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UTS investigation update

The Electricity Authority's UTS Committee met last week to continue its consideration of whether or not there was an undesirable trading situation (UTS) relating to wholesale market prices on Saturday 26 March 2011.

The Authority is intending to release a final decision on this matter during the afternoon of Wednesday 15 June 2011.

Further details and the UTS claims are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/act-code-regs/uts/decisions-and-claims/>

Minor amendments to voluntary principles and minimum terms and conditions for domestic retail electricity contracts

The Authority is due in July 2011 to assess the extent to which electricity retailers' domestic contracts align with the published set of voluntary, good-practice, contracting principles and minimum terms and conditions for domestic retail contracts issued by the Electricity Commission in May 2010, available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/programmes/market/consumer-rights-policy/domestic-electricity-retail-contracts/>

Recently the Authority consulted on some proposed minor amendments intended to address areas where the principles and minimum terms and conditions appear to have unintended consequences or raise legitimate issues affecting retailers' ability to comply. These matters, and the intention to address them, were signalled to retailers by the Electricity Commission in September 2010.

The Authority has completed its consideration of the submissions received on the proposed amendments and has prepared a revised set of principles and minimum terms and conditions for domestic retail contracts. These will be published either later today or tomorrow, also available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/programmes/market/consumer-rights-policy/domestic-electricity-retail-contracts/>

The Authority will be in contact with retailers shortly in regard to the impending review of the extent to which retailers' domestic contracts align with the principles and minimum terms and conditions.



Gate closure reports: Automated

The Authority is automating the process for participants to submit the revision or cancellation of bids and offers reports (gate closure reports) which are required under clause 13.21 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

Currently, participants send their gate closure reports via e-mail to the Authority and via WITS to the System Operator (SO). The proposed changes will provide a central reporting capability, where a participant will be able to submit the gate closure report to both the SO and the Authority via WITS.

The gate closure report will be in the form of a free-text reason for the revision or cancellation of a bid or offer (whichever is the case), which would be attached to the relevant bid or offer file within WITS. The reason must relate to the relevant bid or offer for which it is submitted. This process will also be available to agents of participants.

The Authority expects the project to be ready for testing by the end of June or early July.

Please call or email alex.ehlert@ea.govt.nz if you have any questions regarding this project.

Scarcity Pricing Forum: Presentation published

The presentation from the Scarcity Pricing Forum held on 1 June is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/spf/1Jun11/>

More standardisation of distribution arrangements briefing: Presentation published

The presentation prepared for the public briefing on more standardisation of distribution arrangements - proposed draft Code amendments, held on 7 June, is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/news-events/events-calendar/public-briefing-more-standardisation/>

Advanced metering infrastructure briefing: Presentation published

The presentation prepared for the public briefing on advanced metering infrastructure – nomination of the MEP and access to data, held on 7 June, is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/news-events/events-calendar/public-briefing-advanced-metering-infrastructure/>

Parties preparing submissions who wish to discuss the proposal further may contact the Authority's General Manager Market Design, John Rampton. Please email john.rampton@ea.govt.nz.

Current consultations

- Fourth consultation - Part 10 review, Advanced Metering Infrastructure: Nomination of the MEP and access to data - May 2011

This paper is the fourth consultation undertaken in connection with the fundamental review of part 10 of the Code (formerly part D of the Rules)

The consultation paper is available at:

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

Starting: 17/05/2011, Ending: 21/06/2011 5:00pm



- **More standardisation of distribution arrangements: Proposed draft Code amendments**
The Authority is progressing a number of priority projects to improve the performance of the electricity market, including the proposed introduction of more standardisation of distribution use-of-system agreements and distributor tariffs.
The consultation paper is available at:
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/more-standardisation-proposed-code-amendments/>
Starting: 25/05/2011, Ending: 22/06/2011 5:00pm
- **Transmission Pricing Discussion Paper**
This consultation relates to Transmission Pricing Discussion Paper prepared by the Transmission Pricing Advisory Group (TPAG). The TPAG has been formed to provide independent advice to the Authority, to assist with the Transmission Pricing Review. The TPAG discussion paper represents the views of the TPAG, not the Electricity Authority.
The discussion paper is available at:
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/advisory-group/transmission-pricing/>
Starting: 07/06/2011, Ending: 14/07/2011 5:00pm

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