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Investment proposals – submissions published

The Commission has published the submission it received on the Redclyffe 220/110kV Interconnection investment proposal and the submissions it received on the resubmission of the Bombay Bus Security investment proposal.

The Commission received one submission on the Redclyffe 220/110kV Interconnection investment proposal; it is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/2008GUP/redclyffe-intercon#submission>

The Commission received two submissions on the Bombay Bus Security investment proposal; they are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/subtransmission/bombay-resubmission>
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Transmission pricing technical group meeting papers and technical reports

The Commission has established a working group – Transmission Pricing Technical Group (TPTG) – to provide advice and assistance on the various project tasks associated with the transmission pricing review. The TPTG met on 28 July 2009.

The meeting papers and technical reports are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/advisorygroups/pjtteam/tptg/meetings/28jul09/index.html>
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Rule change 75 – disconnected nodes

New Electricity Governance Rules 2003 applying to the treatment of disconnected nodes in the scheduling, pricing and dispatch model (SPD) have been recommended by the Commission and approved by the Minister of Energy and Resources.

The new Rules will come into force on 28 August 2009.

Details are available at:

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

Revocation of exemption notice 89

The Commission has revoked Exemption Notice 89, which had been granted to the System Operator to allow for the use of variable reserve adjustment factors (RAFTs) during a shortage of energy offers and/or reserve offers. With the implementation of the new market systems the System Operator has had to revert to using a RAFT or either 1 or 0.

The 2009/2010 System Operator Policy Statement that will come into force on 1 September 2009 contains a clause that allows for the reintroduction of the variable (step-wise) RAFTs, which will be possible following a new release of the market systems software.

Details are available at:

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

Lake Hawea resource consent

The 2008 Winter Review recommended that the Commission should "provide more certainty around the terms of resource consent access to 'emergency' generation resources where consents make reference to the Electricity Commission".

Accordingly, the Commission has written to Contact Energy to clarify its stance on the Lake Hawea resource consent.

The letter is available at:

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

Reconciliation of hydro inflow datasets

Opus International and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) have carried out a comparison of hydrological inflow data series published in the Spectra Update reports and on the Comit Hydro site.

The report is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/modelling/centraliseddata/recon-hydro-inflow>

This work is important in terms of:

- understanding the extent of any differences between the datasets (which should, in principle, be broadly consistent); and
- motivating continual improvement in the quality of hydro inflow data and documentation.

Work is continuing on identifying the reasons for observed differences.

Consultation documents

There are currently no consultation documents.

Contacts

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

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