

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

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

ENV-2021-CHC-026

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 be proceedings

Dated 16 June 2021

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To The Registrar
 Environment Court
 Christchurch

And to: The Appellant

And to: The Respondent

- 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 3 of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan Review (**'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2021-CHC-026).
- 2 Transpower made a submission and further submission on Stage 3 of the Proposed Plan, but did not make a submission or further submission on the provisions subject to the appeal.
- 3 However, Transpower has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has for the following reasons:
 - a Aurora seeks to delete an exemption for electricity transmission and distribution minor upgrades;
 - b Transpower is the State Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains, and operates the National Grid electricity transmission assets;
 - c Accordingly, Transpower will be affected by any amendments relating to electricity transmission.
- 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:
 - a The amendments sought to chapter 39 of the Proposed Plan, to delete the exception for minor upgrading of electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure (except where this involves the addition of new support structures) from Rules 39.4.4 and 39.4.5.
- 6 Transpower conditionally supports the relief sought because:

- a Transpower supports amendments which provide clarity as to the application of the rules; however
 - b Transpower wishes to ensure that deletion of the exemption does not make the activity status for transmission activities more onerous.
- 7 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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