

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
AT WELLINGTON**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIĀU O AOTEAROA  
TE WHANGANUI A TARA ROHE**

**ENV-2019-WLG-000127**

**IN THE MATTER** of Resource Management Act 1991 (“the Act”)

**AND**

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

**BETWEEN** **SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Appellant**

**AND** **GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Respondent**

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**NOTICE OF PERSONS WISHING TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS  
ON BEHALF OF FIRST GAS LIMITED**

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**NOTICE OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**  
***Section 274 Resource Management Act 1991***

**TO:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
WELLINGTON

1. First Gas Limited (“First Gas”) wishes to be a party to the proceedings *South Wairarapa District Council v Greater Wellington Regional Council* (ENV-2019-WLG-000127). The proceedings concern an appeal against parts of the decisions of the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (the “Proposed Plan”).
  
2. First Gas is both:
  - 2.1 a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings<sup>1</sup>; and
  
  - 2.2 a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has, including for the following reasons:
    - 2.2.1 First Gas owns and operates high pressure gas transmission pipelines and a gas distribution network within the Wellington Region, which is regionally significant infrastructure;
  
    - 2.2.2 the relief sought may have implications on First Gas’ ability to safely, effectively and efficiently operate, maintain, upgrade, replace, remove and develop its regionally significant infrastructure.

**Trade competition**

3. First Gas is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991.

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<sup>1</sup> First Gas is the successor of Vector Gas Limited. Vector Gas Limited made a submission and further submission on the Proposed Plan.

### **Interest in proceedings**

4. First Gas is interested in the following matters raised by the Appellant:
  - 4.1 Definition of “Regionally Significant Infrastructure”
  - 4.2 Objective 12.
  - 4.3 New Objective 12A.
  - 4.4 Policy 7.
  - 4.5 Policy 8.
  - 4.6 Policy 12.

### **Position in respect of relief sought**

5. First Gas supports the relief sought by the Appellant to the extent it is consistent with the relief sought by First Gas in its appeal for the following reasons:
  - 5.1 the relief sought will promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
  - 5.2 the relief sought will give effect to high order planning documents, in particular the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
  - 5.3 the relief sought will provide an appropriate regulatory framework for the safe, effective and efficient operation, maintenance, upgrade, replacement, removal and development of First Gas’ regionally significant gas network.

### **Mediation / Alternative Dispute Resolution**

6. First Gas agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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