

# Commission Update – 23 October 2009

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## Consultation on the guideline on arrangements to assist vulnerable consumers and the guideline on arrangements to assist medically dependent consumers

The deadline for submissions on the consultation document *Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers* has been extended from 28 October 2009 to **5pm on 4 November 2009**.

The document is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/mdc-vc/view>

Please send submissions to [submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz) with "Consultation Paper – VC and MDC Guidelines" in the subject line.

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## Work consultation calendar

An updated work consultation calendar is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/workcal>
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## Proposed approach to distribution pricing

A working group has been established to discuss administrative issues identified at the workshop on model approaches to distribution pricing on 12 October 2009.

Details on the Distribution Pricing Administrative Issues Working Group are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/distrib-pricing/index.html#distribution-pricing-administrative>

Workshop presentations are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/distrib-pricing/index.html>

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## Security of supply outage plan

The Security of Supply Outage Plan (SOSOP) has been finalised, as required by the Electricity Governance (Security of Supply) Regulations 2008, which are available at:

- <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2008/0252/latest/DLM1403501.ht>

The SOSOP sets out how rolling outages would operate as a last resort for managing a severe energy shortage, and is available at:

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

The Regulations also require "scheduled participants" (electricity distributors and major direct-connect electricity users) to prepare Participant Outage Plans (POPs) for managing rolling outages on their own networks or facilities. Participants will be contacted soon to be advised of the requirements.

To assist with this process, the Commission and a small group of distributors are currently developing model POPs, which will be made available to scheduled participants in the near future.

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## 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](#).

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

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp/index.html#market-development-programme-conference>

Registrations will be accepted until room capacity has been reached.

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## Workshop on 2009 grid planning assumptions

A workshop was held on 16 October 2009 to obtain feedback from participants on the development of Grid Planning Assumptions (GPAs).

The input files used to develop the 2009 GPAs and workshop presentations are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/modelling/gpas/index.html>

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## Market Administrator monthly compliance report

The Market Administrator monthly compliance report for September 2009 is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/servprovinfo/ma-report/index.html>

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## Submissions published

Submissions on the following consultations have been published:

- [Consultation on Proposed Availability and Reliability Index Measures - Interconnection Asset Services](#)
- [Proposed Amendments to Part E and J of the Rules \(and consequential amendments to parts A and H of the Rules\)](#)
- [Interim Pricing Period](#)

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## Investment Advisory Group

Papers and presentations from the Investment Advisory Group's meeting held on 22 October 2009 have been published and are available from:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/iag/meetings/22Oct09/22Oct09-papers>

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## Consultation documents

- [Consultation on the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers](#)  
Closes 4 November 2009
- [2009 Grid Planning Assumptions](#)  
Closes 6 November 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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