

Fortnightly report for the Minister for Energy 27 September 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
System security and resilience	<p>Consultation: Review of Part 8 common quality requirements in the Code: Addressing network information and Code terminology issues</p>	<p>As part of the Future Security and Resilience programme, we are publishing two consultation papers that address two of the seven identified issues with the common quality requirements in Part 8 of the Code. With the increase in inverter-based generation resulting in bi-directional power flows and new technologies, this work is aimed at updating technical aspects of the rules to ensure the safe and reliable supply of electricity.</p>	<p>Intended publication: 7 October 2024</p>
Building trust and confidence	<p>Decision: Changes to the default distributor agreement (DDA) template, consumption data template, and related Part 12A clauses</p>	<p>The DDA is the template agreement that makes it easier for traders and distributors to enter agreements. The Authority is improving the functioning of the DDA template and associated historical consumption data template, by amending the Code. A key change is updating 'recorded' terms (placeholder terms which the Commerce Commission may also regulate) to be 'core or 'operational' terms. This will make these terms more consistent nationally. Changes will also address the balance of risk between parties, to support competition and efficiency, to benefit consumers.</p>	<p>To Chair for final approval: Early October 2024</p> <p>Intended publication: Mid-October 2024</p>

		improvements include allowing distributors to more easily use consumption data, and introducing two new provisions ensuring consumers are not charged for services they do not receive.	
Building trust and confidence and system security and resilience	Consultation: Review of forecasting provisions for intermittent generators – proposed Code amendments	This consultation seeks feedback on proposed Code amendments to give effect to the Authority's decision in July 2024 to implement a hybrid forecasting arrangement for intermittent generators which will improve accuracy of wind forecasting to support security of supply.	Intended publication: 11 October 2024
Enabling flexibility	Consultation: Distribution Network Connections (Pricing and Non-Price)	This consultation seeks feedback on proposals to regulate pricing methodologies and improve non-price processes for connecting to distribution networks.	Board to consider: 7 October 2024 Ministerial briefing (BR-24-0036): 11 October 2024 Intended publication: 18 October 2024

2. Consultations underway

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
Efficient operation of the electricity industry and fit for purpose regulation	Consultation: Code review programme 6	The Authority is consulting on 16 discrete changes to the Code to help improve the Code's clarity and resolve a number of practical issues as the industry evolves. The proposals are generally technical in nature, and the Authority does not expect any media interest.	Consultation closes: 1 October 2024
Data for better performance, efficient operation of the electricity industry, and fit for purpose regulation	Consultation: Code review omnibus 4	The Authority is consulting on four Code amendment proposals to ensure the Code keeps up with the transformation underway across the sector.	Consultation closes: 15 October 2024
Monitoring, compliance, education and enforcement	Consultation: Improving retail market monitoring: Updated notice and detailed analysis	The Authority is consulting on the workability and cost effectiveness of the updated notice as well as a Privacy Impact Assessment and cost-benefit analysis. The Authority is working with MBIE to ensure the information request aligns with MBIE's work on the Consumer Data Right for energy.	Consultation closes: 15 October 2024

3. Upcoming Electricity Industry Participation Code amendments

The following table has 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-24-0011	Changed requirements for regulated market-makers	10 September 2024	11 September 2024	12 September 2024	8 October 2024

4. Key external engagements

- Lodestone Energy: 30 September
- NZ Windfarms: 1 October
- Eastland Generation: 1 October
- Electricity Engineers Association CE farewell and welcome event: 1 October
- Alpine Energy: 4 October
- Āwhitu Windfarms: 7 October
- Kea Energy: 10 October

5. Pre-Christmas Deliverables

Overview

- 5.1. The Authority recently completed a priority refresh to ensure that its work programme is focused on the right areas and will create the greatest benefit for consumers.
- 5.2. The refreshed work programme is being progressed at pace. The following is a summary of key planned pre-Christmas deliverables (subject to Board approval):

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- 5.3. This is occurring alongside a transformation in the Authority’s delivery management and ways of working to progress priority initiatives at pace and drive better value for money and better outcomes for consumers.

Purpose and objectives Priority initiatives and their pre-Christmas deliverables

- 5.4. Table 1 lists key priority initiatives from the Authority’s work programme and their planned pre-Christmas deliverables. The initiatives are split by the Authority’s strategic outcomes and fit into the below priority workstreams.





Strategic outcomes	Priority workstreams
Affordable	 1) Consumer care and affordability
	 2) Effective competition
Efficient	 3) Accurate & efficient pricing
	 4) Innovation & distributed energy
Secure and resilient	 5) Effective risk management
	 6) Regional resilience

Table 1: Key pre-Christmas deliverables

#	Strategic outcome
1	Affordable – <i>Greater competition, consumer protection, and affordability</i>
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8	Efficient - <i>More accurate and efficient pricing, and more innovation and distributed energy.</i>
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11	Secure and resilient – <i>improved risk management and regional resilience</i>
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