

**In the Environment Court
I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Christchurch Registry
Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2020-CHC-000058

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

Between

Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Appellant

and

Marlborough District Council

Respondent

**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-2020-CHC-000058 *Federated Farmers of New Zealand v Marlborough District Council*.
2. Transpower made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. Transpower is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) The definition of minor upgrading;
 - (b) Rule 2.3.16.3;
 - (c) Rule 3.3.52.2;
 - (d) Rule 3.3.52.3;
 - (e) Rule 4.3.49.2; and
 - (f) Rule 4.3.49.3.
6. Transpower supports the relief sought relating to the definition of minor upgrading, to the extent that it applies to an increase in voltage of transmission lines. Transpower is the owner and operator of the National Grid, and Transpower agrees that any increase in the voltage of a transmission line is not a “minor upgrade”, but considers that some types of “relocation” will be a “minor upgrade”.

7. Transpower supports refinement to Rule 2.3.16.3 so that it does not capture smaller scale stock water dams.
8. Transpower opposes the relief sought relating to Rule 3.3.52.2, Rule 3.3.52.3, Rule 4.3.49.2 and Rule 4.3.49.3 because—
 - (a) In relation to Rule 3.3.52.2 and Rule 4.3.49.2 the rules currently provide that ancillary stockyards and platforms are permitted activities within the National Grid Yard, and this status should be retained, not amended to be non-complying;
 - (b) The amendments sought to Rule 3.3.52.3 and Rule 4.3.49.3 have the potential to adversely affect the operation, maintenance, upgrade, and development of the National Grid; and
 - (c) The relief sought is otherwise contrary to Part 2 and the purpose of the RMA being to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
9. Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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