and dilution if required) within the Testo 350 prior to measurement. The Testo 350 was inspected, and checked prior to sampling being undertaken.

Air Resource Management is IANZ accredited for all of the tests performed.

2.2 Quality Assurance

Instrument Calibration:

The Testo 350 instrument has been given a service and calibration check for each of the gases being measured. The calibration involves checking the zero and span settings by introducing calibration gases into the instrument for each of the parameters. At the conclusion of the sampling runs the instrument is again given a calibration check and the results of the testing are corrected for any drift in both the zero offset and span off the before and after calibration.

Detection Limits:

There are different detection limits, for each specific gas. If a sample is below this detection limit value, a less than sign (<) is used to indicate this. Below is a table, showing each limit.

Table 1: Detection Limit Values

Contaminant	Detection Limits
O ₂	0.01 vol.%
CO ₂	0.01 vol.%
CO	1ppm
NO	1ppm
NO ₂	0.1ppm
NO _x	0.1ppm

3 Results

3.1 Gas Turbine 21 results

Table 2: Sampling Plane Provisions

Gas Turbine 21	
Duct Dimensions	3.6m
Distance from nearest upstream disturbance	0.5 duct diameters
Distance from nearest downstream disturbance	0.5 duct diameters
Port fitting	1 x 4 inch port
Discharge	Vertical
Gas Moisture Content (STP)	12.3%

Table 3: Sampling Details

Sample	Start Time	End Time	Average Gas Temperature (°C)	Average Gas Velocity (m/s)	Volumetric gas flow, STP, dry (m ³ /s)
7MW	09:05	09:30	436	14.4	49.9
30MW	09:35	10:00	427	25.3	88.6
50MW	10:05	10:30	418	31.1	110.6
70MW	10:35	11:00	415	37.1	132.4
95MW	11:05	11:30	404	43.9	159.4
101MW	11:35	12:00	410	45.3	162.5
Average			418	32.9	117.2

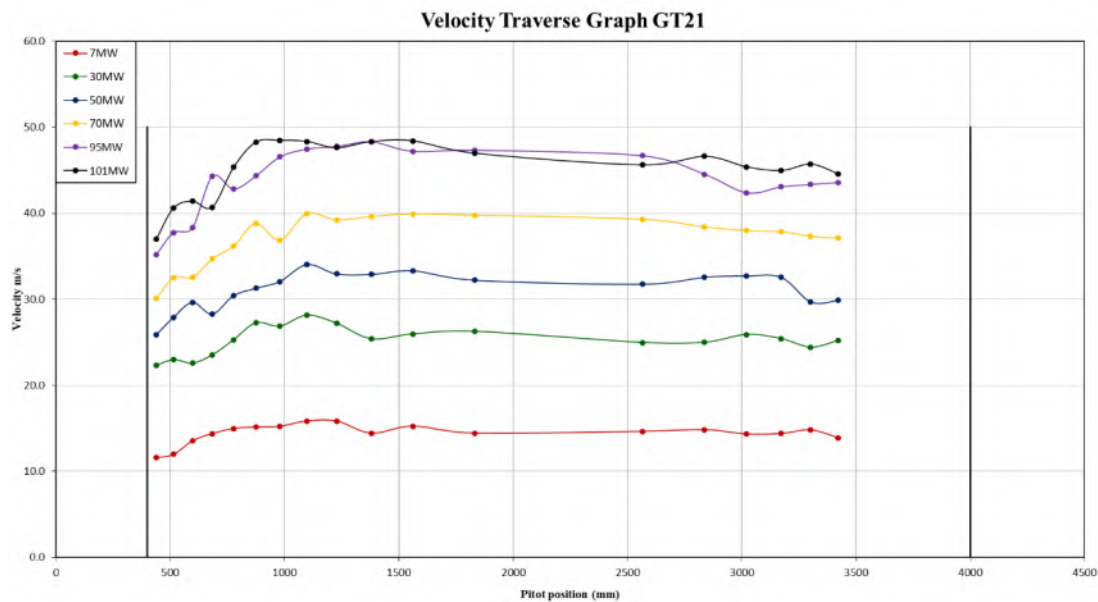


Figure 1: Velocity Traverse Graph – GT21

Table 4: Sampling Details – GT21

Sample	O ₂ %	CO ₂ %	*CO ₂ (kg/hr)	CO (ppm)	**NO _x (ppm)	NO ₂ (ppm)	NO (ppm)
7MW	15.12	3.24	11424	7	53.4	3.4	50.0
30MW	14.83	3.40	21286	7	60.4	5.4	55.0
50MW	14.58	3.61	28213	7	74.4	7.4	67.0
70MW	14.15	3.88	36300	5	91.0	8.5	82.5
95MW	13.86	4.05	45618	5	104.7	4.5	100.2
101MW	13.69	4.15	47653	4	111.9	4.5	107.3
Average	14.4	3.7	28273	5.8	82.6	5.6	77.0

*Carbon dioxide is converted into a mass emission, given in kilograms per hour on a dry gas basis, at standard pressure and 0 degrees Celsius.

** On GT21, the deNO_x was not available, so NO_x levels will be higher.

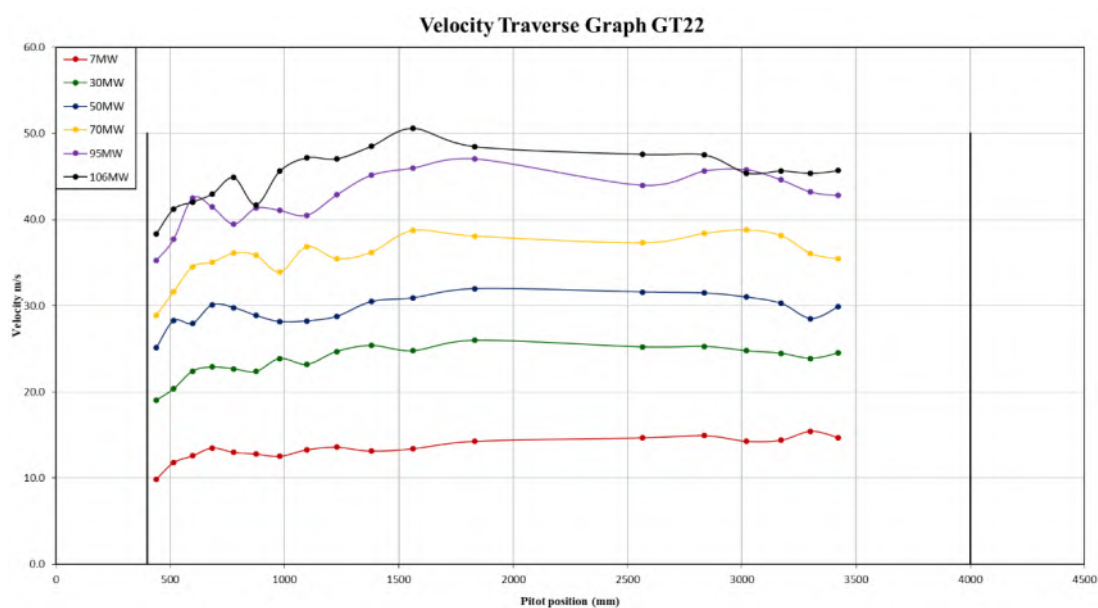
3.2 Gas Turbine 22 Results

Table 5: Sampling Plane Provisions

Gas Turbine 21	
Duct Dimensions	3.6m
Distance from nearest upstream disturbance	0.5 duct diameters
Distance from nearest downstream disturbance	0.5 duct diameters
Port fitting	1 x 4 inch port
Discharge	Vertical
Gas Moisture Content (STP)	15.0%

Table 6: Sampling Details

Sample	Start Time	End Time	Average Gas Temperature (°C)	Average Gas Velocity (m/s)	Volumetric gas flow, STP, dry (m ³ /s)
7MW	13:05	13:30	456	13.5	43.8
30MW	13:35	14:00	432	23.7	79.9
50MW	14:05	14:30	419	29.5	101.8
70MW	14:35	15:00	414	35.9	124.5
95MW	15:05	15:30	405	42.6	149.9
106MW	15:35	16:00	410	45.3	158.2
Average			423	31.8	109.7

**Figure 2: Velocity Traverse Graph – GT22****Table 7: Sampling Details**

Sample	O ₂ %	CO ₂ %	*CO ₂ (kg/hr)	CO (ppm)	NO _x (ppm)	NO ₂ (ppm)	NO (ppm)
7MW	16.20	2.65	8202	20	32.5	3.7	28.8
30MW	14.93	3.37	19027	10	34.6	4.7	29.9
50MW	14.30	3.72	26760	7	41.1	5.8	35.3
70MW	13.81	4.00	35190	6	45.8	6.2	39.6
95MW	13.45	4.22	44700	5	46.9	6.1	40.8
106MW	13.19	4.37	48851	5	49.9	6.2	43.7
Average	14.31	3.72	26452	8.8	41.8	5.5	36.4

*Carbon dioxide is converted into a mass emission, given in kilograms per hour on a dry gas basis, at standard pressure and 0 degrees Celsius.

3.3 Comparison

Below is a comparison of some key figures, between Gas Turbines 21 & 22:

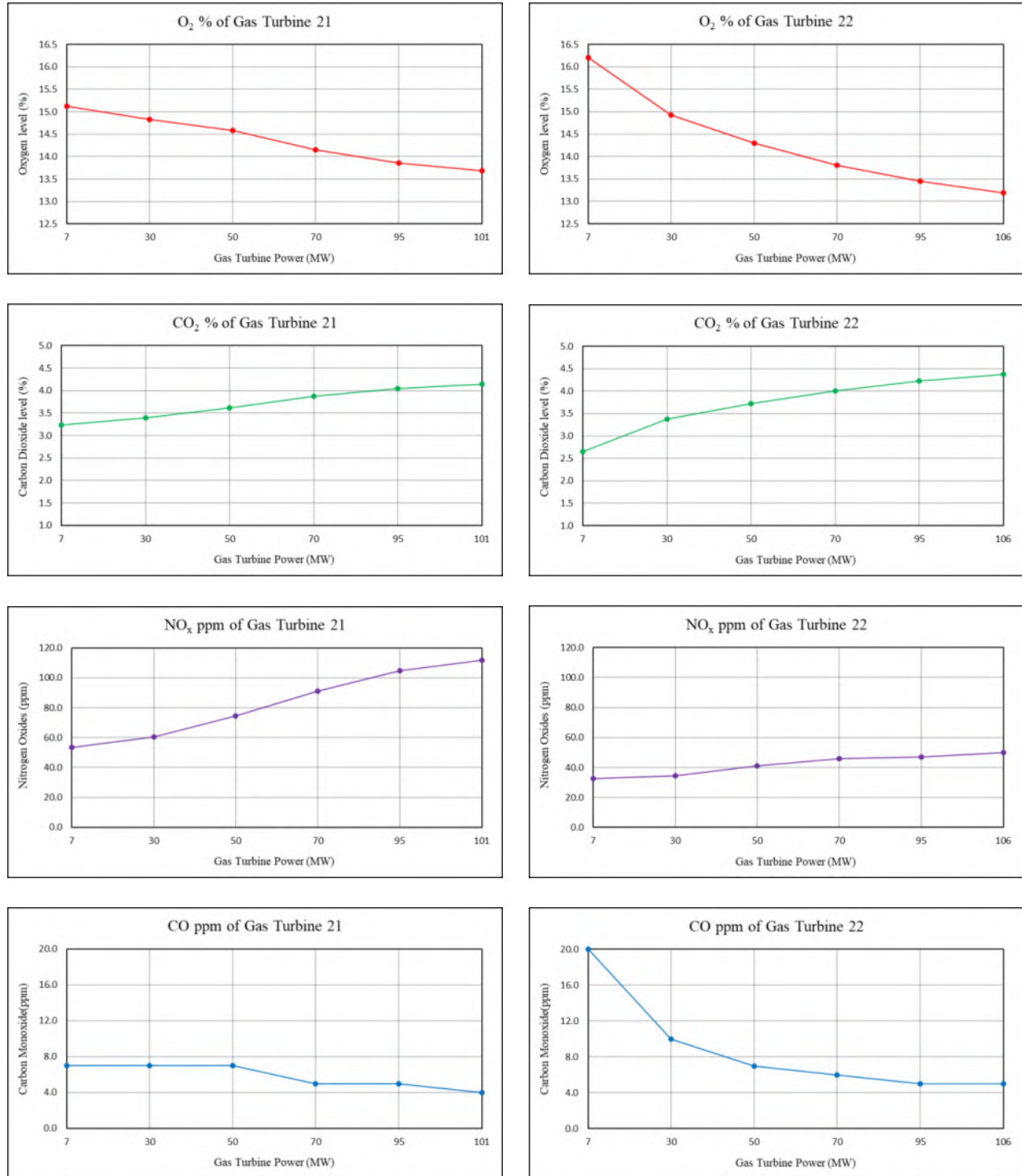


Figure 3: Graphs of GT21 & GT22 Comparison

4 Summary

The final results are given in terms of an average, over all the sampled power levels. The power level on any given day, will fluctuate between these estimated values, so an average of these is appropriate. Due to the deNO_x not being available for GT21, the results for NO_x will be high, which will affect the GT21 & 22 averages and totals.

Table 8: Summary of NO_x

Source (average)	NO _x (ppm)	NO ₂ (ppm)	NO (ppm)	Gas Temp (°C)
GT21	82.6	5.6	77.0	418
GT22	41.8	5.5	36.4	423
Average	62.2	5.6	56.7	421
	NO _x (ppm)	NO _x (mg/m ³ @ 450°C)	NO _x (g/s @ 0°C)	NO _x (kg/hr @ 0°C)
GT21	82.6	64.0	19.9	71.6
GT22	41.8	23.4	9.4	33.9
Total	124.4	87.4	29.3	105.5

*Calculation approximated using NO₂ as mass. All figures in table 8 to 1 ATM.

The air emission testing carried out on the 8th of June 2023 on both the Gas Turbines, located at the Contact Energy station at Stratford, show the following interpreted results for consent their conditions 7a, 7c & 8:

Table 9: Comparison with Consent

GT 21 Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(7a) NO _x Concentration (mg/m ³ , 450°C)	100	64.0
(7c) NO _x Mass Emission (g/s, 0°C)	175	19.9
GT 22 Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(7a) NO _x Concentration (mg/m ³ , 450°C)	100	23.4
(7c) NO _x Mass Emission (g/s, 0°C)	175	9.4
Total Results		
Figure	Consent Limit	Average Value
(8) NO _x Total Mass Emission (kg/hr, 0°C)	830	105.5

*All figures given on a dry gas basis, and to 1 atmospheric pressure.

Note: The emission testing was done solely of the Gas turbines and do not consider any NO_x emissions that maybe being emitted from other sources located at this site.

5 References

1. ARM Method 1: Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources.
Ref: USEPA Method 1 Sample and Velocity Traverses for Stationary Sources
2. ARM Method 2: Determination of Stack Gas Velocity and Flowrate (Type S Pitot Tube).
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3. ARM Method 3: Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Concentrations in Emissions from Stationary Sources.
Ref: USEPA Method 3 Determination of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Concentrations in Emissions from Stationary Sources
4. ARM Method 4: Determination of Moisture Content in Stack Gases.
Ref: USEPA Method 4 Determination of Moisture Content in Stack Gases
5. USEPA CTM-034 Test Method: Determination of Oxygen, Carbon Monoxide and Oxides of Nitrogen from Stationary Sources for Periodic Monitoring.
(Portable Electrochemical Analyzer Procedure)

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6 Appendices

Table A1

Contact Energy, G21 7MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.2
O ₂ (%)	15.1
N ₂ (%)	81.64
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.6
M _W S (dry)	29.12
M _W S(wet)	27.720
B _W S	0.13
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.784
Excess Air (%EA)	235.04
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	436.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	709.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-71
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-0.533
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	767.57
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	14.4
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	49.9

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0888
Moisture content (%)	12.6
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or
Assumed Moisture (%) <data>

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	44	436	11.6
A2	47		12.0
A3	60		13.5
A4	67		14.4
A5	73		15.0
A6	75		15.1
A7	75		15.2
A8	82		15.8
A9	82		15.8
A10	68		14.4
A11	76		15.2
A12	68		14.4
A13	70		14.6
A14	72		14.8
A15	67		14.3
A16	67		14.4
A17	71		14.8
A18	63		13.9
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	68	436	14.4
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Table A2

Contact Energy, G21 30MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	427.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	700.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-145
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-1.088
Stack pressure (mmHg) (P _s)	767.01
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	25.3
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	88.6

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	164	427	22.3
A2	174		23.0
A3	168		22.6
A4	182		23.5
A5	211		25.3
A6	245		27.3
A7	238		26.9
A8	261		28.1
A9	244		27.2
A10	213		25.4
A11	222		26.0
A12	227		26.3
A13	206		25.0
A14	206		25.0
A15	221		25.9
A16	213		25.4
A17	197		24.4
A18	210		25.2
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	211	427	25.3
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.4
O ₂ (%)	14.8
N ₂ (%)	81.8
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.5
M _W S (dry)	29.14
M _W S (wet)	27.747
B _{ws}	0.12
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.794
Excess Air (%EA)	217.80
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0899
Moisture content (%)	12.5
Meter temp. (°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp. (°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table A3

Contact Energy, G21 50MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	418.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	691.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-261
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-1.958
Stack pressure (mmHg) (P _s)	766.14
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	31.1
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	110.6

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	223	418	25.8
A2	260		27.9
A3	293		29.6
A4	267		28.3
A5	309		30.4
A6	327		31.3
A7	344		32.1
A8	387		34.1
A9	363		32.9
A10	361		32.9
A11	371		33.3
A12	347		32.2
A13	337		31.8
A14	354		32.6
A15	358		32.7
A16	354		32.6
A17	294		29.7
A18	298		29.9
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	325	418	31.1
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.6
O ₂ (%)	14.6
N ₂ (%)	81.8
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.3
M _{WS} (dry)	29.16
M _{WS} (wet)	27.784
B _{ws}	0.12
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.750
Excess Air (%EA)	208.71
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0911
Moisture content (%)	12.3
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table A4

Contact Energy, G21 70MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	415.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	688.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-412
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-3.090
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	765.01
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	37.1
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	132.4

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	304	415	30.1
A2	354		32.5
A3	357		32.6
A4	404		34.7
A5	440		36.2
A6	505		38.8
A7	456		36.9
A8	535		39.9
A9	516		39.2
A10	526		39.6
A11	534		39.9
A12	530		39.8
A13	518		39.3
A14	495		38.4
A15	483		38.0
A16	481		37.9
A17	467		37.3
A18	462		37.1
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	465	415	37.1
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.9
O ₂ (%)	14.2
N ₂ (%)	81.9
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.3
M _{WS} (dry)	29.19
M _{WS} (wet)	27.817
B _{ws}	0.12
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.718
Excess Air (%EA)	191.33
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0915
Moisture content (%)	12.3
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table A5

Contact Energy, G21 95MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	404.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	677.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-563
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-4.223
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	763.88
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	43.9
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	159.4

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	421	404	35.2
A2	485		37.7
A3	500		38.3
A4	668		44.3
A5	625		42.8
A6	669		44.3
A7	738		46.5
A8	767		47.5
A9	777		47.8
A10	795		48.3
A11	759		47.2
A12	763		47.3
A13	742		46.7
A14	675		44.5
A15	612		42.4
A16	632		43.1
A17	640		43.3
A18	647		43.6
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	662	404	43.9
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	4.0
O ₂ (%)	13.9
N ₂ (%)	82.1
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.1
M _W s (dry)	29.20
M _W s(wet)	27.840
B _{ws}	0.12
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.750
Excess Air (%EA)	178.79
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0930
Moisture content (%)	12.1
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table A6

Contact Energy, G21 101MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G21	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	410.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	683.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-575
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-4.313
Stack pressure (mmHg) (P _s)	763.79
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	45.3
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	162.5

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	462	410	37.0
A2	557		40.6
A3	579		41.4
A4	560		40.7
A5	695		45.4
A6	787		48.3
A7	794		48.5
A8	789		48.4
A9	766		47.6
A10	789		48.3
A11	792		48.4
A12	745		47.0
A13	703		45.6
A14	734		46.6
A15	696		45.4
A16	683		45.0
A17	706		45.7
A18	671		44.6
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	695	410	45.3
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	4.2
O ₂ (%)	13.7
N ₂ (%)	82.1
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	12.2
M _W s (dry)	29.22
M _W s (wet)	27.850
B _{ws}	0.12
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.714
Excess Air (%EA)	171.80
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	10.3
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	10.3
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.013
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	4.962
Final meter Volume	5.177
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0922
Moisture content (%)	12.2
Meter temp. (°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp. (°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table B1

Contact Energy, G22 7MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	2.7
O ₂ (%)	16.2
N ₂ (%)	81.1
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	15.6
M _{WS} (dry)	29.08
M _{WS} (wet)	27.356
B _{ws}	0.16
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.741
Excess Air (%EA)	310.92
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	456.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	729.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-40
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-0.300
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	767.80
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	13.5
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	43.8

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0952
Moisture content (%)	15.6
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	31	456	9.9
A2	44		11.8
A3	50		12.6
A4	57		13.5
A5	53		13.0
A6	51		12.8
A7	49		12.5
A8	55		13.3
A9	58		13.6
A10	54		13.1
A11	56		13.4
A12	64		14.3
A13	67		14.7
A14	70		14.9
A15	64		14.3
A16	65		14.4
A17	75		15.4
A18	68		14.7
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	57	456	13.5
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Table B2

Contact Energy, G22 30MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	432.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	705.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-157
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-1.178
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	766.92
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	23.7
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	79.9

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	118	432	19.1
A2	134		20.4
A3	163		22.4
A4	170		22.9
A5	167		22.7
A6	162		22.4
A7	185		23.9
A8	174		23.2
A9	197		24.7
A10	209		25.4
A11	199		24.8
A12	219		26.0
A13	206		25.2
A14	207		25.3
A15	199		24.8
A16	194		24.5
A17	185		23.9
A18	195		24.5
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	182	432	23.7
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.4
O ₂ (%)	14.9
N ₂ (%)	81.7
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	15.1
M _W s (dry)	29.14
M _W s(wet)	27.455
B _{ws}	0.15
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.765
Excess Air (%EA)	223.43
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.0984
Moisture content (%)	15.1
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table B3

Contact Energy, G22 50MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	419.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	692.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-256
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-1.920
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	766.18
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	29.5
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	101.8

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	208	419	25.1
A2	264		28.3
A3	258		28.0
A4	300		30.1
A5	293		29.8
A6	275		28.9
A7	262		28.2
A8	263		28.2
A9	273		28.8
A10	307		30.5
A11	316		30.9
A12	338		32.0
A13	330		31.6
A14	327		31.5
A15	317		31.0
A16	302		30.3
A17	268		28.5
A18	295		29.9
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	289	419	29.5
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	3.7
O ₂ (%)	14.3
N ₂ (%)	82
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	14.9
M _W S (dry)	29.16
M _W S(wet)	27.502
B _{ws}	0.15
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.784
Excess Air (%EA)	194.61
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.1003
Moisture content (%)	14.9
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table B4

Contact Energy, G22 70MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	414.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	687.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-392
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-2.940
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	765.16
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	35.9
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	124.5

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	277	414	28.9
A2	332		31.6
A3	396		34.5
A4	409		35.1
A5	434		36.1
A6	428		35.9
A7	383		33.9
A8	452		36.9
A9	419		35.5
A10	436		36.2
A11	500		38.8
A12	483		38.1
A13	463		37.3
A14	491		38.4
A15	501		38.8
A16	484		38.2
A17	432		36.1
A18	418		35.5
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	430	414	35.9
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	4.0
O ₂ (%)	13.8
N ₂ (%)	82.2
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	14.8
M _{WS} (dry)	29.19
M _{WS} (wet)	27.536
B _{ws}	0.15
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.775
Excess Air (%EA)	174.67
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.1010
Moisture content (%)	14.8
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table B5

Contact Energy, G22 95MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	405.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	678.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-543
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-4.073
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	764.03
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	42.6
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	149.9

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	419	405	35.3
A2	479		37.7
A3	609		42.5
A4	579		41.5
A5	525		39.5
A6	576		41.3
A7	568		41.1
A8	553		40.5
A9	619		42.9
A10	687		45.2
A11	713		46.0
A12	746		47.1
A13	652		44.0
A14	702		45.7
A15	706		45.8
A16	670		44.6
A17	629		43.2
A18	617		42.8
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	614	405	42.6
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	4.2
O ₂ (%)	13.4
N ₂ (%)	82.4
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	14.6
M _W S (dry)	29.21
M _W S(wet)	27.568
B _{ws}	0.15
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.786
Excess Air (%EA)	160.41
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.1023
Moisture content (%)	14.6
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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Table B6

Contact Energy, G22 106MW Load

FILE NO.	175	PROJECT NUMBER	23020
DATE	08/06/2023	TESTERS	DP, JS
SAMPLING SITE	G22	LEAK CHECK	

Stack details (Method 1)

Diameter (m)	3.60
Dimensions (Length)	
Dimensions (Width)	
Equivalent Diameter	
Stack area (m ²) (A _s)	10.18
Upstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Upstream disturbance (dia)	NA
Downstream disturbance (m)	1.8
Downstream disturbance (dia)	0.5
Particulates or Velocity	V
Min Number of Total Points	16
Number of Total Points Chosen	24
Number of Ports	1
Number of Points per Port	24

Gas flow data (Method 2)

Stack temp (°C) (T _s)	410.0
Stack temp (°K) (T _s)	683.15
Pitot constant (C _p)	0.86
Stack pressure (Pa)	-533
Stack pressure (mmHg)	-3.998
Stack pressure(mmHg) (P _s)	764.10
Atm. pressure (mbar)	1024
Atm. pressure (mmHg) (P _m)	768.1
Meter Pressure (mmHg)	768.1
Average Velocity (m/s) (v _s)	45.3
Vol. flow rate (m ³ /s, STP, dry)	158.2

Sampling Traverse Data

Position	ΔP (Pa)	Stack temperature (°C) (T _s)	Velocity (m/s)
A1	491	410	38.3
A2	568		41.2
A3	591		42.0
A4	618		43.0
A5	674		44.9
A6	582		41.7
A7	696		45.6
A8	745		47.2
A9	741		47.1
A10	787		48.5
A11	857		50.6
A12	786		48.5
A13	757		47.6
A14	755		47.5
A15	690		45.4
A16	697		45.6
A17	688		45.4
A18	698		45.7
A19			
A20			
A21			
A22			
A23			
A24			

Sum or Average	690	410	45.3
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Gas Composition (Method 3)

CO ₂ (%)	4.4
O ₂ (%)	13.2
N ₂ (%)	82.4
CO (%)	
H ₂ O (%)	14.7
M _W S (dry)	29.23
M _W S(wet)	27.578
B _{ws}	0.15
Saturated Gas Value (%)	100
Fuel Factor (F _o)	1.750
Excess Air (%EA)	154.32
Fuel Type	Gas, Natural
Fuel Factor Within range	Within Range

Stack moisture (Method 4)

Condensate vol. (impingers 1-3) (mL)	14.1
Condensate vol (silica gel impinger). (mL)	
Condensate vol (Total). (mL)	14.1
Volume of water vapour (impinger 1-3)	0.018
Volume of water vapour (silica Gel impinger)	
Initial meter Volume	5.211
Final meter Volume	5.448
Meter vol. @ STP (m ³)	0.1016
Moisture content (%)	14.7
Meter temp.(°C) (T _m)	15
Meter temp.(°K) (T _m)	288
Gas meter constant (Y)	1.0607

or

Assumed Moisture (%)	<data>
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