

Fortnightly report for the Minister for Energy 5 July 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
Monitoring, compliance, education and enforcement	s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Improving security of supply	Decision: Potential solutions for peak electricity capacity issues	Decision on peak capacity issues and inform of our wider programme of work to support security of supply	Ministerial briefing (BR-24-0024): 8 July 2024 Intended publication: 18 July 2024
System security and resilience	Consultation: Instantaneous reserve cost allocation to groups of generating units	Code amendment to ensure the costs of procuring the ancillary service 'instantaneous reserves' are allocated appropriately.	Intended publication: 8 July 2024
Building trust and confidence	Electricity Authority delivery of MDAG recommendations to strengthen the wholesale market – programme update	Publication of the first quarterly update on Authority progress on implementing MDAG recommendations in their report 'Price discovery in a	Intended publication: August 2024

	dashboard April to June 2024	renewables-based electricity system'.	
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2. Consultations underway

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
System security and resilience	Future Security and Resilience – Review of common quality requirements in the Code. Suite of three consultation papers	As part of the Future Security and Resilience programme we are publishing a suite of three consultation papers that address five of the seven identified issues with Common Quality requirements in Part 8 of the Code.	Consultation closes: 20 August 2024
Data for better performance	Consultation – proposed changes to the default distributor agreement	Follow-up consultation on four small but material changes to some clauses of the default distributor agreement which we have amended after our original consultation in October/November 2023 and two new proposed clauses.	Consultation closes: 31 July 2024

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
	None				

4. Key external engagements

- Webinars on Future Security and Resilience consultation: 3 July (Managing harmonics) and 8 (Addressing frequency and voltage)
- Site tour to WEL Networks, CE 8 July
- MBIE meeting: 10 July
- ERANZ CE meeting: 11 July
- BlueFloat Energy Global CCO meeting: 11 July
- NZ Green Investment Finance meeting: 12 July

5. Spotlight: Northland transmission tower review

Topic	Action	Status	Next steps
Review team formation and governance	Appoint chair; meet with steering group	Sarah Sinclair accepted role Introductory meeting held with chair, Board member Erik Westergaard and review team (1 July) Follow-up meeting with chair and review team (4 July)	Twice weekly team meetings established
Section 46 requirement for information (Transpower)	Request included all information provided to Transpower's investigator, cause of the event, response to the event, planning documentation and any information on 'near misses'	Partial response received by 2 July deadline. Analysis and assessment of information provided underway. Extension granted to provide some information by 15 July. Some information withheld and still under discussion.	Follow up request for outstanding information. Subsequent information request will follow after analysis of documentation provided
Voluntary information requests	Requested information from distributors Top Energy, Northpower and Vector including timeline of disconnections and reconnections to trace the number of disconnected consumers (ICPs) throughout the event. Requested information from 11 retailers in the region with more than 100 consumers -	Responses received from all distributors Responses received from all retailers	Responses being analysed and assessed – further information may be sought

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	including details relating to medically dependant consumers and details of any commercial and industrial consumers who reduced load to assist the supply shortage situation		Responses being analysed and collated – further information may be sought
Inter-agency cooperation	Contact made with WorkSafe and Commerce Commission	Lines of communication established	Awaiting developments
Communications	Establish review webpage; prepare communications materials	Webpage established	Media release prepared to announce review chair (Minister’s office will be advised prior to media release being published)