



17 April 2008

West Coast Regional Council  
c/ - West Coast Regional Council  
PO Box 66  
**GREYMOOUTH**

Dear Sir

**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS - Application number:  
RC 07150/11  
RC 07150/17**

Please find enclosed a copy of the above mentioned submission.

Yours faithfully

**Sarah Croucher**  
**LEGAL ASSISTANT**



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**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS**  
**Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

**To:** **West Coast Regional Council**  
**P.O. Box 66**  
**Greymouth**

**And to:** **Meridian Energy Ltd**  
**P.O. Box 2454**  
**Christchurch**

**Applicant:** **Meridian Energy Ltd**  
**Mokihinui Hydro Proposal**

**Application Numbers:** **RC 07150/11**  
**RC 07150/17**

**Submission by:** **Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd**  
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**Christchurch**  
**Attention: Mark Pizey**  
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Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd neither supports nor opposes the proposed Mokihinui Hydro dam itself but to the extent that the proposed 110kV transmission line(s) associated with the dam cross Solid Energy land, opposes the consents relating to the construction, maintenance and use of those transmission lines.

Accordingly, Solid Energy opposes the grant of RC 07150/11 and RC 07150/17. (To the extent that Solid Energy has not correctly identified all relevant consents relating to the construction, maintenance and use of the transmission lines proposed to cross its land, then its opposition is extended to all consents that are relevant.)

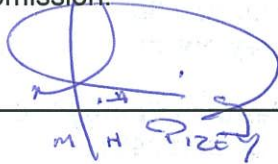
The reasons for Solid Energy's submission are as follows:

- (a) The applicant has not adequately consulted with Solid Energy concerning the proposed alignment of the transmission lines
- (b) The applicant is proposing to construct transmission lines across an existing coal mining licence area, and working mine; and should the proposed transmission lines be so constructed it will result in the sterilisation of coal resource

(c) The applicant has failed to properly consider alternative routes for its proposed transmission lines

Solid Energy wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

Signed for and on behalf for Solid Energy by:



M H Pizey

Date:

17.4.08