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Market Development Programme consultation papers

The Commission has published three Market Development Programme (MDP) consultation papers:

- Scarcity Pricing and Compulsory Contracting: Options;
- Managing Locational Price Risk: Options; and
- Transmission Pricing Review: High-level Options.

Although these are stand-alone consultation documents, there are linkages between them and they are being published as a suite with a common timetable for submissions. Details on these three consultation papers are available below.

A fourth consultation paper on *Dispatchable Demand – Options* was published on 25 September 2009, and is available at:

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

An MDP Overview Paper has also been published and is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/mdp>
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Consultation on scarcity pricing and compulsory contracting: options

There are concerns that existing market arrangements do not provide adequate measures to support security of supply, particularly in dry years.

The Commission is consulting on two options for addressing these concerns – scarcity pricing and compulsory contracting – and invites submissions on the *Scarcity Pricing and Compulsory Contracting: Options* paper by **5pm** on **7 December 2009**.

The consultation paper, and information on how to make a submission, is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/scarcity-pricing/>

Consultation on managing locational price risk: options

Options for better management of locational price risk are being examined, and an initial preferred option has been identified.

The Commission is consulting on the options and its preference for a hybrid of a locational rental allocation (LRA) and financial transmission rights (FTRs) and invites submissions on the *Managing Locational Price Risk: Options* paper by **5pm on 7 December 2009**.

The consultation paper, and information on how to make a submission, is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/locational-price

Consultation on transmission pricing review: high-level options

A Transmission Pricing Review has been initiated to consider allocation methodology options for transmission costs.

As part of the first stage in this review the Commission is consulting on high-level options for transmission pricing and invites submissions on the *Transmission Pricing Review: High-level Options* paper by **5pm on 7 December 2009**.

The consultation paper, and information on how to make a submission, is available at:

- www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/tp

Market Development Programme conference

A conference will be held on **29 October 2009** to provide an overview of the MDP consultation papers and an opportunity for industry participants to discuss the options.

Conference details are available at:

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

Consultation Calendar

Following the conference call with Regulatory Managers there has been significant changes to the consultation calendar and it is intended that the updated calendar will be released early next week.

Discussion and Monitoring Paper on Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Interim Metering Compliance – extension on submission deadline

The submission deadline for this discussion and monitoring paper has been extended to **5pm on Friday 16 October 2009**, following requests from participants because of the amount of work required to comment on this and other documents currently out for consultation.

The discussion and monitoring paper is available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/retail/metering/index.html#advanced-metering-infrastructure-ami>

Submissions should be sent to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz with "Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Metering Compliance" in the subject line.

Consultation on the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers

A consultation paper on the *Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers* has been published. The consultation paper proposes that the original *Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Low Income and Vulnerable Consumers* be split into two guidelines.

The consultation paper is available at:

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

Submissions should be sent to submissions@electricitycommission.govt.nz by **5pm** on **Wednesday 28 October 2009** with "Consultation Paper – VC and MDC Guidelines" in the subject line.

Workshop on 2009 Grid Planning Assumptions

A workshop on 2009 Grid Planning Assumptions will be held on **16 October 2009** (9am to 12.40pm) at the James Cook Grand Chancellor, Wellington.

Parties wishing to attend the workshop should send names and contact details of attendees to info@electricitycommission.govt.nz with "2009 Grid Planning Assumptions Workshop" in the subject line. Registrations until the room capacity has been reached.

Details are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/opdev/modelling/gpas/index.html#workshop-october-2009>
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Wanganui – Stratford transmission investment proposal

The eight submissions received on the Wanganui – Stratford transmission investment proposal have been published and are available at:

- <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/submissions/substransmission/wgn-sfd>
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Consultation documents

- [Proposed Amendments to Parts E and J of the Rules \(and consequential amendments to parts A and H of the Rules\)](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [Revision of Information System Definition document](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [Proposed Availability and Reliability Index Measures - Interconnection Asset Services](#)
Closes 16 October 2009
- [2009 Grid Planning Assumptions](#)
Closes 23 October 2009

- [Consultation on the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Vulnerable Consumers and the Guideline on Arrangements to Assist Medically Dependent Consumers](#)
Closes 28 October 2009
 - [Consultation on Part D - Issues and Proposed Options](#)
Closes 9 November 2009
 - [Consultation on Dispatchable Demand: Options](#)
Closes 16 November 2009
 - [Proposed Minor Editorial Rule Changes](#)
Closes 29 January 2010
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