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To: Sara Phillips

Subject: RE: Hazelwood questions for GDF Suez

Afternoon Sara.

Answers to your questions in red below.

Regards

Trevor

+ is GDF Suez interested in the co-generation of electricity with native forest biomass at the Hazelwood facility, as a means of extending the life of the plant and lowering carbon emissions?

Hazelwood has conducted a number of trials with biomass materials (primarily plantation waste) over the past decade with varying degrees of success. The most recent trial was in 2009. Due to a number of factors, including cost, availability of suitable material and the need for additional processing to meet boiler requirements, Hazelwood has not proceeded beyond these initial trials.

+ has GDF Suez conducted co-firing trials of any form of biomass for co-generation of electricity at the Hazelwood plant?

As above.

+ is GDF Suez intending to conduct trials of native forest biomass at Hazelwood?

No.

+ VicForests has confirmed discussions with brown coal generators in the LaTrobe Valley, including Hazelwood, on the availability of native forest resource for co-firing – when were those discussions? Are they on-going?

Hazelwood had some initial discussions with VicForests three years ago but these have not been ongoing.

+ what biomass resource is available for biomass co-firing, including plantation stock?

That is not a question for Hazelwood.

+ has the re-inclusion of native forest biomass in the 2020 RET made the costs and economics of biomass co-firing significantly more attractive?

No.