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## Consumer Switching RFP: Switching facilitators and on-line tool providers

The Electricity Authority is soon to launch an information programme to raise consumer awareness of the ease and financial benefits of switching.

To support this promotion, the Authority is seeking proposals from switching facilitators and on-line tool providers that can be used to promote and enhance switching.

The closing date for proposals is 4pm, Tuesday 15 March 2011.

RFP documents are available at:

- <https://www.gets.govt.nz/Default.aspx?show=TenderDetail&TenderID=32190>

## SRC appointment and call for nominations

Dr Kevin Thompson has been appointed to chair the Security and Reliability Council (SRC). Dr Thompson was formerly Chief Executive Officer of Opus International Consultants Ltd and has been a recipient of the Institute of Professional Engineers of New Zealand William Pickering Award for engineering leadership.

The SRC is being established to provide independent advice to the Electricity Authority on reliability of supply issues and on the performance of the electricity system and the system operator.

Following Dr Thompson's appointment, the Authority is calling for nominations for members of the SRC. Nominations should be emailed to [info@ea.govt.nz](mailto:info@ea.govt.nz), with 'Nomination for SRC members' in the subject, and must be received by 4.00 pm on Monday, 21 February 2011.

The Authority intends to appoint members of the SRC in March 2011 prior to the first meeting of the SRC in late March or early April.

More information is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/src/>



## **System Operator annual review and assessment 2009/10**

The Authority has published its annual review and assessment of the System Operator's performance for the period 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010. It is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/industry/pso-cq/system-operations/system-operator-reports/review-so-performance/>

## **Memoranda of Understanding**

The Authority has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the Commerce Commission and the Ministry of Economic Development.

These documents are intended to clarify border issues in areas of common interest and remove potential confusion for stakeholders.

The MoU are available on the Authority's website at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/documents-publications/memorandum-of-understanding/>

## **Electricity Hedge Disclosure System website - new location factor file**

An updated location factor file has been loaded onto the Electricity Hedge Disclosure System website. Parties loading information onto the site should utilise the updated location factor file for hedges traded from 1 February 2011 onwards.

The location factor file can be downloaded from:

- <http://www.electricitycontract.co.nz/page/downloads>

## **Locational Price Risk Technical Group**

Group minutes and meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/lprt/28Jan11/>

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