ENV-2022-AKL-000086

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

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

Between

The Surveying Company Limited

Appellant

and

Waikato District Council

Respondent

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

22 March 2022



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- To: The Registrar Environment Court Auckland
- 1. Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - (a) The Surveying Company Limited v Waikato District Council ENV-2022-AKL-000086.
- 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.
- 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 2: District-wide matters / Natural environment values / ECO – Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity.
- 6. Meridian is interested in the following particular issues:
 - (a) The appellant's statement that the Proposed Waikato District Plan Decision on Part 2: District-wide matters / Natural environment values / ECO – Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity does not provide an appropriate planning framework for the relief sought in their appeal and the requested amendments to give effect to the relief sought in their appeal.
- Meridian neither supports nor opposes the relief sought, including for the following reasons:

- (a) The relief sought is unspecific and uncertain and it is not possible to evaluate the potential implications the relief sought might have on Meridian's interests in the Waikato District. Therefore, Meridian is interested in any further amendments to provisions, or the development of any additional provisions that may be included in *Part 2: District-wide matters / Natural environment values / ECO Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity* in response to the appellant's requested relief.
- 8. Meridian agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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Dated 22 March 2022

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