

## **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 90(2) together with the reasons for the Commission's decision.

### **Investigation**

On 18 March 2010, the Commission appointed an investigator under regulation 69 of the Regulations to investigate the alleged breaches of rule 4.11 of section III of part G of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 (Rules) by Meridian Energy Limited (Meridian).

The breach was self reported by Meridian for failing to comply with dispatch instruction for Fast Instantaneous Reserves during an under-frequency event on 1 August 2009.

Transpower New Zealand as the System Operator and as the Grid Owner joined the Investigation as affected parties.

On 30 August 2010, the Commission received and considered a report and a recommendation from the Investigator not to lay a formal complaint.

### **The Commission's Decision**

On 30 August 2010, in respect of these alleged breaches the Commission decided under regulation 90 (2) not to lay a formal complaint.

### **Reasons for the Commission's Decision**

The reasons for the Commission's decision were that:

- Meridian has taken steps to fix the problems causing non-compliance and therefore prevent reoccurrence of similar breaches.
- The parties to this investigation were satisfied by the mitigation steps taken by Meridian and had no settlement requirements regarding this self-reported breach.