

Commission Update – 22 March 2010

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Distributors to provide distributed generation information by 1 April 2010

Distributors are required to supply distributed generation information for the 2009 calendar year, under the Electricity Governance (Connection of Distributed Generation) Regulations 2007. This is due by 1 April 2010.

Details, including the reporting form for distributors, are available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/retail/distributed-generation

Distributors with no information to report should submit a 'nil' report, by sending an email to retailoperations@electricitycommission.govt.nz instead of using the reporting form.

Consultation paper on Wind Forecasting and Market Integration: Options

The Wind Integration Project was established to investigate how to best integrate wind generation into the electricity market.

The project considered:

- optimal arrangements for wind forecasting over the scheduling timeframes;
- provision of pre-dispatch information to enable participants to manage wind variability; and
- the integration of wind into market pricing, scheduling and dispatch arrangements.

Proposals and conclusions are outlined in the consultation paper.

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/wind-forecast-mi

Submissions should be made to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by 5pm, Monday 26 April 2010.

Consultation paper: Amendments to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Guidelines

Submissions are invited on the consultation paper, *Amendments to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Guidelines*.

The guidelines have been amended to reflect developments in AMI technology, and the results of monitoring the September 2009 guidelines.

The consultation paper is published at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/ami-guide-amend

Submissions should be made to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by 5pm, Friday 30 April 2010.

Proposed amendments to parts E and J of the Rules

In September/October 2009, the Commission consulted interested parties on proposed amendments to parts E and J of the Rules and consequential amendments to parts A and H of the Rules.

As a result of submissions received, further changes have been made to the proposed amendments. The Commission is consulting interested parties on these.

The consultation paper is published at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/further-consult-e-and-j/

Submissions should be made to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by 5pm, Monday 19 April 2010.

Annual Security Assessment

Following consultation, the final *Annual Security Assessment* has been published:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/secsupply#annual-security-assessment

The report incorporates changes to assumptions since the draft assessment, and includes more explanation of the methodology and conclusions.

We will continue to monitor dry-year risk, ability to meet peak demand, and investment plans during winter 2010.

Locational price risk information paper

A locational price risk information paper, *Towards selection of a preferred high-level option*, has been published. The paper provides an analysis of submissions received on the *Managing locational price risk: options* consultation paper. It also describes the criteria for selecting a high-level locational hedge option to be taken to detailed design.

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/wholesale/Hedge/transmission-hedges

Locational Price Risk Technical Group meeting papers

The first meeting of the Locational Price Risk Technical Group was held on the 12 March 2010. Papers presented at the meeting (other than the Information Paper referred to above) are available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/lprtg/meetings/12Mar10/index.html

Notice of intention: Auto Synchronisation Points Investment Proposal

On 23 December 2009, Transpower submitted the *Auto Synchronisation Points Investment Proposal* as part of the 2009 Grid Upgrade Plan (GUP). It proposes the installation of auto synchronisation points at ten locations across the country by 2013.

Transpower submitted the proposal as a reliability investment and sought approval of up to \$9.5 million. In accordance with rule 15.1 of section III of part F of the Rules, the Commission has today given notice of its intention to approve the proposal, and published the reasons for its decision.

Under rule 15.2 of section III of part F of the Rules, a designated transmission customer, an authorised representative of parties substantially affected by the GUP, or Transpower, may, within ten working days of the date of publication of the notice of intention (5pm, Wednesday, 7 April 2010), request a public conference to provide opportunity for comment on the reliability investment.

Parties wishing to request a public conference should contact info@electricitycommission.govt.nz with 'Public conference – Auto Synchronisation Points Investment Proposal' in the subject line. If no request for a public conference is received, the decision in the notice of intention will be final.

Details are available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/2009GUP/auto-synch

COPD5 technical reason guidance

Guidelines on what the Market Administrator considers a technical difficulty for a COPD5 variation have been published.

The memo setting out the guidelines is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/infopapers/index.html#retail

Investigation of alleged breach by Meridian Energy

On 18 March 2010, the EGR Committee considered a self-reported breach of rule 4.11 of section III of part G of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 by Meridian Energy Limited and appointed an investigator to investigate the breach.

The alleged breach concerns the non-compliance with dispatch instructions for Fast Instantaneous Reserves (FIR) during an Under-Frequency Event (UFE) on 1 August 2009.

Further information is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/compliance/decisions2#current

Consultation documents

- [Correction of information errors and dispute resolution processes: proposed amendments to parts H and J of the Rules](#)
Closes 22 March 2010
Posted 5 March 2010
- [Wind Forecasting and Market Integration: Options](#)
Closes 26 April 2010
Posted 19 March 2010
- [Amendments to the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Guidelines](#)
Closes 30 April 2010
Posted 19 March 2010

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