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Retail and Wholesale Advisory Groups: Appointment of members

Subsequent to the appointment of Peter Allport and James Moulder as Chairpersons of the Retail and Wholesale Advisory Groups respectively, the Authority has announced the appointments of members of these groups.

The members are:

Retail Advisory Group (RAG)

- Dene Biddlecombe (nominated by Pulse Utilities)
- Dean Carroll (nominated by Genesis Energy)
- Sue Chetwin (nominated by Consumer Coalition on Energy)
- Sarah Free (nominated by Domestic Energy Users Network)
- Anne Herrington (nominated by Smart Power)
- James Munro (nominated by Mighty River Power)
- Nathan Strong (nominated by Unison)
- David Stroud (nominated by Advanced Metering Services)

Wholesale Advisory Group (WAG)

- Neal Barclay (nominated by Meridian Energy)
- John Carnegie (nominated by Business NZ)
- Jason Franklin (nominated by NZ Aluminium Smelters)
- Stephen Peterson (nominated by Simply Energy)
- Bruce Rogers (nominated by Orion)
- Richard Spearman (nominated by TrustPower)

- John Woods (nominated by Contact Energy)

Membership terms are staggered. For RAG, Dene Biddlecombe, Sarah Fee, James Munro and David Stroud are appointed for one year and Sue Chetwin, Dean Carroll, Anne Herrington and Nathan Strong for two.

For WAG, Neal Barclay, Stephen Peterson and John Woods are appointed for one year and John Carnegie, Jason Franklin, Bruce Rogers and Richard Spearman for two. The terms of reference allow for the possibility of re-appointment for a further two years.

Inaugural meetings of both groups are planned for June.

Revised Rulings Panel procedures

The Rulings Panel has various functions under the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (Act) including assisting in the enforcement of the Electricity Industry Participation Code (Code).

Under the Act, the Rulings Panel may determine its own procedures. As current procedures came into effect in 2009, they have been revised by the panel to ensure they remain effective and are consistent with the Act, the Code, and the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010.

The Rulings Panel considers that the draft revised procedures would benefit from industry comment. Therefore, on behalf of the panel, the Authority is making the draft revised procedures available for feedback under section 4 of its Consultation Charter.

The draft revised procedures are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/compliance/revised-rulings-panel-procedures/>

Feedback should be received by 5:00pm, Friday 10 June.

Draft decision on alleged UTS: Submissions published

Submissions on the Authority's draft decision that events leading to exceptionally high wholesale electricity prices on 26 March 2011 constituted an Undesirable Trading Situation (UTS) closed at 3:00pm on Friday 13 May. 18 submissions were published shortly after 5:00pm on Friday. Two further submissions received soon after close of business Friday were published yesterday morning. The 20 submissions received have been published at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/uts/26Mar11/submissions-for-draft-decision-regarding-alleged-uts-on-26-march-2011/>

Interested parties are reminded that cross-submissions on the draft decision must be received by 3:00pm on Thursday, 19 May.

Consultation – Advanced Metering Infrastructure: Nomination of the MEP and access to data

The Authority proposes to amend part 10 of the Code so consumers have the right to:

- To nominate whether the retailer or the distributor appoints the metering equipment provider (MEP); and
- to obtain access to their own advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) data at no cost for the purpose of verifying their bills.

The Authority has published a consultation paper to seek feedback on its preferred approach to addressing concerns relating to access to AMI data.



Submissions should be received by 5pm on Tuesday, 14 June 2011.

The paper is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/AMI-nomination-MEP-data-access/>

Following consideration of submissions, the Authority intends to finalise its proposal on the new Part 10 of the Code, and undertake one final round of consultation seeking feedback from interested parties on the proposed Code amendments.

Disclosure of information to Authority – quantity of electricity sold by connected retailers

The Authority reminds directors of distributors that, under section 88 of the Act, they must ensure that the distributor discloses the quantity of electricity sold each financial year by connected retailers to customers who are connected to its local network.

The disclosure must be made in a statement to the Authority within 2 months after the end of the financial year and must be publicised by the Authority and the distributor. Under section 73 of the Act, 'financial year' means a period of 12 months ending 31 March.

The disclosure must be made using the statement form available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/act-code-regs/part-3-of-the-act/>

Request for Tenders: Professional Services relating to Code development and administration.

The Authority is seeking tenders for the provision of professional services relating to the development and administration of the Code, including advisory group support.

The professional services the Authority is seeking can be broadly described as technical and regulatory economic analysis for Code amendment proposals, assistance with support for the Authority's advisory groups, assistance with consultation, project management, and report writing.

Tenders are sought for one or more of the following areas:

- Wholesale Development
- Retail and Network Markets
- System Operations/Common Quality
- Market Operations

The Request for Tenders is posted on the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) website at:

- www.gets.govt.nz

The GETS Reference number is 32990.

Tenders close at 5:00pm on Thursday, 26 May.



Transmission Pricing Advisory Group (TPAG): 9 May 2011

Group meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/tpag/9May11/>

Transmission Pricing Advisory Group (TPAG): 16 May 2011

Group meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/tpag/16May11/>

Updated Centralised Dataset DVD

The Centralised Dataset has been updated and the April 2011 DVD released. It provides data on half-hourly metering and pricing, hydrology, and network configuration to assist decision-making on capital investment and the operation of the electricity market. Further details and how to obtain a copy of the DVD are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/industry/modelling/cds/>

Locational Price Risk: Submissions

The consultation on Managing locational price risk: Proposed amendments to the Code closed at 5pm on Thursday 12 May. The Authority received 17 submissions, these are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/lpr-proposed-amendments/submissions/>

Current consultations

- Draft decision regarding alleged UTS on 26 March 2011
The Authority has reached a preliminary finding that the situation existing on 26 March 2011 constitutes a UTS. The draft decision and proposed action consultation papers are available at:
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/uts/26Mar11/>
Cross-submissions ending: 19/05/2011 3:00pm
- Minor amendments to voluntary principles and minimum terms for domestic retail contracts.
In May 2010, following consultation with stakeholders, the Electricity Commission (Commission) finalised and published a set of voluntary good practice contracting principles (principles) and minimum terms and conditions (minimum terms). A paper covering minor amendments to these principles and minimum terms is available at:
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/retail/proposed-amendments-minimum-terms/>
Starting: 21/04/2011, Ending: 19/05/2011 5:00pm
- 2011/12 System Operator Draft Policy Statement
The Authority has published a regulatory statement for the purpose of consultation on proposed code amendments included in the draft Policy Statement.
The consultation paper is available at:
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/pso-cq/2011-12-system-operator-draft-policy-statement/>
Starting: 09/05/2011, Ending: 07/06/2011 4:00pm

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