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Security and Reliability Council appointments

Subsequent to the appointment of Dr Kevin Thompson as Chairperson of the Security and Reliability Council (SRC), the Authority has announced the appointments of members of the SRC.

To provide for an appropriate range of representation, the SRC terms of reference have been amended to increase membership from eight members to nine members, including the Chairperson.

The appointees have been selected for their individual skills and to achieve a balance of consumer, generation, retail, transmission, network, and demand-side management expertise.

Membership terms are staggered. Dennis Barnes, Terrence Currie and Tim Lusk are appointed for one year. Albert Brantley, Patrick Strange and Bruce Turner are appointed for two years and David Russell, Roger Sutton and Kevin Thompson for three years. The terms of reference allow for the possibility of re-appointment for a further three years.

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

SRC members' profiles

Dennis Barnes is CEO-designate at Contact Energy Ltd. Dennis' previous roles include General Manager Energy Risk Management, General Manager Generation Operations, and National Gas Trading Manager at Origin Energy, along with Senior Manager Energy Marketing at Boral Energy. Dennis' background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in energy trading and risk management, electricity generation and retailing, and production management in a major electricity user.

Albert Brantley is CEO of Genesis Energy. Albert's previous roles include Chief Operating Officer/Chief Development Officer of OceanaGold, Executive Managing Director of Shuweiha CMS International Power Company, Executive Managing Director of Emirates CMS Power Company, and CEO of Kot Addu Power Company. Albert's background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in developing, commissioning and integrating large generation developments into electricity systems, as well as developing power supply systems for substantial industrial operations.

Terrance Currie is Chairman of the Major Electricity Users Group. Terrance's previous roles include Executive Director New Zealand Pulp and Paper Industry Association, and Deputy Director New Zealand Retailers Federation. Terrance's background includes participation in domestic and international forums on renewable energy and sustainable

development, a strong interest in distributed generation developments, along with an active involvement in New Zealand electricity sector reforms since the late 1980s on behalf of major electricity users.

Tim Lusk is CEO of Meridian Energy. Tim's previous roles include CEO of the Marram Trust, General Manager Wholesale Services at Telecom NZ, and General Manager Industry Development and General Manager Transmission Services at Transpower NZ. Tim's background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in transmission and distribution asset management, system operations and generation.

David Russell is an independent director and self-employed advisor on consumer issues. David's previous roles include CEO and Assistant Director of the Consumers' Institute. David's background includes an involvement with the New Zealand electricity sector since the mid-1970s on behalf of electricity consumers, particularly small electricity consumers, and with a particular emphasis on retail market issues.

Patrick Strange is CEO of Transpower. Patrick's previous roles include CEO of Vector, CEO of Mercury Energy, and General Manager Power Generation for Fletcher Challenge Energy. Patrick's background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in generation development, transmission and distribution asset management and operations, and demand-side response.

Roger Sutton is CEO of Orion. Roger's previous roles include General Manager Operations and Commercial Manager at Orion. Roger's background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in distribution asset management and operations, energy trading, energy efficiency and demand-side response, along with an active involvement in New Zealand electricity sector reforms during the 1990s.

Bruce Turner is Director Commodity and Risk Trading at Fonterra. Bruce's previous roles include Senior Vice President at Suez Energy International, Vice President Trading at Tractebel EGI, General Manager Wholesale Group Mighty River Power, and General Manager Commercial at Vector Ltd. Bruce's background includes operational and strategic leadership roles in energy and commodity trading and risk management, electricity generation, distribution and retailing, strategy and regulatory affairs. Bruce was also involved in New Zealand electricity sector reforms during the 1990s.

Advisory Group chairpersons appointed

The Authority has appointed *Peter Allport* as Chairperson of the Retail Advisory Group (RAG) and *James Moulder* as Chairperson of the Wholesale Advisory Group (WAG).

Peter Allport is a professional company director with nearly 35 years' experience in corporate governance and currently operates an international business consultancy company, Alpega Management Ltd. He is also Chairman of Capacity Infrastructure Services Ltd and Magritek Ltd, a board member of Newcom LLC Mongolia; Eznis Airways LLC Mongolia, and Wellington Free Ambulance, a Trustee of the NZ Red Cross Foundation, and the Honorary Consul of Mongolia in New Zealand.

Peter was involved in the energy sector from 1990 to 1999 as Deputy Chairman of the Hutt Valley electricity and gas distribution company, Energy Direct, which subsequently became Trans Alta New Zealand Ltd. Between 1990 – 1991 he was a member of the Electricity Distribution Reform Unit (EDRU) established to advise Government on electricity industry reform issues. He is a former Chairman of the Commerce Commission and Tourism New Zealand.

James Moulder is a Principal at Carbon and Energy Partners & Cybele Capital in Auckland. He is an energy and environmental markets specialist with considerable experience in the New Zealand and Australian electricity industries. James also had many years of general management experience in the electricity industry at Mighty River Power Limited.

His extensive governance exposure includes private-enterprise, local-government and iwi experience and involvement in Bosco Connect Limited. James has been involved in a number of advisory groups, including the Electricity Authority Market Development Advisory Group, winter security groups, and the AUT MBA Advisory Board.



Call for nominations for Advisory Group membership

Following chairperson appointments, the Authority is calling for nominations for members of the retail and wholesale advisory groups. Nominations should be emailed to info@ea.govt.nz, with 'Nomination for Retail Advisory Group' or 'Nomination for Wholesale Advisory Group' as appropriate, in the subject-line. Nominations are requested by 4.00 pm Friday, 1 April 2011.

Further information is available at:

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

Nga Awa Purua commissioning plan: Settlement

On 8 March 2011, the Board approved a settlement agreement by Mighty River Power limited, Genesis Power Limited, Transpower New Zealand Limited as System Operator, and Meridian Energy Limited regarding self-reported breaches of rule 2.7 of technical code A of schedule C3 of part C and alleged breach of rule 4.11 of section III of part G of the Electricity Governance Rules 2003.

The breaches relate to Mighty River Power's failure to comply with the agreed commissioning plan for the Nga Awa Purua geothermal plant.

Details of the settlement are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/act-code-regs/compliance/investigations-settlements-decisions/closed-with-settlement/>

TPAG meeting papers

Papers for the meeting of the Transmission Pricing Advisory Group (TPAG) on 14 March 2011 have been published at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/tpag/tpag-meeting-14-march-2011>

Distributed generation reporting due by 1 April

The Authority reminds distributors that they are required under Part 6 of the Code to report distributed generation statistics to the Authority on or before 1 April 2011. These requirements are detailed in clause 26 of Schedule 6.1 and relate solely to the 2010 calendar year.

Part 6 of the Code replaced the Electricity Governance (Connection of Distributed Generation) Regulations 2007 with effect from 1 November 2010.

General information about Part 6 and the required submission form are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/industry/market/distributed-generation/>

A nil return is required where there is no data to report. Completed forms, nil returns or any queries on the topic should be directed to retailoperations@ea.govt.nz.

Current consultations

- Code Amendment Proposal: Regulatory Framework for Transmission Pricing Methodology (TPM)
The Authority has published a consultation paper proposing a Code amendment to relate the decision framework

more closely to the Authority's statutory objective.

The paper is available at:

<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/regulatory-framework-tpm/>

Starting: 14/02/2011, Ending: 14/03/2011 5:00pm

- Capacity offer for Whirinaki

The Authority has reviewed the current Whirinaki capacity offer and alternative options.

The paper is available at:

<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/sos/whirinaki-capacity-offer/>

Starting: 01/03/2011, Ending: 22/03/2011 5:00pm

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