

Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 254 (Pioneer Energy Limited)) Exemption Notice 2017

In accordance with section 11 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (“Act”), the Electricity Authority gives the following notice.

Notice

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice is the Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 254 (Pioneer Energy Limited)) Exemption Notice 2017.

(2) This notice comes into force on the day after the date it is notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

2. Exemption—Pioneer Energy Limited (“Pioneer”) is exempted from complying with the obligation in clause 15.38 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (“Code”) to obtain and maintain certification as a reconciliation participant.

3. Term—This exemption expires on the close of **31 August 2017**.

4. Reasons for granting the exemption—The reasons for granting this exemption are:

- a. Pioneer has completed an audit demonstrating its ability to comply with the relevant obligations in the Code;
- b. a new auditing regime, which comes into force on 1 June 2017, removes the requirement for Pioneer as a reconciliation participant to obtain ISO quality certification;
- c. the exemption will have little or no impact on other participants or service providers, and will not affect any other Code provisions; and
- d. granting the requested exemption meets the requirements in section 11(2) of the Act.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of February 2017.

For and on behalf of the Electricity Authority:
HON ROGER SOWRY, ONZM, Member, Electricity Authority.