

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

**I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa  
Te Whanganui-a-Tara Rohe**

**ENV-2019-WLG-115**

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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 **Meridian Energy Limited**  
Appellant

And **Wellington Regional Council**  
Respondent

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

Dated 9 October 2019

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**To** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Wellington

- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Meridian Energy Limited (**'Meridian'**) against the decisions of the Wellington Regional Council (the **'Respondent'**) on the proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (the **'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2019-WLG-115).
- 2 Transpower made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Transpower also has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has. In relation to Policy P48, Transpower owns and operates the National Grid which is located on natural features and landscapes affected by Policy P48.
- 4 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 5 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 6 of this notice.
- 6 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
  - a Meridian seeks to amend Policy P24 and delete Policy P25 in relation to outstanding natural character; and
  - b Meridian seeks to amend Policy P48 to confine the 'avoid' direction to the coastal marine area and coastal environment as well as other relief sought.
- 7 Transpower takes the following positions on the relief sought:
  - a Conditionally supports the amendments to Policy P24 and deletion of Policy P25, as these recognise that development sometimes needs to occur within natural character areas; and
  - b Supports the amendments to Policy P48 as these would better reflect the NZCPS and RPS.
- 8 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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