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## Distribution Pricing Principles and Information Disclosure Guidelines: Consultation

The Distribution Pricing Principles and Information Disclosure Guidelines, published in March 2010 by the Electricity Commission, were designed to assist distributors to develop more efficient and pro-competitive pricing structures and to make information available to stakeholders to assess whether distributors are doing so.

The Authority has completed a first review of the extent to which the principles have been accepted by distributors and the degree of alignment of distribution tariff structures with the information disclosure guidelines.

As a result of the review, a paper that further refines the guidelines and sets out initial criteria for assessing alignment with the pricing principles has been prepared for consultation.

In particular, the Authority is interested in responses to:

- the criteria in Appendix A of the consultation paper which provides further guidance on the application of the information disclosure guidelines; and
- the initial criteria for assessing alignment with the pricing principles set out in paragraph 3.4.6 of the consultation paper.

Submissions will close on Monday 17 October. The consultation paper is available at:

- <https://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/retail/criteria-for-assessing-alignment-information-disclosure-guidelines/>

## Financial Transmission Right (FTR) Manager: Request for proposals

The Authority wishes to contract a suitably qualified party to manage New Zealand's FTR market.

The successful tenderer will establish and operate an inter-island FTR market, which is intended to be functioning by late 2012.

The deadline for responses to the Authority is 5.00pm, Monday 31 October 2011.

More information is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/rfps/ftr-manager-request-for-proposals/>



## **Retail Advisory Group: 7 September 2011**

A meeting of the Retail Advisory Group (RAG) will be held on Wednesday 7 September. An agenda and meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/rag/rag-meeting-7-september-2011/>

## **Retail Advisory Group: 1 July 2011**

Meeting papers for the meeting of the Retail Advisory Group (RAG) held on 1 July 2011 are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/rag/rag-meeting-1-july-2011/>

## **Hedge-market arrangements: Submissions published**

Submissions on the consultation paper "Improving the Opportunities to Hedge New Zealand Electricity Prices" have been published and are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/-improving-opportunities-hedge-electricity-prices/submissions/>

## **Current consultations**

- **Standardisation: Model use-of-system agreements and proposed Code amendments**  
The deadline for the MUoSA components of this consultation has been extended by four weeks to 5pm on 6 October 2011, however, responses to questions 5 to 23 are still required by 5pm on 8 September 2011.  
The paper is available at:  
<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/standardisation-muosa-and-proposed-code/>

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