



water affairs

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Dear Sir / Madam

**PROPOSED ESKOM OUTENIQUA-OUTDSHOORN 132 KV POWERLINE
INSTALLATION, OUTDSHOORN, EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY.DEA&DP REF
NO.16/3/1/6/6D7/9/0089/12.**

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Draft Basic Assessment Report dated November 2012 for the above mentioned activity submitted by SiVEST Environmental on your behalf. This office would like to comment on the document based on the evaluation of the impact of the proposed activity on the water resources. Due cognisance has been taken of the Freshwater Assessment Study dated August 2012 by Ms. T Belcher.

1. Water Use Authorisation

- a) The Department noted that the proposed activities falls with the 1:100 flood line of the watercourses which constitutes a water uses in terms of section 21(c) impeding or diverting the flow of water in the watercourse and 21 (i) altering the bed, banks, course or characteristics of a watercourse of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998).
- b) This Department concurs with the preferred route being Route A (red route as marked on the maps), as the existing transmission structures will minimise the additional impacts on the water courses.
- c) The Department is of the opinion that the construction of this powerline will not have a detrimental cumulative impact on the water courses **if ALL the mitigation measures**

as proposed by Ms T Belcher are implemented. This Department therefore considers the intended water use within the ambit of General Authorisations dated 18 December 2009 as published in Government Gazette No. 32805. The Department can however only confirm the General Authorisation provided response to the following request and conditions:

- All the mitigation measures as prescribed in the Freshwater Assessment are implemented.
- Provide the Department with the geographical co-ordinates of all the pylons that fall within the watercourse (please also provide description), for the purpose of Section 21 (c) and (i) water use, the water course encompasses the extend of the riparian habitat (as delineated according to DWA, 2005a) or the 1:100 year floodline, which ever is the greater. This has to be captured in order to issue the GA.

d) The applicant must register the following water uses prior commencement:

Section 21(c) of the Act: Impeding or diverting the flow of water in a watercourse


Section 21(i) of the Act: Altering the bed, banks course or characteristics of a watercourse,

The application forms can be downloaded from the Departmental website at www.dwa.gov.za. The application forms must be submitted together with a certified ID copy of the applicant and title deeds where water uses take place.

This Department reserves the right to revise initial comment and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Please do not hesitate to contact the abovementioned official, should you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully


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