

## Aurora Energy CPP – 12 November 2020 draft decisions:

### Requests for Information from the Commission to Aurora Energy

1. To help inform our decision on the Aurora Energy customised price-quality path application (the CPP application) for the CPP regulatory control period starting on 1 April 2021, we requested additional information from Aurora Energy in support of the CPP application. These Requests for Information (RFIs) followed a structured process agreed between us and Aurora Energy.
2. We issued RFIs where we identified areas where we wished to perform further analysis in relation to our evaluation of the CPP application.
3. The information from these RFIs, along with the CPP application, the Verifiers report, the WSP report and other supporting documents provided by Aurora Energy as part of its CPP application, and submissions we received from interested persons, have helped inform our CPP decision.
4. The following table sets out the RFI number and title of the RFIs we made to Aurora Energy.

**Table 1: List of RFIs**

RFI Number	RFI title
Q001	Clarification of figure in Aurora’s press statement of 12 June 2020
Q002	Capex and opex summaries
Q003	Proposed IM variation to clause 3.1.3
Q004	Opex disclosure for year ended 31 March 2020
Q005	Questions on forecasted MAR, distribution prices and total electricity bills
Q006	Quality assurance of capex and opex projects and programmes
Q007	Capex cost estimation processes
Q008	Network protection systems
Q009	Capex programme areas for investigation recommended by the Verifier
Q010	Asset management data
Q011	Consumer connection capital contribution

<b>Q012</b>	How Aurora has identified, analytically quantified, prioritised and mitigated safety risks
<b>Q013</b>	Request for a model schematic
<b>Q014</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal - Taxation
<b>Q015</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Cost allocation
<b>Q016</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Capital contributions
<b>Q017</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Capex and opex information
<b>Q018</b>	Reliability, service measures and quality standards (1)
<b>Q019</b>	Reliability, service measures and quality standards (2)
<b>Q020</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Consistency between CPP application documents and CPP financial documents
<b>Q021</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – IM compliance questions
<b>Q022</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Related party transactions and finance leases
<b>Q023</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal – Forecast value of commissioned assets
<b>Q024</b>	People and SONS costs capitalisation
<b>Q025</b>	Proposed IM variation 3.1.3(11)
<b>Q026</b>	Consumer poles
<b>Q027</b>	Cost allocation
<b>Q028</b>	Decisions on forecast FTEs
<b>Q029</b>	Insurance costs in light of COVID-19
<b>Q030</b>	Benefits of ICT expenditure and resulting efficiencies gained
<b>Q031</b>	Project information for identified unverified capex growth and security projects
<b>Q032</b>	Project information to support asset replacement forecasts
<b>Q033</b>	Error in opex allocation file
<b>Q034</b>	Interruptions data 2019/2020
<b>Q035</b>	Reconciliation of SONS and IT opex models to the Opex Aggregation Model

<b>Q036</b>	Information supporting base year opex values
<b>Q037</b>	DPP allowance estimates in RY2020 \$ constant
<b>Q038</b>	Delivery processes - tracking and quality of delivery
<b>Q039</b>	Maintenance efficiencies due to new contracting arrangements
<b>Q040</b>	Preliminary assessment of proposal- information supporting RY2020 opex values
<b>Q041</b>	Change in COVID-19 assumptions from time of proposal submission
<b>Q042</b>	Confirming the opex models in supporting and relied upon material
<b>Q043</b>	Revaluation of assets not directly attributable and not allocated to EDS
<b>Q044</b>	Assumptions on works under construction as a percentage of capex
<b>Q045</b>	Project information to support asset replacement forecasts (supplement to RFI Q032)
<b>Q046</b>	Unverified opex supporting information
<b>Q047</b>	Reconciliation of FTEs in transfer of functions from Delta to Aurora
<b>Q048</b>	Project information for identified unverified capex projects
<b>Q049</b>	Models to support asset replacement forecasts
<b>Q050</b>	KPMG report on benchmarking of expenditure
<b>Q051</b>	Updating models for 2020 actuals values
<b>Q052</b>	Calculation of total electricity bill impact for business consumers
<b>Q053</b>	MOD 85 Upper Clutha DER solution
<b>Q054</b>	Reconciliation of MOD files 80 and 81
<b>Q055</b>	Project clarification for capex project
<b>Q056</b>	Unverified opex supporting information
<b>Q057</b>	Request for indicative pricing model
<b>Q058</b>	Models to support asset replacement forecasts

<b>Q059</b>	Reconciliation of FTEs in transfer of functions from Delta to Aurora (follow up to RFI Q047)
<b>Q060</b>	Reliability modelling and charter credits
<b>Q061</b>	Clyde/Earnsclough
<b>Q062</b>	Berwick to Halfway Bush 33kV overhead line rationalisation
<b>Q063</b>	Forecast annual residential KWh consumption per region
<b>Q064</b>	Opex clarifications
<b>Q065</b>	Inflation of real and nominal opex and capex
<b>Q066</b>	Clarification of transmission pass-through costs
<b>Q067</b>	Development of residential consumer profiles
<b>Q068</b>	Approach for changing CPI, escalator forecasts and FX rates in the CPP models
<b>Q069</b>	Capex aggregation model
<b>Q070</b>	Capital contribution adjustments
<b>Q071</b>	Capex and commissioned assets – actual v forecast
<b>Q072</b>	Contingent consumer connection capex
<b>Q073</b>	“Other” recoverable costs in RY22
<b>Q074</b>	Consumer connections and capital contributions (follow up for RFI Q070)
<b>Q075</b>	KPMG vegetation management benchmarking
<b>Q076</b>	Non-network opex benchmarking
<b>Q077</b>	Opex allocation to Otago
<b>Q078</b>	Opex IRIS price path smoothing assumptions
<b>Q079</b>	Clarification of calculation of \$75m IRIS deferral
<b>Q080</b>	Forecast ACOT payments – treatment of avoided transmission charges arising from distributed generation