

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry**

**I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2018-CHC-108

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

Between **Aurora Energy Limited**
Appellant

And **Queenstown Lakes District Council**
Respondent

Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

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To the Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Aurora Energy Limited (**'Aurora'**) against the decisions of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**'Council'**) on Stage 1 of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (**'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2018-CHC-108).

2 Transpower:

- a made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings; and
- b as the State Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains, and operates the National Grid, has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the general public has, and stands to be affected by the amendments sought in the appeal if those amendments are granted.

3 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

4 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.

5 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:

- a The amendments sought to Chapter 2 of the Proposed Plan, specifically in relation to the definition of 'regionally significant infrastructure' (to add a new clause 'electricity sub-transmission infrastructure'), and the addition of new definitions for 'electricity sub-transmission infrastructure' and 'significant electricity distribution infrastructure'.
- b The amendments sought to Chapter 3 of the Proposed Plan, specifically the change sought to Policy 3.3.25¹.
- c The amendments sought to Chapter 4 of the Proposed Plan, specifically the change sought to Policy 4.2.2.2(g).

6 Transpower's position on the amendments sought by Aurora is set out below:

¹ Policy 3.3.25 is a new policy in the decisions version of the Proposed Plan.

- a Transpower conditionally supports the amendment to the definition of 'regionally significant infrastructure', and is also interested in the definitions of 'electricity sub-transmission infrastructure' and 'significant electricity distribution infrastructure' insofar as these proposed definitions (including that they may be amended through the hearing process) may have implications for Transpower's network.
- b Transpower broadly supports the amendments sought to Policies 3.3.25 and 4.2.2.2(g), insofar as they go some way towards better managing the landscape and visual effects of activities. However, it may be necessary for Transpower to seek further or other changes to these policies to address the matters set out in its appeal and ensure the policy gives effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.²
- 7 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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² As directed by the Environment Court Transpower will lodge further particulars of the relief it seeks (including drafting) by 27 July 2018.