

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
WELLINGTON REGISTRY**

**ENV-2019-WLG-000115**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an appeal pursuant to Clause 14(1) of  
the First Schedule to the Act

**BETWEEN** Meridian Energy Limited  
*Appellant*

**AND** Greater Wellington Regional Council  
*Respondent*

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**NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION AT PROCEEDINGS  
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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To: The Environment Court Registrar  
PO Box 5027  
Wellington

1. Powerco Limited (“Powerco”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - 1.1 ENV-2019-WLG-000115 between Meridian Energy Limited (“Appellant”) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (“Respondent”) in relation to the respondent’s decisions on submissions to the Proposed Wellington Regional Plan (“the Proposed Regional Plan”).
2. Powerco lodged submissions on the Proposed Regional Plan on the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. Powerco is New Zealand’s second largest gas and electricity distribution company. In the Wellington Region, Powerco operates both gas and electricity networks. This comprises an electricity network within the Wairarapa, covering the area from south of Eketahuna to Cape Palliser and a gas network covering Wellington City, Hutt Valley and Porirua.
4. Powerco is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. Powerco is interested in the following matters raised by the Appellant:
  - 5.1 Policy P24: Assessing outstanding natural character (paragraph 28).
  - 5.2 Rule R101 (paragraph 36).
6. The reasons for Powerco’s interest in these matters are as follows:
  - 6.1 Powerco seeks to ensure that the provisions of the Proposed Regional Plan continue to provide appropriate recognition and provision for Powerco’s assets; and do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict Powerco’s development and maintenance activities. Powerco also seeks to ensure that the Appellant’s appeal does not prevent the outcomes sought in Powerco’s own appeal from being achieved.
  - 6.2 Powerco supports the relief sought in relation to Policy P24 and wishes to be party to the appeal to ensure any further amendments are appropriate and workable and do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict Powerco’s ability to provide for the region’s electricity and gas needs.
  - 6.3 Powerco supports the relief sought in relation to Rule R101 to provide a restricted discretionary (rather than full discretionary) activity status for activities that do not comply with Rules R99 and R100. Powerco also supports the matters of

discretion as proposed. Powerco wishes to be party to this appeal to ensure any further amendments do not unreasonably and/or unnecessarily restrict Powerco's ability to provide for the region's electricity and gas needs.

7. Powerco agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

PP. *KThomas*

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Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019

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**A copy of this notice has been served on the following parties:**

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