

**In the Environment Court
I Mua I Te Kōti Taiao O Aotearoa
Auckland Registry
Tāmaki Makaurau Rohe**

ENV-2022-AKL-000081

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

Between

WEL Networks Limited

Appellant

and

Waikato District Council

Respondent

**Notice of Genesis Energy Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings**

21 March 2022

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To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland

1. Genesis Energy Limited (**Genesis**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *WEL Networks Limited v Waikato District Council* – ENV-2022-AKL-000081.
2. Genesis is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has as one of the largest electricity generators in New Zealand.
3. Genesis is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Genesis is interested in the following part of the proceedings:
 - (a) Proposed new rule relating to large-scale solar farms.
5. Genesis is interested in the following particular issue:
 - (a) The proposed inclusion of a new rule to provide for large-scale solar farms in the Proposed Plan.
6. Genesis supports the relief sought because—
 - (a) Genesis agrees that the potential effects of solar farms are well understood and therefore that restricted discretionary activity status is appropriate for large-scale solar farms in the Rural Zone;
 - (b) The relief sought is consistent with the objectives and policies of the Waikato Regional Policy Statement and the Proposed Plan, particularly the objectives and policies in Chapter AINF – All Infrastructure; and
 - (c) The relief sought is necessary to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011.

7. Genesis agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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Dated 21 March 2022

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Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland.