

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

ENV-2022-AKL-000044

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

Between

KiwiRail Holdings Limited

Appellant

and

Waikato District Council

Respondent

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

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To: The Registrar
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1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) *KiwiRail Holdings Limited v Waikato District Council* – ENV-2022-AKL-000044.
2. Meridian 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 a renewable energy generator and provider with interests in the Waikato District.
3. Meridian is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the **RMA**).
4. Meridian is interested in part of the proceedings.
5. Meridian is interested in the following parts of the proceedings:
 - (a) Amendments to Part 3: Area-specific matters / Zones / Rural zones / GRUZ – General rural zone.
6. Meridian is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The proposed amendments or insertion of new policies to Part 3: Area-specific matters / Zones / Rural zones / GRUZ – General rural zone to ensure buildings are set back from regionally significant infrastructure, to provide for the safe operation of that infrastructure.
7. Meridian neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, including for the following reasons:
 - (a) The notice of appeal does not provide specific wording in relation the proposed amendments or insertion of new policies to Part 3:

Area-specific matters / Zones / Rural zones / GRUZ – General rural zone.

- (b) Meridian's submission and further submission sought amendments to the Proposed Waikato District Plan policies for managing reverse sensitivity effects on infrastructure generally and on Meridian's Te Uku Wind Farm in particular (through amendments to the GRUZ-General Rural Zone rules). Therefore, Meridian is interested in any further amendments to those policies and the development of additional policies in the GRUZ – General Rural Zone that relate to managing reverse sensitivity effects.

8. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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