

**In the Environment Court  
Christchurch Registry**

**ENV-2018-CHC-000037**

Under the Resource Management Act 1991  
And in the matter of an application under Section 274 of the Act

Between

**Southland Fish and Game Council**

Appellant

and

**Southland Regional Council**

Respondent

and

**Transpower New Zealand Limited**

Section 274 Party

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

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Transpower**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
  - (a) ENV-2018-CHC-000037 *Southland Fish and Game Council v Southland Regional Council*.
2. Transpower made a further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings, and has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has as the owner and operator of the National Grid which the appeal relates to.
3. Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **RMA**).
4. Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. Transpower is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
  - (a) Objective 9B;
  - (b) Objectives 13, 13A and 13B;
  - (c) Policies 15, 15A, 15B and 15C; and
  - (d) Policy 26A.
6. Transpower is interested in the relief sought in respect of Objective 9B and Policy 26A, including for the following reasons:
  - (a) Transpower considers that it is necessary that the Proposed Plan enables the effective development, operation, maintenance and upgrading of regionally significant, nationally significant and critical infrastructure, including the National Grid; and
  - (b) Transpower seeks to understand the Appellant's reasons for seeking the proposed amendments to these provisions.

7. Transpower opposes the relief sought in respect of Objectives 13, 13A and 13B and Policies 15, 15A, 15B and 15C, including for the following reasons:
- (a) The relief sought has the potential to adversely affect the operation, maintenance, upgrade, and development of the National Grid;
  - (b) Transpower considers the decisions version of Policies 15A, 15B and 15C better reflects the general approach to the management of effects in section 5 of the RMA;
  - (c) The relief sought fails to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008; and
  - (d) The relief sought is overly restrictive and otherwise contrary to Part 2 and the purpose of the RMA, being to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
8. Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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