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Transmission pricing discussion paper: Revised timeline

The Transmission Pricing Advisory Group (TPAG) has agreed a revised timeline for the publication of its transmission pricing discussion paper. Publication will be deferred for two to three months, along with related aspects of the Electricity Authority's transmission pricing review, to ensure a balance between moving forward and following a robust process in order to achieve regulatory certainty in transmission pricing in the longer term.

The revised timeline is available at:

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

TPAG papers for 8 April 2011 are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/tpag/tpag-meeting-8-april-2011/>

Minor amendments to the Code

The Board has approved publication of proposed minor amendments to Parts 1 and 13 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010. The proposed Code amendment is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/act-code-regs/code-regs/code-changes/proposed-amendments/>

The Code amendment is likely to be finalised in the week of 18-22 April and come into force on 1 June 2011.

Managing locational price risk: Proposed amendments to Code

The Authority has published a consultation paper proposing amendments to the Code to provide for the introduction of an inter-island Financial Transmission Right (FTR) to manage locational price risk between the North and South Islands.

Submissions should be provided to the Authority by 5pm on Thursday, 12 May.

The paper is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/lpr-proposed-amendments/>



Hedge market development project

The Authority has initiated a closed tender for a party to evaluate the performance of the hedge market and provide advice on initiatives to improve hedge market liquidity.

In particular, the Government has set a target for satisfactory hedge market liquidity, defined as 3,000 GWh of “unmatched open interest” to be achieved by 1 June 2011. Current levels of unmatched open interest fall well short of the 3,000GWh level.

The successful party will take into account progress towards meeting the 1 June target, and where necessary suggest initiatives to enable the Authority to meet the requirement in section 42(2)(g) of the Electricity industry Act 2010 that it facilitate or provide for an active market for trading financial hedge contracts by 1 November 2011.

Further information on this project is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/programmes/market/hedge-market-development/>

Scarcity Pricing Forum: Web page

The Scarcity Pricing Forum now has its own web page which includes material from its meetings on 26 January 2011 and 25 February 2011.

The page can be found at:

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

Scarcity pricing/Locational price risk: Briefing

The date of the briefing on scarcity pricing and locational price risk is confirmed as 19 April 2011. Further information is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/news-events/events-calendar/lpr-sp-workshop/>

Electricity Commission final annual report

The final annual report for the Electricity Commission for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2011 has been tabled in Parliament. It is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/ec-archive/about-the-commission/documents-publications/annual-reports/>

Hard copies of the report are available from the Authority.

Current consultations

- Scarcity pricing arrangements – proposed design

The Authority has published a consultation paper on the development of a proposal in respect of scarcity pricing.

The paper is available at:

<http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/priority-projects/scarcity-pricing-arrangements-proposed-design/>

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