

Commission Update – 28 August 2009

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Review of AUFLS exemptions

The current exemptions from compliance with rules 6.1, 6.4 and 6.5 of technical code B of schedule C3 of part C of the Electricity Governance Rules are due to expire on 31 March 2010.

In 2005, the Commission proposed changes to the Rules to improve the criteria used to grant AUFLS exemptions. The changes included a cost-allocation methodology for any additional reserves required to compensate for the reduction in AUFLS resulting from exemptions. At the time, the System Operator was starting a project to update its market systems software and was not able to make necessary changes to its software to introduce the cost-allocation methodology. As a consequence, the proposed rule changes were put on hold.

The System Operator has now successfully completed the software upgrade and we are able to continue work on the AUFLS rule changes. The rule changes originally proposed require some updating and an issues and options paper seeking industry submissions is planned for October. Publication of the paper will be notified in the usual way through the Commission Update.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mike Collis at mike.collis@electricitycommission.govt.nz

New investigations

On 19 August 2009, the EGR Committee appointed an investigator to investigate alleged rule breaches by Contact Energy Limited, TrustPower Limited, Genesis Energy and Meridian Energy Limited.

Pursuant to Regulation 74 and 75 the breaching parties were notified on 26 August 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>

Rule change 75 – disconnected nodes

Rule change 75, recommended by the Commission, has been approved by the Minister of Energy and Resources, and came into effect on 28 August 2009. The rule amendments are to allow for the system operator's new market systems to remain compliant with the Rules regarding the treatment of disconnected nodes.

Details are available at:

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

Advisory Groups

The Commission's newly established Advisory Groups have commenced regular meetings to provide advice on sector development.

Information, including draft minutes, presentations, papers and other hand-outs, from the first meeting of each group is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups>

Consultation documents

- [Property Rights for Load Management Project - discussion paper](#)
Closes 4 September 2009
- [Payment in Same Day Cleared Funds - consultation paper](#)
Closes 11 September 2009

Contacts

Contact details for the Commission are at: <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/contact>

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