

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

**ENV-2020-CHC-000067**

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

Between

**Environmental Defence Society Incorporated**

Appellant

and

**Marlborough District Council**

Respondent

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

**8 June 2020**

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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-000067 *Environmental Defence Society Incorporated v Marlborough District Council*.
2. Transpower made a submission and 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 owner and operator of National Grid infrastructure in the Marlborough region.
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 all of the proceedings except those provisions relating to water allocation.
5. Transpower opposes the relief sought because—
  - (a) Transpower is the owner and operator of the National Grid and the amendments sought have the potential to adversely affect the operation, maintenance, upgrade, and development of the National Grid;
  - (b) It is essential that the National Grid can continue to supply electricity throughout New Zealand, therefore the Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan must have a policy framework that enables and does not compromise the operation, maintenance, upgrade, and development of the National Grid;
  - (c) The relief sought fails to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008; and

(d) 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.

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

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Dated 8 June 2020

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***Advice***

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