

Commission Update – 16 October 2009

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Consultation on 2009 Grid Planning Assumptions

The deadline for submissions on the *2009 Grid Planning Assumptions* consultation document has been extended from 23 October 2009 to **5pm on 6 November 2009**.

The document is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/09-gpa/view>

Please send submissions to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz with "2009 GPA" in the subject line.

Consultation on Automatic Under-Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Exemptions - Issues and Options

Current AUFLS exemptions are due to expire on 31 March 2010. Submissions on options to address issues concerning the Rules relating to AUFLS exemptions are invited by **4pm on 13 November 2009**.

The *AUFLS Exemptions: Issues and Options* consultation document, and information on how to make a submission, is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/aufles-issues-options/view>
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Consultation on Publication of EGR Committee Minutes

Submissions on a proposal to publish the minutes of the Electricity Governance Rules (EGR) Committee meetings are invited by **5pm on 13 November 2009**.

The *Publication of EGR Committee Minutes* consultation document, and information on how to make a submission, is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/egr-minutes/view>

Market Development Programme conference

The Market Development Programme (MDP) conference on **29 October 2009** will cover the following recently released consultation papers:

- [Scarcity Pricing and Compulsory Contracting: High-level Options](#);
- [Managing Locational Price Risk: Options](#);
- [Transmission Pricing Review: High-level Options](#); and
- [Dispatchable Demand: Options](#).

The conference is intended to provide participants with additional background and explanation to assist in preparation of submissions, and to broaden the Commission's understanding of various industry viewpoints. Holding conferences at multiple venues was considered, however feedback has indicated that interested parties would prefer to hear each others views at a single conference.

Following consideration of submissions for which the deadline is **5pm on 7 December 2009**, options to proceed to detailed design and further consultation will be selected. At that stage, it may be appropriate to appoint technical groups to assist in advancing detailed designs.

The recent Ministerial Review discussion paper made a number of recommendations that closely align with these MDP projects. As the consultation papers consider high-level options rather than formal proposals, there will be time to consider any issues that arise from the Ministerial Review in subsequent stages of the MDP.

Details, including an agenda and information on how to register for the conference, are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp>

Registrations will be accepted until room capacity has been reached.

Consultation process for 2010/11 planning

In previous years, a 'big picture' consultation process has been carried out, seeking input on high-level issues that should be considered in the Commission's planning for the following year. This took place in September 2008 and was followed in December 2008 by more detailed consultation on work priorities and appropriations.

As the Government is currently considering submissions made on the Ministerial Review of Electricity Market Performance discussion paper and decisions are expected in the coming months, 'big picture' consultation will not take place this year. An appropriation consultation for 2010/11 is expected to be carried out when the outcomes of the Ministerial Review are known.

Please contact kevin.lampen-smith@electricitycommission.govt.nz with any questions.

New investigation

On 29 September 2009, the EGR Committee appointed an investigator to investigate alleged rule breaches by Contact Energy Limited and the Reconciliation Manager.

Pursuant to Regulation 74 the alleged breaching parties were notified on 6 October 2009. The notices were also published on the Commission's website.

The notifications are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/compliance/decisions2#current>

Exemption 107 granted

The Commission has granted Exemption 107: Trustpower Limited.

The Gazette notice for this exemption is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/exemptions>

New point of connection

The Commission Board has approved Mighty River Power Limited, as the asset owner, as the party responsible for the metering installation at the following point of connection:

- Nga Awa Purua - NAP2201

Market Governance Update October 2009

The Market Governance Update for October 2009 is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/rulesandregs/compliance/updates>

Consultation documents

- [Proposed Amendments to Parts E and J of the Rules \(and consequential amendments to parts A and H of the Rules\)](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [Revision of Information System Definition document](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [Proposed Availability and Reliability Index Measures - Interconnection Asset Services](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [Consultation on the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers](#)
Closes 28 October 2009
- [2009 Grid Planning Assumptions](#)
Closes 23 October 2009
- [Consultation on Part D - Issues and Proposed Options](#)
Closes 9 November 2009
- [AUFLS Exemptions - Issues and Options](#)
Closes 13 November 2009
- [Publication of EGR Committee Minutes](#)
Closes 13 November 2009
- [Consultation on Dispatchable Demand: Options](#)
Closes 16 November 2009

- [Scarcity Pricing and Compulsory Contracting: Options](#)
Closes 7 December 2009
 - [Managing Locational Price Risk: Options](#)
Closes 7 December 2009
 - [Transmission Pricing Review: High-level Options](#)
Closes 7 December 2009
 - [Proposed Minor Editorial Rule Changes](#)
Closes 29 January 2010
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