

Notification of the Commission's Decision Pursuant to Regulation 91(1)

Under regulation 91(1) of the Electricity Governance Regulations 2003 (Regulations) the Electricity Commission (Commission) must publicise every decision made under regulation 86(2) or regulation 90(2) or regulation 90(3), together with the reasons for the Commission's decision.

Investigation

On 17 March 2009, the Commission appointed an investigator under regulation 69 of the Regulations to investigate the following alleged breach of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 (Rules) by Transpower Limited in its role as System Operator (System Operator):

- Self-reported breach by the System Operator of rule 1.3.4.7 of schedule G6 of Part G of the Rules.

The breach was in respect of the System Operator's failure to correctly model components of the HVDC when returning HVDC back to service from an unplanned outage, from 13:30 to 19:00 on 5 November 2008.

On 18 March 2010 the Commission received and considered a report and a recommendation from the Investigator.

The Commission's Decision

On 18 March 2010 in respect of this breach the Commission decided under regulation 90 not to lay a formal complaint.

Reason for the Commission's Decision

The reason for the Commission's decision was that the actions taken by the System Operator following the breach have reduced the likelihood that such breaches will recur.