

Fortnightly report for the Minister for Energy 13 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
Building trust and confidence	Decision: Changes to the default distributor agreement (DDA) template, consumption data template, and related Part 12A clauses	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 (which the Commerce Commission may also regulate) to be 'core or 'operational' terms. Other changes include better aligning terms with our statutory objectives, allowing distributors to more easily use consumption data, and introducing two new provisions ensuring consumers are not charged for services they do not receive.	To Chair for final approval: 26 September 2024 Intended publication: 8 October 2024

2. Consultations underway

Strategic priority	Title	Purpose	Action and timing
Enabling investment and innovation	Level playing field for emerging technologies under the TPM	To encourage efficient investment and a level playing field for new and emerging technologies, we are consulting on proposed changes to the transmission pricing methodology.	Consultation closes: 16 September 2024
Enabling investment and innovation	Improving visibility of generation investment	Accelerating security of supply means a close understanding of investment supply and the barrier to accelerating entry to market. We are seeking feedback on two proposed information gathering	Consultation closes: 18 September 2024

		<p>notices to collect more information about grid-connected generation and load projects, as well as the cost of generation developments on the transmission and distribution networks.</p>	
<p>Efficient operation of the electricity industry and fit for purpose regulation</p>	<p>Consultation: Code review programme number 6</p>	<p>The Authority will be consulting on a number of small Code amendment proposals to 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.</p>	<p>Consultation closes: 1 October 2024.</p>
<p>Data for better performance, efficient operation of the electricity industry, and fit for purpose regulation</p>	<p>Consultation: Code review omnibus number 4</p>	<p>The Authority will be consulting on four Code amendment proposals to resolve a number of practical issues as the industry evolves.</p>	<p>Consultation closes 15 October 2024</p>

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
	None				

4. Key external engagements

- Oceania Renewable Power Summit - 17 & 18 September 2024
- Transpower 30th anniversary – 18 September 2024
- EA Networks Board meeting – 26 September 2024
- Quarterly update – 23 October 2024