Amendment to Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 331 (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited)) Exemption Notice 2023

In accordance with section 11(4) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 ("Act"), the Electricity Authority ("Authority") gives the following notice.

Notice

1. Principal exemption and commencement

- (1) This notice amends the exemption granted by the Authority on 3 July 2023 to Wellington Electricity Lines Limited, entitled "Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 331 (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited)) Exemption Notice 2023" ("principal exemption") New Zealand Gazette, 4 July 2023, Notice No. 2023-au2977.
- (2) This notice comes into force on the day after the date it is notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

2. Amendments to principal exemption

- (1) In clause 3, Table 2, Condition 3, replace "Intellihub Limited as the metering equipment provider for the purposes of the trial" with "a metering equipment provider ("MEP") for the purpose of the trial if the MEP has been granted an exemption for the same purpose".
- (2) In clause 3, Table 2, Condition 6, replace "Intellihub Limited" with "an MEP that has been granted an exemption in respect of the trial".
- (3) In clause 3, Table 2, Condition 20, replace "Intellihub Limited" with "the MEP responsible for the ICP".
- (4) In clause 3, Table 2, Condition 21-
 - (a) replace "This will be one consolidated report produced in collaboration with Ara Ake, Kāinga Ora and Intellihub Limited" with "This will be one consolidated report produced in collaboration with Ara Ake, Kāinga Ora and any market participants granted exemptions in respect of the trial"; and
 - (b) replace "(including consumers, Wellington Electricity and Intellihub Limited)" with "(including consumers and market participants granted exemptions in respect of the trial)".
- (5) Replace clause 4(1)b with:
 - "b. the date on which the Authority determines that any breach of the terms and conditions of this exemption have not been rectified to the Authority's satisfaction within a reasonable timeframe; or".
- (6) Replace clause 4(1)c with:
 - "c. the date on which this Notice is revoked by the Electricity Authority in accordance with section 11(4) of the Act.".

3. Reason for amendment

- (1) The reason for the amendment is to enable the possibility of additional MEPs participating in the trial and to clarify the circumstances when an exemption will expire.
- (2) The Authority is satisfied that the amendment is necessary or desirable for the purpose of achieving the Authority's objectives in section 15 of the Act as the amendments support the reason why the principal exemption was originally granted by making the existing exemptions support the inclusion of a second MEP in the trial and ensuring exemptions expire when terms and conditions are not met, and not when other exemptions are revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of March 2024.

For and on behalf of the Electricity Authority: ANNA KOMINIK, Chair, Electricity Authority.

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