

Commission Update – 4 October 2010

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Electricity Industry Participation Code – documents to be incorporated by reference

The pre-certification Electricity Participation Code (Code) published by the Ministry of Economic Development (See http://www.med.govt.nz/templates/ContentTopicSummary_44670.aspx) provides for certain documents to be incorporated in the Code by reference.

Three of these relate to operational security of supply responsibilities to be assumed by the system operator under the Code:

- Security of supply forecasting and information policy pdf [32 KB]
- Emergency management policy [242 KB]
- System operator rolling outage plan pdf [166 KB]

These documents will not come into force until the Code comes into force, expected to be 1 November 2010, following certification of the Code by the Minister of Energy and Resources.

Further information is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/secsupply/initial-code>
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Interim pricing period

New interim pricing period rules came into force on Friday, 1 October 2010. The rules introduce a new price type, interim prices, to complement final and provisional prices.

Prices are now being published as interim prices for a period prior to their being published as final. This allows participants, interested parties and the Commission to review prices and make a pricing error claim to the Pricing Manager if an input or calculation error is suspected.

Claims are to be made by completing and emailing form 8 of Schedule G1 of part G of the Rules to managerp@nzx.com by 12 noon on the first business day after publication of the interim price.

Further information on the rule change is available at:

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

Changes to Electricity and Gas Complaints Commissioner Scheme Constitution approved

On 30 September 2010, the Electricity Commission approved changes to the Constitution for the Electricity and Gas Complaints Commissioner Scheme. A copy of the changes is available at:

- http://egcomplaints.co.nz/pk39gqAj21/eib_constitution.pdf

System Operator annual self-review and assessment 2009/2010

On 30 September 2010, the Commission received the System Operator's annual self-review and assessment of its performance in the 12 months period ending 31 August 2010. The report is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/servproinfo/annual/index.html>

Pursuant to the requirements of rule 14 of section II of part C of the Rules, the Commission has started the process of preparing its review and assessment of the System Operator's performance for the period covered by the self-review report.

Statement of Opportunities

Printed copies of the 2010 SOO are available and can be requested by contacting info@electricitycommission.govt.nz with '2010 SOO - printed version' in the subject line. Please provide a contact name and full address details.

A Response to Submissions paper has been published on the Commission's website to accompany the 2010 SOO and supplementary information relating to the 2010 SOO will be published shortly.

The 2010 SOO and the Response to Submissions paper are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/soo/2010SOO/index.html>

Exemption 120 (Transpower New Zealand Limited) granted

Transpower New Zealand Limited, in its capacity as the System Operator, is exempted from compliance with the requirement in rule 6.1.2 of part J of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 for the System operator to notify the Reconciliation Manager of the trading periods during which points of connection to the grid were supplied from an alternative point of connection.

Details of the exemption are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/exemptions/index.html>

New Distributor Reports

In accordance with Rule 14.2 schedule J4 of Part J, the Reconciliation Manager will publish three new distributor reports, in addition to the current GR-050, from 11 October. They are:

GR-250: Distributor Report - Electricity Traded

This report provides reconciliation information by trading period, for electricity traded for each trader on individual distribution networks.

GR-260: Distributor Report - Electricity Submitted

This report provides submission information by trading period for each trader on individual distribution networks. This includes non-half hour and half hour information.

GR-270: Distributor Report - Electricity Supplied

This report provides electricity-supplied information as billed, summarised monthly for each trader on individual distribution networks.

These three new reports will be available for the initial revision period (Day 7) and the 1, 3, 7 & 14 month revisions (Last Day), and will be available on the Reconciliation Manager web portal, via DMZ or web services.

Additional documentation, including the Functional Specification and the File Names and Format document, will be available on or after 30 September, or on request to retailoperations@electricitycommission.govt.nz.

For further information contact the Reconciliation Manager at rm@nzx.com or call Zane Doran on (04) 498 0044.

Locational Price Risk Group meeting papers 2 September 2010

Group minutes and meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/lprtq/meetings/2Sep10/index.html>

Submissions – Transmission Pricing Review: Stage 2 Options

Submissions on the Transmission Pricing Review: Stage 2 Options are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/substransmission/tprstage2options>

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