

Notification of the Authority's Decision under regulation 29 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010

Under regulation 29(1) of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 (Regulations) the Electricity Authority (Authority) must publicise every decision made under regulation 23(3) together with the reasons for the Authority's decision.

Investigation

On 26 February 2015, the Authority appointed an investigator under regulation 12 of the Regulations to investigate the self-reported breach of clause 90.1(b) of the Policy Statement by Transpower New Zealand Limited as the system operator.

The breach concerned the system operator failing to apply a pre-solve deviation to the market system to reduce South Island load following a planned Tiwai Point aluminium smelter potline offload.

Meridian Energy Limited joined the investigation as an affected party.

On 15 October 2015, the Authority received and considered a report and a recommendation from the investigator to discontinue the investigation.

The Authority's decision

On 15 October 2015, the Authority decided under regulation 23(3)(a) of the Regulations to discontinue the investigation.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

The reasons for the Authority's decision to discontinue the investigation were that:

- The system operator has taken and is continuing to take steps to prevent recurrence of a similar breach. There have been no subsequent breaches by the system operator.
- The parties to the investigation did not require a settlement.