

## Commission Update – 3 July 2009

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### Notice of intention – Marsden Substation investment proposal

On 29 May 2009, Transpower submitted the Marsden Substation investment proposal to upgrade the Marsden 220kV and 110kV buses with bus couplers and duplicate two-zone protection, as part of the 2008 Grid Upgrade Plan (GUP).

Transpower has submitted the Marsden Substation investment proposal as a reliability investment and sought approval of up to \$6.4 million. In accordance with rule 15.1 of section III of part F of the Rules, the Commission has today given notice of its intention to approve the proposal, and has published the reasons for its decision.

Under rule 15.2 of section III of part F of the Rules, a designated transmission customer, an authorised representative of parties substantially affected by the GUP, or Transpower may, within ten days of the date of publication of the Commission's notice (**5pm on Friday 17 July 2009**), request that the Commission hold a public conference to provide a final opportunity for comment on the reliability investment to which the notice relates.

Parties wishing to request a public conference should contact [info@electricitycommission.govt.nz](mailto:info@electricitycommission.govt.nz) with "public conference – Marsden Substation investment proposal" in the subject line.

If no request for a public conference is received, the Commission's decision as set out in its notice of intention will be final.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/gup/2008GUP/marsden>
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### Resubmission of Bombay Bus Security investment proposal

On 30 June 2009, as part of the 2008 GUP, Transpower resubmitted the Bombay Bus Security investment proposal to the Commission.

Comments and/or requests for consideration of alternatives should be submitted to the Commission by **5pm on Thursday 23 July 2009**.

Proposal details, including how to make a submission, are available at:

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

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## Review of system protection schemes published

As part of phase 2 of the Transmission to Enable Renewables project, the Commission contracted David Strong & Associates to complete a review of system protection schemes (SPS) in Australia and outline some potential opportunities for the use of SPS in New Zealand.

This report is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/transmis/renewables2>

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## 2009/2010 System Operator Procurement Plan (Schedule C5) consultation paper

On 29 May 2009, the System Operator submitted a 2009 draft procurement plan (draft) to the Commission in accordance with rule 4.1 of section IV of part C of the Rules. On 5 June 2009, the Commission published the draft for information in accordance with rule 5.1 of section IV of part C of the Rules.

As the current procurement plan is set out in schedule C5 of part C of the Rules and the proposal is to replace the existing procurement plan with the version submitted by the System Operator, the Commission is publishing a formal statement of proposal for the purpose of consultation on proposed rule amendments included in the draft.

The 2009 System Operator draft procurement plan is available at:

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

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## Settlement agreement approved

The Commission's Board approved the following settlement agreement between Transpower NZ Ltd, Meridian Energy Ltd and Genesis Power Ltd in respect of a self-reported breach of the Electricity Governance Rules (2003) by Transpower NZ Limited as System Operator. The matter concerned the self-reported breach of a principal performance obligation (rule 2.2.5 of section II of part C) by failing to "Act as a reasonable and prudent system operator with the objective of ensuring frequency time error is not greater than five seconds of New Zealand standard time".

Details are available at:

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

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## Retailers' wholesale market obligations

The Board, at its meeting on 30 June 2009, approved Mighty River Power Limited's assumption of Bosco Connect Limited's wholesale market obligations under parts C, G and H of the Rules, as provided for by rule 5 of part A of the Rules.

The assumption of these obligations will commence on 1 August 2009.

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## Consultation documents

- [Model approach to distribution pricing](#)  
Closes 10 July 2009
- [2009 Draft procurement plan](#)  
Closes 23 July 2009
- [Resubmission of Bombay Bus Security investment proposal](#)  
Closes 23 July 2009

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