

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2019-CHC-027

IN THE MATTER

Of an appeal on the Queenstown
Lakes District Council Proposed
District Plan (Stage 2) pursuant to
clause 14 of the First Schedule of
the Resource Management Act
1991

BETWEEN

**TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND
LIMITED**

Appellant

AND

**QUEENSTOWN LAKES
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

**SECTION 274 NOTICE ON BEHALF OF AURORA ENERGY LIMITED TO
JOIN APPEAL ON THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL
PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN (STAGE 2)**

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To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch Registry

1. Aurora Energy Limited (**Aurora**), wishes to be a party to the following proceeding:
 - (a) TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED v QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL ENV-2019-CHC-027
2. Aurora made a submission on the Queenstown Lakes District Council Proposed District Plan (Stage 2) (OS2508; FS2707) on the subject matter of these proceedings. Aurora also has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the public generally as it owns and operates an Electricity Distribution network in the Queenstown Lakes District.
3. Aurora is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Aurora is interested in all of the proceedings.
5. Aurora is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) Policy 24.2.1.7; and
 - (b) Policy 24.2.1.8.
6. Aurora has an interest in the relief sought (but neither supports nor opposes it) because:
 - (a) Aurora operates electricity distribution infrastructure which supplies customers within Queenstown Lakes from the National Grid.
 - (b) Aurora has an interest protecting and managing its infrastructure and enabling the development of it to support new development within the District.

- (c) Electricity distribution infrastructure has many of the same characteristics as the national grid.
 - (d) Aurora was an involved in the Topic 1 “Resilient Economy” Subtopic 4 and Topic 2 “Rural Landscapes” Subtopic 11 mediation as an interested party and appellant (respectively). Aurora has an interest in maintaining consistency between the provisions agreed to as a result of that mediation and Chapter 24: Wakatipu Basin.
 - (e) Aurora agrees with the Appellant that minimising effects from Regionally Significant Infrastructure is not always practicable based on the functional needs of the network.
7. Aurora agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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DATED this 5th day of June 2019.

Cc: Transpower New Zealand Limited by its Solicitors

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