

In the Environment Court
At Christchurch

ENV-2024-CHC-37

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki Ōtautahi

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act

Between **Queenstown Lakes District Council**

Appellant

And **Otago Regional Council**

Respondent

**NOTICE OF TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

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**To: The Registrar
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1. Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Transpower**) gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal by Queenstown Lakes District Council (**QLDC**) against a decision of the Otago Regional Council on the proposed Regional Policy Statement (**pORPS**).
2. Transpower is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (submissions 00314 and FS00314). Transpower either made a submission on the relevant provisions appealed, or the appeal points concern the same subject matter and issues that are prevalent throughout its submissions.
3. Transpower is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has for the reasons set out in its Appeal ENV-2024-CHC-35 at paragraphs 5 to 10.
4. Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. Transpower's reasons for its position on the appeal is that parts of the proceedings may or will affect its ability to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the National Grid, and may or will not give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (**NPSET**). Transpower's reasons for its position also include that the relief sought in the proceedings may or will conflict with the relief included in its Appeal.
6. The parts of the proceedings that Transpower' seeks to join, and its position on those appeals is set out in **Appendix A**.

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

DATED this 7th day of June 2024



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Appendix A: Parts of the proceeding that Transpower is interested in

| Provision appealed | Relief sought by QLDC | Position on relief |
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| <p>Reinstate definition of highly valued natural features and landscapes</p> | <p>Interpretation: reinstate the definition of HVNFL, as provided in the Notified Version of the pORPS</p> <p><i><u>highly valued natural features, landscapes and seascapes are areas which contain attributes and values of significance under Sections 7(c) and 7(f) of the RMA 1991, which have been identified in accordance with APP9.</u></i></p> | <p>Neutral on inclusion of definition, but interested in any impact that the final framing of the definition may have on Transpower’s Appeal relief.</p> |
| <p>EIT-INF-P13 – Locating and managing effects of infrastructure, nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure outside the coastal environment</p> | <p>Insert at limb (1):</p> <p><i>to avoid as a first priority, locating infrastructure, regionally significant infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure in HVNFL or “rural areas of high amenity value”,</i></p> <p>Managing the adverse effects on HVNFL by inserting at limb 2(a):</p> <p><i>in highly valued natural features and landscapes, avoiding significant adverse effects and remedying or mitigating other adverse effects.</i></p> | <p>Oppose to the extent that, if Transpower is not granted its primary relief seeking an exemption from EIT-INF-P13, the relief will not fully give effect to the NPSET in relation to the National Grid.</p> |