

## Commission Update – 24 July 2009

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### Final decision on Marsden Substation investment proposal

On 3 July 2009, the Commission published a notice of intention to approve the Marsden Substation investment proposal.

In accordance with Rule 15.2, the Commission allowed certain parties to request a public conference within 10 working days of the date of publication of the notice of intention.

No request for a public conference was received; therefore the Commission's decision to approve the Marsden Substation investment proposal is final.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/2008GUP/marsden>
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### New advisory group membership

The Commission has finalised membership of the new Advisory Groups. Lists of members are available on the Commissions website. The Chair for each group is:

- Investment Advisory Group – Bill Heaps
- Security Advisory Group – John Scott
- Market Development Advisory Group – James Moulder
- Retail and Consumer Advisory Group – Keith Tempest

The terms of reference and the schedule of members for each group are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/index.html>
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### Updated work consultation calendar

The Commission has published an updated work consultation calendar. The calendar provides an indication of expected dates for upcoming consultation processes. Please note that dates for consultations in 2010 are tentative at this stage.

The calendar is available at:

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

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## Report on live-line working

The Commission recently engaged KT Power to produce a report investigating the opportunities for live-line working in New Zealand.

The report has now been finished and is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/naan#report-on-live-line>

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## Publication of synthetic wind data

In 2009, the Commission engaged NIWA (with MetService as a subcontractor) to create a dataset of synthetic wind speeds, for use in wind integration studies. The dataset includes multiple years of 10-minute timestamped synthetic wind speed data at 15 actual or potential wind farm sites around New Zealand. These datasets can be used to simulate variations in the electricity output of wind farms.

The report and datasets are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/modelling/synthetic-wind> for public use.

The Commission thanks Meridian Energy, Contact Energy, TrustPower, Unison and MainPower for supporting the project and providing data.

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## ASX electricity derivatives

The Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) has announced that it has listed New Zealand Electricity futures and options contracts. The Commission welcomes the introduction of this risk management facility.

Following the ASX introduction of this facility it appears that some confusion may have arisen out of some communications from the Commission's service provider NZX.

The Commission wishes to clarify the situation and confirms for the avoidance of doubt that final price data is publicly available.

High quality information is essential for efficient markets. The Commission gives priority to ensuring that relevant information is made available to market participants and to the public on matters relating to the electricity sector.

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## Consultation documents

- [Redclyffe 220/110kV Interconnection investment proposal](#)  
Closes 29 July 2009

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## Contacts

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