

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHĪ**

Under	ENV-2026-CHC-016 The Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)
In the Matter	of an appeal pursuant to clause 14 of schedule 1 of the Act
Between	CHORUS NEW ZEALAND LIMITED, CONNEXA LIMITED, FORTYSOUTH GROUP LP, AND SPARK NEW ZEALAND TRADING LIMITED Appellant
And	GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL Respondent

SECTION 274 NOTICE ON BEHALF OF POWERNET LIMITED

13 APRIL 2026



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To: The Registrar

Environment Court

Christchurch Registry

1. PowerNet Limited (**PowerNet**) wishes to be a party to the following proceeding: *Chorus & Ors v Gore District Council* ENV-2026-CHC-016.
2. PowerNet:
 - (a) made a submission on the subject matter of the proceedings.
 - (b) has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the public generally, as it owns, operates and maintains the electricity distribution network within the Gore District, which is directly affected by the provisions that are the subject of the proceedings.
 - (c) is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Act.
 - (d) is interested in part of the proceedings, being the following particular issues:
 - (i) Objective INFR-O4; and
 - (ii) Rule INFR-R10 Establishment of new infrastructure within specified areas.
 - (e) supports the relief sought, because it would better recognise and provide for the functional and operational needs of electricity distribution infrastructure, ensure consistency with higher-order planning instruments, and enable the continued safe and efficient supply of electricity within the Gore District; and
 - (f) agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.



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