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

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

ENV-2024-WLG-000047

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.

**Hutt City Council** Between

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

Environment Court

Auckland

Transpower New Zealand limited ('**Transpower**') wishes to be a party to an appeal by 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-000047).

## 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.
- 5 Transpower is interested in the Appellant's relief in relation to Objective 19.
- Transpower is interested in Objective 19 because it requires risks to infrastructure (including the National Grid) from natural hazards and the effects of climate change to be avoided or minimised. The removal of the word "avoided", as proposed by the Appellant, has the potential to impact the protection of infrastructure from natural hazards as well as the location of infrastructure within hazard areas.
- 7 Transpower neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, but has an interest in how this appeal point is resolved.

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

Dated 9 December 2024

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