

Commerce Commission Infrastructure Regulation (IR) Branch and Electricity Authority joint work programme - 23/24 and 24/25

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Initiatives	Detail	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	
EDB DPP4 reset	Statutory reset of the Default Price-Quality Path for electricity distribution businesses (EDB)		Draft decision	Draft decision consultation period						Final decisions	
					Topic-based workshops/additional consultation (if required)						
Transpower Regulatory Control Period (RCP4)	Statutory reset of the Individual price-quality path applying to Transpower		Draft decision	Draft decision consultation period			Final expenditure decisions and revised draft IPP determination published for information only			Final decision	
Transpower MCPs	Assessment of Transpower's major capex proposals								Receive Transpower application (Western Bay of Plenty)		
2023 EDB AMP review	Review of EDB 2023 asset management plans	Stage 2 report(s)									
EDB Productivity and Efficiency	Phase 1: Total factor and partial productivity analysis of the EDB sector	Draft report feedback period		Phase 1 Final report							
EDB Trends	Summary & analysis of EDB revenue, profitability & quality trends			Final report							
Transpower ID Amendment Determination	Review to align the Transpower ID requirements with the 2023 IMs and the new Transmission pricing methodology				Draft decision	Draft decision consultation period				Final decision	
EDB and Gas ID Amendment Determination	Amendment ID determinations to incorporate the 2023 IMs. We will also consider any changes from exemption requests and fixing simple clarifications and errors.				Draft decision	Draft decision consultation period				Final decision	
EDB public disclosures: ID and AMP	ID and AMP due dates. The Commission generally publishes ID database updates and performance summaries within 6 months of the ID disclosures	AMP update due	EDB ID database published with 2024 AMP update			Annual EDB ID disclosures due					
Transpower ID disclosures	ID due dates. The Commission generally publishes a database update within 6 months of the ID disclosures		Transpower database update with 2023 ID data published					Annual Transpower ID disclosures due		Annual Transpower ID disclosures due	
Wellington Electricity Unforeseen Capex Reopeners	Reconsideration of default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity Lines Limited – unforeseeable major capex projects to supply Weta FX and to relocate disaster recovery assets		Draft decision and Draft decision consultation period				Final decision				
Unison	Reconsideration of default price-quality path for Unison Networks Limited 2024 - unforeseeable major capex project to cover the Te Huka 3 project				Draft decision and Draft decision consultation period		Final decision				
Aurora Capacity Event Reopener	Reconsideration of customised price-quality path						Draft decision and Draft decision consultation period	Final decision in Q2, timings to be confirmed			

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Electricity Authority work programme

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Initiatives	Detail	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Northland Review	Review into the Northland power outages as a result of a transmission tower falling on 20 June.				Review commenced		Report due to Minister			
Code amendment omnibus 3	Two sets of amendments - 1) Adjust distributed generation processing fees for inflation; and 2) Expand the registry for more distributed generation information (Stage 1 of boarder DER registry update project below)					Decision				
Review of common quality requirements in the Code	Review of the Code where 'common quality' - viz; where electricity cannot be conveyed across the power system because it can't be technically or commercially isolated to an identifiable person or group of persons.				Consultation					
Proposed changes to the default distributor agreement	Proposed changes to the requirements for agreements between distributors and retailers wanting to operate on distributors' networks.				Follow-up consultation		Decision			
Instantaneous reserve cost allocation to groups of generating units	Proposal to amend the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code) to update the way instantaneous reserve (IR) procurement costs are allocated to generators.				Consultation			Decision		
Improving retail market monitoring	Proposal to streamline the collection of retail data with a single data request to improve our monitoring of the retail market.				Consultation				Decision	
Code amendment omnibus 4	Several discrete amendments groups together for feedback					Consultation				Decision
Transmission pricing methodology: Weighted average cost of capital for benefit-based charges	Proposals to resolve an issue with how the new WACC will be used to set transmission charges					Consultation				Decision tba
TPM: Treatment of battery energy storage systems	Proposals to deal with treatment of battery energy storage systems in relation to transmission pricing methodology.					Consultation		Decision		
Mandating the consumer care guidelines	Code amendments to mandate the Consumer Care Guidelines					Consultation				Decision
Distributed generation price signals	Draft pricing principles to support more efficient connection pricing.						Consultation			
Options for -improving the visibility of, and co-ordination between flexibility providers and other participants	Proposals to amend regulatory settings to support distribution networks with the uptake of non-network solutions and flexibility services.						Consultation			
Part 8 amendments to address issues 6-7	Review of the Code in terms of Part 8 - common quality							Consultation		

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Non-price barriers to the efficient connection of load and addressing barriers to the efficient prioritisation of large-scale distributed generation	Options to mitigate non-price barriers to the efficient connection of load and addressing barriers to the efficient prioritisation of large-scale distributed generation						Consultation			
Update registry requirements to capture distributed energy resources behind the meter (Stage 2 DER)	Proposals to update registry requirements to capture distributed energy resources behind the meter. Stage 1 distributed generation covered in the Omnibus#3. This project concerns Stage 2 including controlled load.								Consultation	
Metering equipment providers contracting directly and requirements to publish pay-as-you-go terms for data	Proposed Code amendments to allow metering equipment providers to contract directly with other ICP-level consumption and power quality data, and requirements to publish pay-as-you-go terms for data								Consultation	
Standardise flexible contracts	Options to develop one or more standardised flexible supply contracts to improve forward price discovery and hedging for flexible supply.							Cross industry co-design		
Financial transmission rights: Market funding review	Proposed change to the market's funding structure: considering options to progressively reduce the amount of auction revenue that is used to fund the market (in addition to utilising LCE)								Consultation	
Review of forecasting provisions for intermittent generators	Proposed Code amendments to give effect to a new forecasting arrangement for intermittent generators						Consultation			
Code review programme #6	A collection of minor amendments. Generally are to clarify, remove ambiguity, make minor enhancements and corrections.					Consultation				Decision