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Attention: Chair of RPS Proposed Change 1 Hearing Stream 4 Hearing Panel

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**PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION:
HEARING STREAM 4**

Meridian Energy Limited (*Meridian*) made a submission and further submissions on the topics of Proposed RPS Change 1 that will be heard in Hearing Stream 4. In particular:

1. Submission Point S100.012:
Supporting retention of the publicly notified wording of Objective 22;
2. Further Submission Point FS26.084:
Supporting Submission Point S10.005 by Transpower seeking retention of the reference in Policy 55 to the protecting of regionally significant infrastructure from adverse reverse sensitivity effects (as intended by RPS Policy 8);
3. Further Submission Point FS26.064:
Opposing in part Submission Point S30.072 by Porirua City Council which sought the deletion of sub-clause (viii) of Policy 55 protecting regionally significant infrastructure (being at odds with the Meridian and Transpower submission points referenced in item (2) above);
4. Further Submission Point FS26.065:
Supporting Submission Point S148.051 by Wellington International Airport Limited seeking the inclusion in Policy 55 of particular regard to whether urban development affects or constrains the ability to operate existing regionally significant infrastructure;
5. Further Submission Point FS26.066:
Supporting in part Submission Point S124.010 by KiwiRail requesting that Policy 56 protect against reverse sensitivity effects; and
6. Submission Point S100.029:
Seeking amendments throughout RPS Change 1 to the 'navigation' tables as necessary to match any amendments made to the wording of provisions.

Meridian has considered the s. 42A reports of the Council's reporting officers and has not identified any matters of conflict that warrant expert evidence. Accordingly, Meridian has not called any expert evidence for Hearing Stream 4.

Meridian has also had an opportunity to consider the Council's rebuttal evidence and notes that the rebuttal evidence does not raise any new issues in relation to the submission points of interest to Meridian. The purpose of this letter is to record Meridian's position that the amendments recommended in the s. 42A reports do not conflict with the outcomes sought in Meridian's submission points.

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