

## **Fortnightly report for the Minister for Energy**

### **12 April 2024**

This report summarises items that may be of interest to the Minister for Energy but not necessarily require a formal briefing. Further information on any topic can be provided on request. Substantive items and decision papers will be provided to the Minister in the form of briefings.

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## 1. Current and upcoming publications and advice

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
Consumer protection & building trust and confidence	Update on distribution pricing	Update to the sector on the <a href="#">Targeted Reform of Distribution Pricing</a>	Publication: Mid-late April
System security and resilience	Authority's preliminary decision paper on whether an undesirable trading situation occurred following 16 February 2024 High Court decision	a. Update on a preliminary decision on the undesirable trading situation (UTS) that may have occurred following a High Court judgment b. Advise next steps should the preliminary Board decision be that there was a UTS.	Board decision: 30 April Ministerial Briefing: 1 May

## 2. Consultations underway

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
	None		

## 3. Upcoming Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendments

Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendments that need to be presented to the House by the Minister's office **within 20 working days** following the date on which it is made.

Tracking number	Name	Date made	Date of Gazette Notification	Date in force	Due date for presentation to the House
EIPCA-24-0006	Controllable Load	26 March 2024	27 March 2024	5 May 2024	On or before 26 April 2024

## 4. Proposed additional verbal briefings

Name	Purpose	Indicative date*	Authority attendees
Authority project into risk management in the retail market	Briefing on Authority work to	8 May 2024 - as part of	Sarah Gillies, Andrew

	review independent retailer complaints about competition in the market	CE/Minister meeting	Millar, Rob Bernau
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## 5. Key external engagements

- Network event – “Meet Mercury’s Board & Management”: 8 April
- Minister and Authority meeting: 10 April 10.50am-11.10am, Update on connection pricing.
- Infrastructure New Zealand responding to sector priorities: 100-day Government progress event: 11 April
- EA and Commerce Commission meeting: 15 April
- ENA and ERANZ Networking Event: 30 April
- ENA CE and Chairs Forum: 1 May
- Industry winter preparedness exercises: 1 & 8 May
- NZ Infrastructure Commission Symposium: 9 May
- EA Quarterly update (webinar): 27 June