
Code amendment omnibus #3

Northpower Submission to the Electricity Authority

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1. Introduction

Northpower appreciates the opportunity to submit to the Electricity Authority (**Authority**) on Code amendment omnibus #3.

Northpower is a trust-owned company, our electricity distribution business connects consumers to our electricity network in the Whangarei and Kaipara districts, operating and maintaining a network to more than 62,500 connected customers.

2. Executive Summary

In principle, Northpower supports the Authority's proposal on the two discrete amendments to the Code.

3. Inflation adjustment of the fees

Northpower supports the Authority's proposal to update the prescribed maximum fees for distributed generation (DG) contained in Part 6 of the Code, noting that this only applies to the initial application. Subsequent costs are recovered under the incremental costs pricing principle.

To avoid such one-off increase to catch up on inflation adjustments in future, we recommend the Authority to consider embedding an inflationary adjustment mechanism in Part 6 of the code to adjust the maximum prescribed fees annually.

4. Distributed generation information in registry

Northpower is also supportive of the inclusion of greater DG data in the registry and the six-month transition plan.

This will provide us with greater visibility and standardised information of DG on our LV network to support better network planning and operations.



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