

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-114

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under to the
Environment Court against
decisions on the proposed
Queenstown Lakes District Council
District Plan (stage 1)

BETWEEN **TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND
LIMITED**

Appellant

AND **QUEENSTOWN LAKES
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Respondent

SECTION 274 NOTICE: AURORA ENERGY LIMITED

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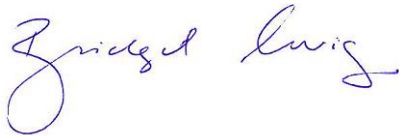
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To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. Aurora Energy Limited (“Aurora”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Transpower New Zealand Limited v Queenstown Lakes District Council* [ENV-2018-CHC-114]
2. Aurora made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (original submission 635 and further submission 1121) and has an interest in the proceedings greater than the public generally. Aurora owns and operates the Electricity Distribution Network within Queenstown Lakes District.
3. Aurora is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Aurora is interested in the whole of the appeal which is the subject of this proceeding.
5. Aurora supports the relief sought because:
 - (a) Aurora operates electricity distribution infrastructure which supplies customers within Queenstown Lakes from the National Grid.
 - (b) Electricity distribution infrastructure has many of the same characteristics as the national grid.
 - (c) Aurora seeks to give effect to the Proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement which recognises and protects Aurora’s Electricity Sub-transmission Infrastructure and Significant Electricity Distribution Infrastructure.

(d) Aurora agrees with the Appellant's concerns regarding the unqualified direction to protect landscape values. The nature of electricity infrastructure is such that not all adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated due to functional or locational constraints.

6. Aurora agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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