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Distribution Pricing Principles and Information Disclosure Guidelines

The Commission has published the Distribution Pricing Principles and Information Disclosure Guidelines. The paper finalises the draft pricing principles and information disclosure guidelines. The paper is designed to assist distributors in respect of the disclosure of information on their distribution pricing methodologies, and any subsequent review of the distributors' conformity with the pricing principles.

The paper is available from:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/distrib-pricing/index.html#distribution-pricing-principles>
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Distribution Pricing Administrative Issues Working Group

A distribution pricing working group was formed in October 2009 to discuss a number of administrative issues relating to the interface between retailers and distributors. The group met twice in 2009 and produced a set of recommendations. In addition, members of the group prepared documents summarising:

- file exchange and pricing used by distributors; and
- EIEP1 network reporting options.

The purpose of those two documents is to facilitate an understanding of subtleties of As Billed, As Billed Normalised and Normalised Data and to have a better understanding of billing complexities faced by some retailers.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/distribution-pricing/distribution-pricing-workinggroup>

AMI Working Group - call for nominations

An AMI Working Group (AMIWG) is being established to:

- Consider the addition of new interfaces for information exchanges between AMI system providers, and between system providers and system users;
- Recommend changes for existing interfaces to the Standing Data Formats Group;
- Consider the use of a standardised communication medium; and
- Promote awareness and use of these interfaces and communication methodology within the industry.

The call for nominations and terms of reference can be found at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/amiwg/index.html>

Nominations close on 15 March 2010, and should be sent to: <mailto:info@electricitycommission.govt.nz>

Standing Data Formats Group - call for nominations

Nominations are invited for the Standing Data Formats Group (SDFG). The SDFG was established to consider:

- Suggestions by affected parties for the addition of new EIEPs, or changes to existing EIEPs;
- Suggestions by affected parties for the addition of new, or amendments to existing, file exchange formats between participants and the service provider positions of the registry or the reconciliation manager, and make recommendations to the Commission; and
- Promote awareness and use of the data format change review protocols within the industry.

The call for nominations and terms of reference can be found on the Commission's website at

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/sdfg/index.html>

Nominations close on 15 March 2010, and should be sent to <mailto:info@electricitycommission.govt.nz>.

Redclyffe 220/110kV Interconnection Investment Proposal

On 11 February 2010, Transpower wrote to the Commission advising that it wished to defer the Redclyffe 220/110kV Interconnection Investment Proposal. Transpower advised that it will be conducting a trial at Redclyffe to investigate whether the capacity ratings of interconnecting transformers at specific sites can be increased without compromising system security.

Transpower expects that the trial will last for 12 months, after which Transpower will decide whether to proceed with the investment proposal, withdraw it or amend it.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/2008GUP/redclyffe-intercon>

Report on Development of a Liquid Electricity Hedge Market in New Zealand

To help inform work on the Market Development Programme and related projects, Cybele Capital Limited was commissioned to review and report on the following matters:

- Key characteristics of an attainable liquid hedge market;
- The Energy Minister's announced changes relating to the hedge market;
- Other desirable developments for improved hedge market liquidity;
- Key linkages with Market Development Programme (MDP) projects; and
- The role of the Commission in introducing the above changes.

Cybele Capital's report is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/wholesale/Hedge/index.html#report-by-cybele-capital>

Market Governance Update

The February 2010 Market Governance Update is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/compliance/updates>

Submissions published

Submissions on Approach to Domestic Retail Contracting Arrangements – Issues and Options Discussion are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/retail/domestic-contracts>

Submissions on Reducing the Delay for Publishing Bids and Offers are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/wholesale/bids-offers>

Consultation documents

- [Interconnection Asset Capacity and Grid Configuration](#)
Closes 15 March 2010
Posted 22 February 2010
- [Discussion paper: Security, Web Services, and EIEP Data Exchange](#)
Closes 19 March 2010
Posted 17 February 2010

Contacts

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