

Invitation: Reconciliation Rules Workshops

Wednesday 25 January 2006

Capital House
21 Manchester St
Melrose
Wellington

1. Background

The Electricity Commission (Commission) is currently consulting on the Reconciliation Rule Change Proposal, with submissions due by 21 February 2006. The consultation documents can be found on the Commission website at: <http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/consultation/prop62second/view>

A workshop is proposed to assist participants to consider and understand the proposal. Participants are invited to attend to ask questions of the Reconciliation Implementation Project Team (RIPT) and raise matters for discussion.

During February 2005 the Commission published, for consultation, the proposed recommendations for amendments to the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 (Rules) to support the final recommendations of the Electricity Commission Reconciliation Project Team (ECRPT).

The original consultation paper specifically requested comments on the proposed amendments to the Rules and whether these amendments accurately reflected the ECRPT recommendations. However, some submitters chose to comment on ECRPT's key recommendations as well as commenting on the proposed rule changes.

The submissions received did not require a comprehensive rethink of the concepts, but instead a careful review of the detail. As such, there is no substantial variance from the direction taken by ECRPT in its final report as a result of the initial consultation round, other than in relation to embedded networks. However the review of the detail by the RIPT has resulted in changes to all relevant parts of the proposed amendments to the Rules, which reflects an improvement from the set of proposed rule changes issued during the initial consultation round.

At this workshop the RIPT members will explain the proposed amendments to the rules and describe how the proposed new reconciliation processes will operate.

2. Workshop Location

Capital House	21 Manchester Street, Melrose Wellington	1pm tea and coffee on arrival
		3.00pm afternoon tea
		5.00pm meeting closes

3. Draft outline for workshop

- Introduction;
- Overview;
- Presentations from RIPT members;
- General Discussion.

4. Process

If you wish to attend the workshop please RSVP with your name, contact details, to Trish Bradley rsvp@m-co.co.nz or phone: 04 473 5420. RSVPs must be received by Friday, 20 January 2006. Please note: there are a limited number of places available for this workshop, preference will be given to attendees who will be involved in preparing submissions on the reconciliation rule change proposal.

Preliminary written questions, comments or topics for discussion are invited prior to the workshop, for discussion at the workshop. Please submit these to Jacinda.papps@m-co.co.nz by Friday, 20 January 2006.

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