

Commission Update – 19 April 2010

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General Manager's Update

The April edition of the General Manager's Update, which provides information on the status of our workplan and transition to the new Electricity Authority, is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/publications/index.html#GM
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Advanced Metering Infrastructure Working Group

The Advanced Metering Infrastructure Working Group (AMIWG) has been established. Its role is to:

- Consider the addition of new interfaces relating to information exchanges between AMI system providers, and between system providers and users.
- Recommend changes to existing interfaces in the Standing Data Formats Group.
- Promote awareness and use of interfaces and standardised communication media within the industry.

Further information is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/amiwg/index.html.
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Standing Data Formats Group

Appointments have been made to the Standing Data Formats Group (SDFG), following the recent call for nominations.

The group considers and makes recommendations on the addition of, or changes to:

- Electricity Information Exchange Protocols; and
- file exchange formats between participants and the service provider positions of the registry, or the reconciliation manager.

The SDFG also promotes awareness and use of the data format change review protocols within the industry.

Further information on group members and the Terms of Reference of the SDFG is available at:

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

Minutes of Locational Price Risk Technical Group meeting

Minutes of the first meeting of the Locational Price Risk Technical Group (LPRTG) on possible hedge mechanisms for managing locational price risk are available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/lprtg/index.html

Fact sheet on arrangements to assist medically dependent consumers

A fact sheet setting out high-level aspects of the Commission's guidelines for identifying medically dependent consumers has been published at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/retail/lowincome

Request for Proposals: Commercial Buildings Electricity Programmes

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for four new commercial-sector electricity efficiency initiatives is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/elec-efficiency/programmes/commercial/index.html

The programmes are intended to build upon the 110 projects currently providing 25 GWh annual electricity savings, and cover:

1. Projects between the Commission and service providers.
2. Projects between the Commission and building owners and/or tenants.
3. Product-based lighting subsidies.
4. Alternative proposals (including office buildings project).

The RFP closes on Thursday, 6 May 2010.

Request for Proposals: Heated Towel-Rail Timer Information Programmes

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to promote the use of heated towel-rail timers in New Zealand homes is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/elec-efficiency/programmes/towel-rail-timer/index.html

The RFP involves two information programmes, one for customers and the other for suppliers.

Heated towel-rail timers have been identified by the *KEMA Electricity Efficiency Potentials Study* as having significant electricity efficiency potential in the residential sector.

The RFP closes on Wednesday, 5 May 2010.

Consultation documents

- [Proposed amendments to parts E and J of the Rules](#)
Closes 19 April 2010
Posted 23 March 2010
- [Wind Forecasting and Market Integration: Options](#)
Closes 26 April 2010
Posted 19 March 2010
- [Amendments to Advanced Metering Infrastructure Guidelines](#)
Closes 30 April 2010
Posted 19 March 2010

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