

**In the Environment Court
Wellington Registry
I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Te Whanganui-ā-Tara Rohe**

ENV-2019-WLG-000108

Under the Resource Management Act 1991
And in the matter of an application under Section 274 of the Act

Between

Transpower New Zealand Limited

Appellant

and

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Respondent

**Notice of Meridian Energy Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings**

9 October 2019

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To: The Registrar
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1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Transpower New Zealand Limited v Greater Wellington Regional Council* – ENV-2019-WLG-000108.
2. Meridian made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings and has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has as a renewable energy generator and provider, with interests in the Greater Wellington Region.
3. Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **RMA**).
4. Meridian is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. Meridian is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) Section 3.2 – Objectives O12 and O13;
 - (b) Section 4.2 – Policy P12; and
 - (c) Requested New Policy – Policy P13A.
6. Meridian supports the relief sought, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) The relief sought to insert ‘and provided for’ in Objective O12 and Policy P12 is appropriate given the importance of regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy generation activities and is consistent with the relief sought in Meridian’s appeal;

- (b) The requested deletion of the words “in the coastal marine area and beds of rivers and lakes” appropriately recognises that regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy generation activities should be recognised, provided for and protected beyond the coastal marine area and the beds of rivers and lakes;
 - (c) Meridian supports the addition of a new policy to provide decision-makers with guidance on the consideration of environmental effects for new or major upgrades to the National Grid, in accordance with Policies 4 and 5 of National Policy Statement for Electricity Transmission Activities 2008.
7. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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