

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

ENV-2018-CHC-249

IN THE MATTER of an appeal against decisions on
Dunedin City Second Generation
District Plan

BETWEEN **TRANSPower LIMITED**

Appellant

AND **DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL**

Respondent

SECTION 274 NOTICE: AURORA ENERGY LIMITED

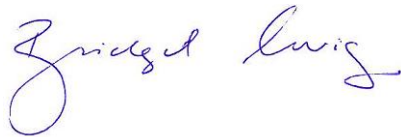
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To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

1. Aurora Energy Limited (“Aurora”) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *Transpower Limited* [ENV-2018-CHC-249]
2. Aurora made a submission and a further submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (original submission 457 and further submission 2375) and has an interest in the proceedings greater than the public generally. Aurora owns and operates the Electricity Distribution Network within Dunedin City.
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 has an interest in the relief sought because:
 - (a) Aurora operates electricity distribution infrastructure which supplies customers within Dunedin City from the National Grid.
 - (b) Aurora’s network is strategic infrastructure and will be subject to the network utility provisions of the 2GP.
 - (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 including managing reverse sensitivity effects on its operations and network.
 - (d) Aurora agrees with the Appellant’s concerns regarding the definition of reverse sensitivity.

- (e) The relief sought by the Appellant has the potential to exclude consideration of Aurora's assets in a way that is inappropriate. For example connecting renewable electricity generation to the national grid. Renewable energy generation can connect to the distribution network directly so is a matter that should not be disregarded by the 2GP provisions.
 - (f) Aurora seeks to ensure that relief sought by the Appellant does not give rise to unintended consequences for the management of Aurora's infrastructure under the 2GP provisions.
6. Aurora agrees to participate in mediation or alternative dispute resolution.



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