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Standardising distribution tariff structures and use-of-system rules

Following completion of phase 1, a second discussion document has been published and circulated to distributors. The phase 2 document is designed to establish the nature and scale of potential distribution-related outcomes arising from standardisation. Distributors have been invited to provide written responses to the questions contained within the discussion document. In addition, the Commission will seek to have one-on-one discussions with a number of distributors who would be most likely to provide key information. These stakeholders will be contacted directly. If you would particularly like to have a one-on-one discussion, please contact info@electricitycommission.govt.nz on this issue.

The phase 2 discussion document is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp/distrib-tariff

Once the second phase has been completed, the results from both phases will be discussed with the Distribution Pricing Administrative Issues Working Group and at an industry workshop to be held in July 2010.

Industry Participation Code briefing

The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) have announced that a briefing on the draft Industry Participation Code will be held in Wellington on 11 June 2010.

Details on the briefing, Code development, proposed implementation and registration are available on the MED website at:

- www.med.govt.nz/templates/ContentTopicSummary_43215.aspx.

MDP conference presentations

Material presented at the Market Development Programme (MDP) conference on 25-26 May is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp/index.html#mdp-conf-May10

Valuable feedback provided during the conference will be incorporated into consultation papers to be prepared for release in late June.

Tool for understanding scarcity pricing and locational price risk management impacts

A two-node model assessing impacts of scarcity pricing and locational price risk management mechanisms has been developed. This tool is designed to help participants understand the mechanisms and assist with high-level analysis. Not all aspects of the market are included and some aspects are approximated.

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp/index.html#mdp-conf-May10

Feedback on the model is welcomed.

Statement of Intent published

The Statement of Intent (SOI) for 2010/11 has been published:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/publications/index.html#soi

The SOI covers only one financial year, as the Electricity Industry Bill 2009 provides for the disestablishment of the Commission and transfer of functions to other agencies, including a new Electricity Authority, on 1 October 2010.

For a printed copy, contact the Commission on (04) 460 8860 or info@electricitycommisson.govt.nz.

Advisory Group meeting papers

- [Investment Advisory Group meeting of 6 May 2010](#)
- [Locational Price Risk Technical Group meeting of 5 May 2010](#)

Submissions published

Submissions received on the Under-frequency Event Causer Determination consultation have been published:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/commqualsubs/ufe-causer

Consultation documents

- [2010-2011 System Operator Draft Procurement Plan](#)
Closes 4 June 2010
Posted 21 May 2010
- [Dispatchable Demand Regime](#)
Closes 18 June 2010
Posted 20 May 2010

- [Upper North Island Dynamic Reactive Support Investment Proposal](#)
Closes 21 June 2010
Posted 28 May 2010

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