

Commission Update – 11 October 2010

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Electricity Industry Act 2010 enacted

The Electricity Industry Bill has now received the Royal assent. The Electricity Industry Act 2010 will come into force on 1 November 2010. On that date, the Electricity Commission becomes the Electricity Authority.

The Act is available at:

- http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2010/0116/latest/DLM2634233.html?search=ts_act_Electricity+Industry_resel&p=1&sr=1

Exemption 122 (Meridian Energy Limited, Orion New Zealand Limited and MainPower): Granted

An exemption has been granted for Meridian Energy Limited from compliance with:

- (i) rule 28.1 of part E;
- (ii) clauses 3.2, 3A.2, 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 of schedule E1 of part E; and
- (iii) clauses 1.2, 1.2A, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.3, and 4.5 of schedule E2 of part E; and

to Orion New Zealand Limited (Orion) and MainPower New Zealand Limited (MainPower) in relation to the management of all their ICPs:

- (i) from the timing restrictions that apply to them as distributors, in the following provisions of the Rules:
 - rules 2, 3, 4.3, 17, and 28.2 of part E; and
 - clauses 2.2, 2.3, 2.7, 2A.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.3A, 4.4, 4.6A, 4.8, 7.1B.2, 9.2.1, 9.5, and 10.2 of schedule E1 of part E of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 (Rules).

Details of the exemption are available at:

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

Vulnerable and Medically Dependent Consumer Guidelines: Compliance Review

Information from retailers regarding their compliance with the Guideline on arrangements to assist vulnerable consumers (VC Guideline) and Guideline on arrangements to assist medically dependent consumers (MDC Guideline) will shortly be requested.

Responses will be due by 26 November 2010 and, as in previous years, chief executive sign off is requested.

File formats for new distributor reports

The amendments to Part E and Part J of the Rules provide three new distributor reports. The file formats for these reports are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/reconproject>

Briefing presentations – Locational Risk Management Proposal

Presentations from the Locational Price Risk Management Proposal Briefing of 23 September are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/wholesale/Hedge/transmission-hedges#proposal-and-consultation-september>

Submissions on Third Consultation – Part D Review: Proposed New Rules (June 2010)

Submissions on the Third Consultation – Part D Review – Proposed New Rules (June 2010) are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/retail/partd-proposed-rules>

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