

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

**I Mua I Te Koti Taiao o Aotearoa
Te Whanganui-a-Tara**

ENV-2024-WLG-000048

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

And in the matter of the decisions by Wellington Regional Council in respect of Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.

Between **Upper Hutt City Council**
Appellant

And **Wellington Regional Council**
Respondent

Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to proceedings

Dated 9 December 2024

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To The Registrar
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- 1 Transpower New Zealand limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Upper Hutt City Council (**'Appellant'**) against the decisions of Wellington Regional Council (the **'Respondent'**) on Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**'RPS'**) (ENV-2024-WLG-000048).

- 2 Transpower:
 - a Is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. This is because Transpower is the State-Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains and operates New Zealand's National Grid, and the Appellant's relief includes amendments to provisions that relate to these functions; and
 - b Made a submission (number S10) and further submission (number FS23) about the subject matter of the proceedings.

- 3 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.

- 4 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.

- 5 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
 - a Amendments sought to Objective 22; and
 - b Deletion or amendments sought to Policy 55.

- 6 Transpower has set out its position in relation to the above provisions and its reasons in **Appendix A** to this notice.

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

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Appendix A Table of GWRC RPS provisions of interest

TABLE OF GWRC RPS CHANGE 1 PROVISIONS OF INTEREST		
PROVISION	POSITION	REASON
Objective 22	Oppose	<p>Transpower opposes the relief sought as the Appellant's amendments would remove protection of regionally significant infrastructure ('RSI') (including electricity transmission infrastructure) from reverse sensitivity effects (as well as direct effects, as Transpower seeks in its own appeal).</p> <p>The sentence "a compact, well-designed, climate-resilient, accessible regional form with well-functioning urban areas and rural areas" alone does not provide clear and sufficient protection of RSI.</p>
Policy 55	Oppose	<p>Transpower opposes the relief sought as deletion of Policy 55 would remove protection of RSI from incompatible and inappropriate activities under clause (a)4.viii.</p>