In the Environment Court of New Zealand Wellington Registry

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

ENV-2024-WLG-000055

Under	the Resource Management Act1991 (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	Wellington International Airport Limited 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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- 1 Transpower New Zealand limited ('**Transpower**') wishes to be a party to an appeal by Wellington International Airport Limited ('**Appellant**') against the decisions of Wellington Regional Council (the '**Respondent**') on Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement ('**RPS**') (ENV-2024-WLG-000055).
- 2 Transpower 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.
- 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 16; and
 - b Amendments sought to Policy 23.
- 6 Transpower has set out its position in relation to the above provisions and the reasons for those 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 16	Support	Transpower agrees with the Appellant's concern that, when coupled with policies 23, 24A, 24C, 24CC and 47, Objective 16 could significantly impact on infrastructure projects, including those which may be necessary to protect existing infrastructure assets.
Policy 23	Neutral	Transpower is interested in the amendments proposed as they relate to ensuring infrastructure projects are not significantly impacted. The Appellant's relief would have an effect on the application of policies 24, 24B, 24C, 24CC, 24D, and 47. Transpower is interested in the issue of identification of indigenous ecosystems and habitats as raised by the Appellant, as this could impact the consenting of any Transpower infrastructure projects in these areas.