Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018

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This determination amends the *Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015* [2014] NZCC 33, 28 November 2014, as it applies to Powerco Limited.

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Pursuant to Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986, the Commerce Commission makes the following determination:

1. Title

1.1 This determination is the Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018.

2. Commencement

2.1 This determination takes effect on 1 April 2018.

3. Application

3.1 This determination amends the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33, 28 November 2014, as it applies to Powerco to set the customised price-quality path for Powerco, and is made under sections 53Q and 53V of the Act.

3.2 This determination applies to Powerco, and replaces all terms of the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33, 28 November 2014 as they apply to Powerco.

4. Interpretation

4.1 Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) terms in bold type in this determination, including its schedules, have the meaning given to those terms in clause 4.2;

(b) terms used in this determination that are defined in the Act but not in this determination have the same meanings as in the Act;

(c) for the avoidance of doubt, references to terms from legislation in this determination have the meaning given in the applicable legislation at the time they are applied;

(d) terms used in this determination that are defined in the IM determination but not in this determination have the same meanings as in the IM determination;

(e) any reference to a period of time is interpreted in accordance with section 35 of the Interpretation Act 1999; and

(f) a word which denotes the singular also denotes the plural and vice versa.

4.2 In this determination, unless the context otherwise requires,:

67th percentile estimate of post-tax WACC is the amount applicable for each assessment period as specified in Schedule 1.7;
Accumulated SAIDI limit means the SAIDI value against which Powerco’s compliance with the planned interruptions reliability assessment cap is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 3.1;

Accumulated SAIFI limit means the SAIFI value against which Powerco’s compliance with the planned interruptions reliability assessment cap is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 3.1;

Act means the Commerce Act 1986;

Actual allowable revenue means:
(a) for the first assessment period, the amount specified in paragraph (2)(a) of Schedule 1.5; and
(b) for the second to fifth assessment periods, the amount specified in paragraph (2)(b) of Schedule 1.5;

Actual net allowable revenue means:
(a) for the first assessment period, the amount specified as forecast net allowable revenue for the first assessment period; and
(b) for the second to fifth assessment periods, the amount calculated in paragraph (3) of Schedule 1.5;

Actual pass-through costs and recoverable costs means:
(a) for the first assessment period, the sum of all pass-through costs and recoverable costs that were incurred in the assessment period plus the pass-through balance multiplied by (1 + 67th percentile estimate of post-tax WACC); and
(b) for the second to fifth assessment
periods, the sum of all pass-through costs and recoverable costs that were incurred in the assessment period, excluding any recoverable cost that is a revenue wash-up draw down amount;

**Actual revenue** means the sum of actual revenue from prices plus other regulated income;

**Actual revenue from prices** means the sum of each price multiplied by each corresponding actual quantity;

**Amalgamate and Amalgamation** has the meaning given in the IM determination;

**Annual compliance statement** means a written statement required to be made by Powerco in respect of the wash-up amount calculation, quality standards and transactions under clause 11.4-11.6;

**Assessment period** means:

(a) a 12 month period commencing 1 April and ending on 31 March for each year of the CPP regulatory period;

(b) for the purpose of clause 9.3 and 9.8, the periods identified in paragraph (a), and in addition,:

(i) the 12 month period commencing 1 April 2016 and ending on 31 March 2017; and

(ii) the 12 month period commencing 1 April 2017 and ending on 31 March 2018;

(c) for the purpose of clause 9.4 and 9.9, the periods identified in paragraph (a), and in addition, the 12 month period commencing 1 April 2017 and ending on 31 March 2018;
Capex incentive amount has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Class B interruptions means planned interruptions by Powerco;

Class C interruptions means unplanned interruptions originating within the system fixed assets of Powerco;

Commission means the Commerce Commission as defined in section 2 of the Act;

Consumer has the meaning given in the IM determination;

CPI has the meaning given in the IM determination;

CPP proposal has the meaning given in the IM determination;

CPP regulatory period means the regulatory period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023 during which Powerco is subject to a customised price-quality path;

Director has the meaning given in the IM determination;

DPP regulatory period means the regulatory period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020;

EDB means a supplier of electricity lines services other than Transpower;

Electricity lines services has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Extended reserves allowance has the meaning given in the IM determination;
Forecast allowable revenue means the amount calculated for each assessment period as specified in Schedule 1.4;

Forecast net allowable revenue means the amount specified in Schedule 1.3;

Forecast opex has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Forecast pass-through and recoverable costs means the sum of all the forecast pass-through costs and forecast recoverable costs, excluding any recoverable cost that is a revenue wash-up draw down amount;

Forecast revenue from prices means the amount calculated for each assessment period as specified in Schedule 1.2;

Forecast value of commissioned asset has the meaning given in the IM determination;

IM determination means the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 26, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any amendment in effect at the time of determination of a default price-quality path or customised price-quality path;

Independent auditor means a person who:

(a) is qualified for appointment as auditor of a company under the Companies Act 1993; and

(b) has no relationship with, or interest in, Powerco that is likely to involve the person in a conflict of interest; and

(c) has not assisted with the preparation of the annual compliance statement or provided advice or opinions (other than in relation to audit reports) on the methodologies or processes used in preparing the annual compliance
statement; and

(d) has the necessary expertise to properly prepare an assurance report required by clause 11.5(e); but

(e) need not be the same person as the person who audits Powerco’s accounts for any other purpose;

Input methodology

has the same meaning as in section 52C of the Act;

Interruption

means, in relation to the conveyance of electricity to a consumer by means of a prescribed voltage electric line, the cessation of conveyance of electricity to that consumer for a period of 1 minute or longer, or disconnection of that consumer, other than—

(a) in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves; or

(b) as a result of an automatic under voltage, under frequency, or rolling outage scheme or similar arrangement required as part of the system operator services or other instruction from an authorised regulator; or

(c) for breach of the contract under which the electricity is conveyed; or

(d) as a result of a request from the consumer; or

(e) as a result of a request by the consumer’s electricity retailer; or

(f) for the purpose of isolating an unsafe installation;
Major event day means any day where the daily SAIDI value for Class C interruptions or daily SAIFI value for Class C interruptions exceeds the applicable SAIDI unplanned boundary value or SAIFI unplanned boundary value;

Major transaction has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Merger means a transaction whereby Powerco takes over, or otherwise merges with, any other non-exempt EDB other than by an amalgamation under Part 13 of the Companies Act 1993, which without limitation includes:

(a) the purchase of all the assets of another non-exempt EDB;

(b) the acquisition of sufficient shares in another non-exempt EDB to have an interest in the other non-exempt EDB sufficient to enable it, whether directly or indirectly, to exert a substantial degree of influence over the activities of the other non-exempt EDB; or

(c) a scheme of arrangement under Part 15 of the Companies Act 1993 having like effect;

Non-exempt EDB has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Non-reopener transaction means a transaction, whether contingent or not, where consumers are acquired or no longer supplied by Powerco and that transaction:

(a) has resulted in, or will result in, the acquisition of, or an agreement to acquire, assets with a value which is
equivalent to less than 10% of Powerco’s opening RAB value in the assessment period of acquisition;

(b) has resulted in, or will result in, the disposal of, or an agreement to dispose of, assets of Powerco with a value of less than 10% of the opening RAB value in the assessment period of disposal;

(c) has, or is likely to have, the effect of Powerco acquiring rights or interests with a value which is equivalent to less than 10% of the opening RAB value in the assessment period of acquisition; or

(d) has, or is likely to have, the effect of Powerco incurring obligations or liabilities or contingent liabilities, excluding loans or borrowing costs in respect of assets, with a value, which is equivalent to less than 10% of the opening RAB value in the assessment period of incurring the obligation;

O

Opening RAB value has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Opening wash-up account balance means the amount calculated as specified in paragraph (1) of Schedule 1.6;

Opex incentive amount has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Other regulated income has the meaning given in the IM determination;

P

Pass-through balance is the cumulative difference as at 31 March 2018 between the revenue from pass-through prices and the sum of pass-through costs and recoverable costs in the DPP regulatory period.
Pass-through costs has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Pass-through prices means, as at 31 March 2018, the portion of prices attributable to pass-through costs and recoverable costs in the DPP regulatory period up to that date;

Planned interruption means any interruption other than an unplanned interruption;

Powerco means Powerco Limited’s EDB;

Prescribed voltage electric line means an electric line that is capable of conveying electricity at a voltage equal to or greater than 3.3 kilovolts;

Prices has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Quality incentive adjustment has the meaning given in the IM determination, and is calculated in accordance with Schedule 4;

Quantity has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Recoverable costs has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Regulatory period has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Retention factor has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Revenue foregone means:
(a) where the revenue reduction percentage is greater than 20%, the ‘revenue foregone’ must be calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{actual net allowable revenue} \times (\text{revenue reduction percentage} - 20%)
\]

(b) where the revenue reduction percentage is not greater than 20%, the ‘revenue foregone’ is nil;

Revenue reduction percentage is 1 minus (actual revenue from prices ÷ forecast revenue from prices);

Revenue wash-up draw down amount means the amount calculated as specified in paragraph (4) of Schedule 1.5;

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SAIDI assessed value means:

(a) for planned interruptions, the sum of SAIDI values for an assessment period calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.1; and

(b) for unplanned interruptions, the sum of SAIDI values for an assessment period calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.2;

SAIDI cap means the maximum SAIDI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

SAIDI collar means the minimum SAIDI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

SAIDI limit means:

(a) for planned interruptions, the SAIDI value against which Powerco’s compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule
for unplanned interruptions, the SAIDI value against which Powerco’s compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 3.2;

**SAIDI target** means the SAIDI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

**SAIDI unplanned boundary value** means the value specified in Schedule 3.2;

**SAIDI value** means the system average interruption duration index values, where any interruption that spans multiple calendar days accrues to the day on which the interruption began;

**SAIFI assessed value** means:

(a) for planned interruptions, the sum of SAIFI values for an assessment period calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.1; and

(b) for unplanned interruptions, the sum of SAIFI values for an assessment period calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.2;

**SAIFI cap** means the maximum SAIFI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

**SAIFI collar** means the minimum SAIFI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

**SAIFI limit** means:

(a) for planned interruptions, the SAIFI value against which Powerco’s compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 3.1; and

(b) for unplanned interruptions, the SAIFI
value against which Powerco’s compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 3.2;

**SAIFI target** means the SAIFI value used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 4;

**SAIFI unplanned boundary value** means the value specified in Schedule 3.2;

**SAIFI value** means the system average interruption frequency index values;

**Supply** has the meaning given in the IM determination;

**System fixed assets** means all fixed assets owned, provided, maintained, or operated by Powerco that are used or intended to be used for the supply of electricity lines services;

**T**

**Transpower** has the meaning set out in section 54B of the Act;

**U**

**Unplanned interruption** means any interruption in respect of which less than 24 hours’ notice, or no notice, was given either to the public or to all consumers affected by the interruption;

**Unregulated services** has the meaning given in the IM determination;

**V**

**Voluntary undercharging amount foregone** means the amount as specified in paragraph (5) of Schedule 1.5;
W

WACC  has the meaning given in the IM determination;

Wash-up amount  means the amount calculated for each assessment period as specified in Schedule 1.5;

Working day  has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Act.
5. **Customised price-quality path**

During the **CPP regulatory period**, **Powerco** must comply with the customised price-quality path, which consists of:

(a) the price path specified in clause 8; and

(b) the quality standards specified in clause 9.

6. **Applicable input methodologies**

6.1 The **input methodologies** that apply are the following parts of the **IM determination**:

(a) Subpart 1 of Part 3 – Specification of price;

(b) Subpart 2 of Part 3 – Amalgamations;

(c) Subpart 3 of Part 3 – Incremental rolling incentive scheme;

(d) Section 1 of Subpart 3 of Part 5 – Determination of annual allowable revenues;

(e) Section 2 of Subpart 3 of Part 5 – Cost allocation and asset valuation;

(f) Section 3 of Subpart 3 of Part 5 – Treatment of taxation;

(g) Section 4 of Subpart 3 of Part 5 – Cost of capital;

(h) Section 5 of Subpart 3 of Part 5 – Alternative methodologies with equivalent effect; and

(i) Subpart 6 of Part 5 – Catastrophic events and reconsideration of a customised price-quality path.

6.2 The **input methodologies** that are applied are subject to the variation agreed with **Powerco**, which is attached as Schedule 9.

7. **When the customised price-quality path may be reconsidered**

7.1 The customised price-quality path in this determination may be reconsidered in accordance with clause 5.6.7 of the **IM determination**.
8. **Price path**

*Starting price*

8.1 The starting price that applies to Powerco for the CPP regulatory period is set out in Schedule 1.1.

*Rate of change*

8.2 The annual rate of change in revenue, relative to the CPI, that is allowed during the CPP regulatory period is 0%.

*Weighted average cost of capital*

8.3 The WACC that applies to Powerco for each assessment period is the 67th percentile estimate of post-tax WACC.

*Compliance with the price path*

8.4 Subject to clause 8.5, the forecast revenue from prices for each assessment period must not exceed the forecast allowable revenue for the assessment period.

8.5 Powerco will be deemed to comply with clause 8.4 in respect of the first assessment period if:

(a) forecast revenue from prices does not exceed the greater of:

(i) forecast allowable revenue; and

(ii) $278,558,744 + forecast pass-through and recoverable costs + opening wash-up account balance; and

(b) any forecast ‘CPP assessment fee’ included in forecast pass-through and recoverable costs in subclause (a) does not exceed $1,300,000.

*Wash-up amount calculation*

8.6 Powerco must calculate the wash-up amount for each assessment period using the methodology specified in Schedule 1.5.

9. **Quality standards**

*Compliance with planned interruptions quality standards*

9.1 Powerco must, in respect of each assessment period, either:

(a) comply with the annual planned interruptions reliability assessment specified in clause 9.5 for that assessment period; or
have complied with the annual planned interruptions reliability assessment in each of the two preceding assessment periods.

9.2 **Powerco** must comply with the planned interruptions reliability assessment cap specified in clause 9.6 for the fifth assessment period.

9.3 **Powerco** will be deemed to meet the requirements of clause 9.1(b) for the assessment period ending 31 March 2019 if it complied with the quality standards applicable to it under clause 9.1(a) of the *Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33* for each of the assessment periods ending 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2018.

9.4 **Powerco** will be deemed to meet the requirements of clause 9.1(b) for the assessment period ending 31 March 2020 if it complied with the quality standards applicable to it under the *Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33* for the assessment period ending 31 March 2018 and its annual planned interruptions reliability assessment for the assessment period ending 31 March 2019.

Annual planned interruptions reliability assessment

9.5 For the purpose of clause 9.1(a), to comply with the annual planned interruptions reliability assessment:

(a) **Powerco’s SAIDI assessed value for planned interruptions** for the assessment period must not exceed the **SAIDI limit** specified in Schedule 3.1; and

(b) **Powerco’s SAIFI assessed value for planned interruptions** for the assessment period must not exceed the **SAIFI limit** specified in Schedule 3.1.

Planned interruptions reliability assessment cap

9.6 For the purpose of clause 9.2, to comply with the planned interruptions reliability assessment cap:

(a) the sum of **Powerco’s SAIDI assessed values** accumulated through the first to fifth assessment periods must not exceed the **accumulated SAIDI limit** specified in Schedule 3.1; and

(b) the sum of **Powerco’s SAIFI assessed values** accumulated through the first to fifth assessment periods must not exceed the **accumulated SAIFI limit** specified in Schedule 3.1.

Compliance with unplanned interruptions quality standards

9.7 **Powerco** must, in respect of each assessment period, either:

(a) comply with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment specified in clause 9.10 for that assessment period; or
(b) have complied with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment in each of the two preceding assessment periods.

9.8 Powerco will be deemed to meet the requirements of clause 9.7(b) for the assessment period ending 31 March 2019 if it complied with the quality standards applicable to it under the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33 for each of the assessment periods ending 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2018.

9.9 Powerco will be deemed to meet the requirements of clause 9.7(b) for the assessment period ending 31 March 2020 if it complied with the quality standards applicable to it under the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 [2014] NZCC 33 for the assessment period ending 31 March 2018 and its annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment for the assessment period ending 31 March 2019.

Annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment

9.10 For the purpose of clause 9.7(a), to comply with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment:

(a) Powerco’s SAIDI assessed value for unplanned interruptions for the assessment period must not exceed the SAIDI limit specified in Schedule 3.2; and

(b) Powerco’s SAIFI assessed value for unplanned interruptions for the assessment period must not exceed the SAIFI limit specified in Schedule 3.2.

10. Transactions

Requirement to notify the Commission of an amalgamation, merger or transaction

10.1 Powerco must notify the Commission in writing within 30 working days after entering into an agreement with another EDB or Transpower for an amalgamation, merger, major transaction or non-reopener transaction.

Impact on the customised price-quality path following an amalgamation, merger or transaction

10.2 If Powerco enters into an agreement with another EDB or Transpower for an amalgamation, merger, major transaction or non-reopener transaction, the Commission may amend the customised price-quality path for Powerco.

11. Annual compliance statements

Annual price-setting compliance statement

11.1 Powerco must:

(a) provide to the Commission a written ‘annual price-setting compliance statement’ in respect of price setting:
(i) for the first assessment period, within five working days after the start of the first assessment period; and

(ii) for the second to fifth assessment period, before the start of each assessment period;

(b) make the ‘annual price-setting compliance statement’ and the director’s certificate provided under clause 11.2(c) publicly available on its website within five working days after providing it to the Commission; and

(c) provide to the Commission schedules reflecting the prices and forecast quantities used in the calculation of forecast revenue from prices, disclosed in an electronic format that is compatible with Microsoft Excel, with the ‘annual price-setting compliance statement’.

11.2 The ‘annual price-setting compliance statement’ must:

(a) state whether or not Powerco has complied with the price path in clause 8 for the assessment period;

(b) state the date on which the statement was prepared; and

(c) include a certificate in the form set out in Schedule 6, signed by at least one director of Powerco.

11.3 The ‘annual price-setting compliance statement’ must include the following information:

(a) Powerco’s calculation of its forecast revenue from prices together with supporting information for all components of the calculation;

(b) Powerco’s calculation of its forecast allowable revenue together with supporting information for all components of the calculation;

(c) if Powerco has not complied with the price path, the reasons for the non-compliance; and

(d) if Powerco has not complied with the price path, any actions taken to mitigate any non-compliance and to prevent similar non-compliance in future assessment periods.

Annual compliance statement in respect of the wash-up amount calculation, quality standards and transactions

11.4 Powerco must:

(a) provide to the Commission a written ‘annual compliance statement’ in respect of the wash-up amount calculation, quality standards and transactions within 50 working days following the end of each assessment period;
(b) make the ‘annual compliance statement’ publicly available on its website within 5 working days after providing it to the Commission; and

(c) provide to the Commission schedules reflecting the prices and actual quantities used to calculate the wash-up amount, disclosed in an electronic format that is consistent with Microsoft Excel, with the ‘annual compliance statement’.

11.5 The ‘annual compliance statement’ must:

(a) state whether or not Powerco has:

(i) complied with the requirements to calculate the wash-up amount in clause 8.6 for the assessment period; and

(ii) complied with the quality standards in clause 9 for the assessment period;

(b) state the day on which the statement was prepared;

(c) state whether or not Powerco has entered into any agreement with another EDB or Transpower for an amalgamation, merger, major transaction or non-reopener transaction in the assessment period;

(d) include a certificate in the form set out in Schedule 7, signed by at least one director of Powerco; and

(e) be accompanied by an assurance report meeting the requirements in Schedule 8, in respect of all information contained in the ‘annual compliance statement’.

11.6 The ‘annual compliance statement’ must include any information reasonably necessary to demonstrate whether Powerco has complied with clause 8.6, clause 9, and clause 10.1, including, but not limited to:

Wash-up amount calculation

(a) details of the wash-up amount calculation as specified in clause 8.6, together with supporting information for all components of the calculation;

Quality standards compliance

(b) if Powerco has not complied with the annual planned interruptions reliability assessment in clause 9.5 for the assessment period, the reasons for not complying;

(c) if Powerco has not complied with the planned interruptions reliability assessment cap in clause 9.6 for the fifth assessment period, the reasons for not complying;
(d) if Powerco has not complied with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment in clause 9.10 for the assessment period, the reasons for not complying;

(d) actions taken to mitigate any non-compliance and to prevent similar non-compliance in future assessment periods;

(e) for the annual planned interruptions reliability assessment, the SAIDI assessed value, SAIFI assessed value, SAIDI limit and SAIFI limit for the assessment period, and any supporting calculations (including those in Schedule 3.1) and where applicable, the annual planned interruptions reliability assessments for the two previous assessment periods;

(f) for the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment, the SAIDI assessed value, SAIFI assessed value, SAIDI limit, SAIFI limit, SAIDI unplanned boundary value, SAIFI unplanned boundary value, SAIDI cap, SAIFI cap, SAIDI collar, SAIFI collar, SAIDI target and SAIFI target for the assessment period, and any supporting calculations (including those in Schedule 3.2) and where applicable, the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessments for the two previous assessment periods;

(g) a description of the policies and procedures which Powerco has used for capturing and recording Class B interruptions and Class C interruptions, and for calculating SAIDI assessed values and SAIFI assessed values for the assessment period; and

(h) the cause of each major event day within the assessment period.

Sue Begg, Deputy Chair

Dated at Wellington this 28th day of March 2018.

COMMERCE COMMISSION
Schedule 1.1: Starting price

Clause 8.1

The starting price for the CPP regulatory period, specified as actual net allowable revenue for the first assessment period, is $278,874 ($000).
Schedule 1.2: Calculation of forecast revenue from prices

Clause 8.4

(1) When setting prices for an assessment period, Powerco must calculate the ‘forecast revenue from prices’ for the assessment period.

(2) When calculating the ‘forecast revenue from prices’, Powerco must prepare a forecast of quantities for the assessment period to which the prices for the assessment period will apply.

(3) The ‘forecast revenue from prices’ must be calculated as the sum of each price multiplied by each corresponding forecast quantity.

(4) All forecast quantities used to calculate the ‘forecast revenue from prices’ must be demonstrably reasonable.
## Schedule 1.3: Forecast net allowable revenue

**Clause 8.4**

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Schedule 1.4: Calculation of forecast allowable revenue

Clause 8.4

(1) When setting prices for an assessment period, Powerco must calculate the ‘forecast allowable revenue’.

(2) When calculating the ‘forecast allowable revenue’, Powerco must prepare a forecast of pass-through costs and a forecast of recoverable costs, excluding any recoverable cost that is a revenue wash-up draw down amount.

(3) All forecasts of pass-through costs and recoverable costs used to calculate the ‘forecast allowable revenue’ must be demonstrably reasonable.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), ‘recoverable costs’ include the amounts specified in Schedule 2.1.

(5) The ‘forecast allowable revenue’ for an assessment period must be determined in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{forecast net allowable revenue} + \text{forecast pass-through and recoverable costs} + \text{opening wash-up account balance}
\]
Schedule 1.5: Calculation of wash-up amount for an assessment period

Clause 8.6

Formula for wash-up amount

(1) The ‘wash-up amount’ must be calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[ \text{actual allowable revenue} - \text{actual revenue} - \text{revenue foregone} \]

Actual allowable revenue

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), ‘actual allowable revenue’ means:

(a) for the first assessment period:

\[ \text{actual net allowable revenue} + \text{actual pass-through costs and recoverable costs} \]

(b) for the second to fifth assessment periods:

\[ \text{actual net allowable revenue} + \text{actual pass-through costs and recoverable costs} + \text{revenue wash-up draw down amount} \]

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), ‘actual net allowable revenue’ for the second to fifth assessment periods means the amount calculated using the following formula:

\[ \text{‘actual net allowable revenue’ of the previous assessment period} \times (1 + \Delta CPI_t) \times (1 - X) \]

where:

\[ \Delta CPI_t \] is the derived change in the CPI to be applied for the assessment period, calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[ \Delta CPI_t = \frac{CPI_{Jun,t-1} + CPI_{Sep,t-1} + CPI_{Dec,t-1} + CPI_{Mar,t}}{CPI_{Jun,t-2} + CPI_{Sep,t-2} + CPI_{Dec,t-2} + CPI_{Mar,t-1}} - 1 \]

where:

- \( CPI_{q,t-n} \) is the CPI for the quarter year ending \( q \) in the 12 month period \( n \) years prior to year \( t \);
- \( t \) is the year in which the assessment period ends;
- \( X \) is the annual rate of change, as specified in clause 8.2.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(b), ‘revenue wash-up draw down amount’ is:

(a) for the second assessment period, nil, including voluntary undercharging amount foregone; and
(b) For the third to fifth assessment periods, the ‘opening wash-up account balance’ calculated in accordance with Schedule 1.6, including voluntary undercharging amount foregone.

(5) The ‘voluntary undercharging amount foregone’ for the second to fifth assessment periods is nil.
Schedule 1.6: Calculation of opening wash-up account balance

Clause 8.6

(1) The ‘opening wash-up account balance’ means:

(a) for the first assessment period, the estimated amount of the pass-through balance at 31 March 2018 of $264,000; and

(b) for second to fifth assessment periods, the closing wash-up account balance of the previous assessment period.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), the ‘closing wash-up account balance’ means:

(a) for the first assessment period, the amount calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[(\text{pass-through balance} - \text{the estimated amount of the pass-through balance at 31 March 2018 of $264,000}) \times (1 + 67^{th} \text{ percentile estimate of post-tax WACC});\] and

(b) for the second to fifth assessment periods, the amount calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[\text{wash-up amount for the previous assessment period} \times (1 + 67^{th} \text{ percentile estimate of post-tax WACC})^2\]
Schedule 1.7: WACC applicable to Powerco for each assessment period
Clause 8.3

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<tr>
<th>Assessment period ending</th>
<th>67th percentile estimate of post-tax WACC</th>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2019</td>
<td>7.19%</td>
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<td>31 March 2020</td>
<td>7.19%</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2021</td>
<td>6.78%</td>
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<td>31 March 2023</td>
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Schedule 2.1: Recoverable costs

(1) The forecast opex used for calculating the opex incentive amount is specified in paragraph (1) of Schedule 2.2.

(2) The forecast value of commissioned assets and retention factor used for calculating the capex incentive amount are specified in paragraphs (2)-(3) of Schedule 2.2.

(3) The CPP proposal application fee, specified in clause 3.1.3(1)(h) of the IM determination, for Powerco is $23,000.

(4) The fee, specified in clause 3.1.3(1)(i) of the IM determination, for Powerco is the amount which the Commission notifies to Powerco in the CPP regulatory period as being payable in respect of the Commission’s assessment of the CPP proposal and the determination of the customised price-quality path.

(5) The CPP verifier fee, specified in clause 3.1.3(1)(j) of the IM determination, for Powerco is $369,286.

(6) The CPP auditor fee, specified in clause 3.1.3(1)(k) of the IM determination, for Powerco is $375,314.

(7) The extended reserves allowance for Powerco must be approved in accordance with Schedule 5.

(8) The quality incentive adjustment for Powerco must be calculated in accordance with Schedule 4.

(9) The capex wash-up adjustment, in accordance with clause 3.1.3(9)(c) of the IM determination, is –$246,000 as of 1 April 2018.
Schedule 2.2: Specified amounts for the incremental rolling incentive scheme

(1) For the purposes of calculating the **opex incentive amount** for *Powerco* for the **CPP regulatory period**, the **forecast opex**, and the **assessment period** to which it applies, is set out in Table 2.2.1.

Table 2.2.1: Forecast opex for assessment periods of the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assessment period ending</th>
<th>Forecast opex ($000)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>31 March 2019</td>
<td>92,385</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2020</td>
<td>97,631</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2021</td>
<td>99,660</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2022</td>
<td>98,445</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2023</td>
<td>98,132</td>
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(2) For the purposes of calculating the **capex incentive amount** for *Powerco* for the **CPP regulatory period**, the sum of the **forecast value of commissioned assets**, and the **assessment period** to which each sum applies, is set out in Table 2.2.2.

Table 2.2.2: The sum of the forecast value of commissioned assets for assessment periods of the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assessment period ending</th>
<th>Forecast value of commissioned assets ($000)</th>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2019</td>
<td>220,284</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2020</td>
<td>166,854</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2021</td>
<td>175,577</td>
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<tr>
<td>31 March 2022</td>
<td>211,735</td>
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<td>31 March 2023</td>
<td>216,265</td>
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(3) For the purposes of calculating the **capex incentive amount** for **Powerco** for the **CPP regulatory period**, the **retention factor** is 15%.
Schedule 3.1: Quality standards – planned interruptions

Clause 9.1, 9.5

(1) The SAIDI limit, SAIFI limit, accumulated SAIDI limit and accumulated SAIFI limit for planned interruptions for Powerco for the CPP regulatory period are as set out in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1: SAIDI and SAIFI limit
for planned interruptions for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Powerco</th>
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<tr>
<td>SAIDI limit</td>
<td>79.976</td>
<td>84.944</td>
<td>92.342</td>
<td>98.192</td>
<td>99.292</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAIFI limit</td>
<td>0.344</td>
<td>0.370</td>
<td>0.393</td>
<td>0.414</td>
<td>0.414</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acc. SAIDI limit</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>454.746</td>
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<tr>
<td>Acc. SAIFI limit</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>1.935</td>
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Calculation of the planned interruptions SAIDI assessed values

(2) Powerco’s SAIDI assessed value (\(\text{SAIDI}_{\text{assess}}\)) for planned interruptions for an assessment period is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{SAIDI}_{\text{assess}} = \text{SAIDI}_B
\]

where:

\(\text{SAIDI}_B\) is the sum of the daily SAIDI values for Class B interruptions commencing within the assessment period.

Calculation of the planned interruptions SAIFI assessed values

(3) Powerco’s SAIFI assessed value (\(\text{SAIFI}_{\text{assess}}\)) for planned interruptions for an assessment period is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{SAIFI}_{\text{assess}} = \text{SAIFI}_B
\]

where:

\(\text{SAIFI}_B\) is the sum of the daily SAIFI values for Class B interruptions commencing within the assessment period.
Schedule 3.2: Quality standards – unplanned interruptions

Clause 9.7, 9.10

(1) With respect to unplanned interruptions, the SAIDI limit, SAIFI limit, SAIDI unplanned boundary value and SAIFI unplanned boundary value for Powerco for the CPP regulatory period are as set out in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2: SAIDI limit, SAIFI limit, SAIDI unplanned boundary value, and SAIFI unplanned boundary value for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

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<tr>
<td>SAIDI limit</td>
<td>191.414</td>
<td>187.422</td>
<td>183.514</td>
<td>179.688</td>
<td>175.941</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAIDI unplanned boundary value</td>
<td>11.710</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAIFI limit</td>
<td>2.285</td>
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<td>SAIFI unplanned boundary value</td>
<td>0.064</td>
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Calculation of the unplanned interruptions SAIDI assessed value

(2) Powerco’s SAIDI assessed value \( (SAIDI_{assess}) \) for unplanned interruptions for an assessment period is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
SAIDI_{assess} = SAIDI_C
\]

where:

\( SAIDI_C \) is the sum of the daily SAIDI values for Class C interruptions commencing within the assessment period, where any daily SAIDI value for Class C interruptions greater than the SAIDI unplanned boundary value equals the SAIDI unplanned boundary value.

Calculation of the unplanned interruptions SAIFI assessed value

(3) Powerco’s SAIFI assessed value \( (SAIFI_{assess}) \) for unplanned interruptions for an assessment period is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
SAIFI_{assess} = SAIFI_C
\]

where:

\( SAIFI_C \) is the sum of the daily SAIFI values for Class C interruptions commencing within the assessment period, where any daily SAIFI value for Class C interruptions greater than the SAIFI unplanned boundary value equals the SAIFI unplanned boundary value.
interruptions greater than the SAIFI unplanned boundary value equals the SAIFI unplanned boundary value.
Schedule 4: How to calculate the quality incentive adjustment for unplanned interruptions

(1) The quality incentive adjustment must be calculated by Powerco within 50 working days following the expiration of the assessment period in accordance with paragraph (4), adjusted for the time-value of money using the 67th percentile estimate of post-tax WACC, and is a recoverable cost in the assessment period following that in which it was calculated.

(2) The SAIDI target, SAIDI collar and SAIDI cap for Powerco during the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023 are as set out in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: SAIDI quality incentive measures for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

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<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SAIDI target</td>
<td>169.529</td>
<td>165.994</td>
<td>162.533</td>
<td>159.144</td>
<td>155.826</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAIDI collar</td>
<td>147.645</td>
<td>144.566</td>
<td>141.522</td>
<td>138.600</td>
<td>135.710</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAIDI cap</td>
<td>191.414</td>
<td>187.422</td>
<td>183.514</td>
<td>179.688</td>
<td>175.941</td>
</tr>
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(3) The SAIFI target, SAIFI collar, and SAIFI cap for Powerco during the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023 are as set out in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: SAIFI quality incentive measures for the CPP regulatory period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2023

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SAIFI target</td>
<td>2.115</td>
<td>2.094</td>
<td>2.072</td>
<td>2.051</td>
<td>2.030</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAIFI collar</td>
<td>1.946</td>
<td>1.926</td>
<td>1.906</td>
<td>1.887</td>
<td>1.867</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAIFI cap</td>
<td>2.285</td>
<td>2.262</td>
<td>2.239</td>
<td>2.216</td>
<td>2.193</td>
</tr>
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(4) The ‘quality incentive adjustment’ is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

\[ S_{TOTAL} = S_{SAIDI} + S_{SAIFI} \]

where:
$S_{TOTAL}$ is the ‘quality incentive adjustment’ applicable as a recoverable cost;

$S_{SAIDI}$ is the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (5); and

$S_{SAIFI}$ is the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (7).

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4):

(a) $S_{SAIDI}$ is the amount, subject to subparagraph (b), calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$S_{SAIDI} = SAIDI_{IR} \times (SAIDI_{target} - SAIDI_{assess})$$

where:

$SAIDI_{IR}$ is the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (6);

$SAIDI_{target}$ is the $SAIDI$ target specified for Powerco for the assessment period; and

$SAIDI_{assess}$ is the $SAIDI$ assessed value for the assessment period, calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.2, subject to subparagraph (b).

(b) Where $SAIDI_{assess}$ is:

(i) greater than the $SAIDI_{cap}$, $SAIDI_{assess}$ equals the $SAIDI_{cap}$;

(ii) less than the $SAIDI_{collar}$, $SAIDI_{assess}$ equals the $SAIDI_{collar}$.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), ‘$SAIDI_{IR}$’ is the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$SAIDI_{IR} = \frac{0.5 \times REV_{RISK}}{SAIDI_{cap} - SAIDI_{target}}$$

where:

$SAIDI_{cap}$ is the $SAIDI$ cap specified for Powerco for the assessment period;

$SAIDI_{target}$ is the $SAIDI$ target specified for Powerco for the assessment period; and

$REV_{RISK}$ is 1% of the actual net allowable revenue for the first assessment period of $278,874 ($000).

(7) For the purposes of paragraph (4):
(a) $S_{SAIFI}$ is the amount, subject to subparagraph (b), calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$S_{SAIFI} = S_{SAIFI_{IR}} \times (S_{SAIFI_{target}} - S_{SAIFI_{assess}})$$

where:

$S_{SAIFI_{IR}}$ is the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (8);

$S_{SAIFI_{target}}$ is the SAIFI target specified for Powerco for the assessment period; and

$S_{SAIFI_{assess}}$ is the SAIFI assessed value for the assessment period, calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.2, subject to subparagraph (b).

(b) Where $S_{SAIFI_{assess}}$ is:

(i) greater than the $SAIFI_{cap}$, $S_{SAIFI_{assess}}$ equals the $SAIFI_{cap}$;

(ii) less than the $SAIFI_{collar}$, $S_{SAIFI_{assess}}$ equals the $SAIFI_{collar}$.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7), ‘$SAIFI_{IR}$’ is the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$S_{SAIFI_{IR}} = \frac{0.5 \times REV_{RISK}}{SAIFI_{cap} - SAIFI_{target}}$$

where:

$SAIFI_{cap}$ is the SAIFI cap specified for Powerco for the assessment period;

$SAIFI_{target}$ is the SAIFI target specified for Powerco for the assessment period; and

$REV_{RISK}$ is 1% of the actual net allowable revenue for the first assessment period of $278,874 ($000).
Schedule 5: Approval of extended reserves allowances

(1) **Powerco** must, no later than 70 **working days** following the end of an **assessment period**, submit an application for approval of an **extended reserves allowance** if any amounts were incurred or received in that **assessment period** in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves.

(2) The application for approval must include:

(a) all compensation payments made by **Powerco** in the **assessment period** in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves;

(b) all compensation payments and revenue received by **Powerco** in the **assessment period** in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves;

(c) an estimate of the compensation payments and revenue received by **Powerco** in the **assessment period** in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves that should be associated with **unregulated services**, along with reasons for such treatment; and

(d) any other explanatory material or supporting information reasonably necessary to demonstrate costs incurred and amounts payable or receivable in accordance with any requirements in the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 relating to extended reserves.

(3) The **Commission** may request additional information, independent evidence, **director** certificates, or audit statements relating to the information provided in the application.

(4) The **Commission** may approve by notice in writing to **Powerco**, subject to clause 3.1.3(7) of the **IM determination**, an allowance for costs incurred and amounts payable, or for amounts receivable, under any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010, as determined by the **Commission**.

(5) The amount approved by the **Commission** is an ‘extended reserves allowance’ **recoverable cost** under clause 3.1.3(1)(n) of the **IM determination** in the **assessment period** to which the application relates.
Schedule 6: Form of director’s certificate for annual price-setting compliance statement

Clause 11.2(c)

I/We, [insert full name/s], being director/s of Powerco certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, the attached annual price-setting compliance statement of Powerco, and related information, prepared for the purposes of the Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018 has been prepared in accordance with all the relevant requirements, and all forecasts used in the calculations for forecast revenue from prices and forecast allowable revenue are reasonable* [except in the following respects].

*[insert description of non-compliance]*

[Signatures of directors]

[Date]

*Delete if inapplicable.

Note: Section 103(2) of the Commerce Act 1986 provides that no person shall attempt to deceive or knowingly mislead the Commission in relation to any matter before it. It is an offence to contravene section 103(2) and any person who does so is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding $100,000 in the case of an individual or $300,000 in the case of a body corporate.
Schedule 7: Form of director’s certificate for annual compliance statement

Clause 11.5(d)

I/We, [insert full name/s], being director/s of Powerco certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, the attached annual compliance statement of Powerco, and related information, prepared for the purposes of the Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018 has been prepared in accordance with all the relevant requirements*[except in the following respects].

*[insert description of non-compliance]

[Signatures of directors]

[Date]

*Delete if inapplicable.

Note: Section 103(2) of the Commerce Act 1986 provides that no person shall attempt to deceive or knowingly mislead the Commission in relation to any matter before it. It is an offence to contravene section 103(2) and any person who does so is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding $100,000 in the case of an individual or $300,000 in the case of a body corporate.
Schedule 8: Independent auditor’s report on annual compliance statement

Clause 11.5(e)

For the purpose of clause 11.5(e), Powerco must procure an assurance report by an independent auditor in respect of the annual compliance statement that is prepared in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements 3100 – Compliance Engagements (SAE 3100) and International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (ISAE (NZ) 3000), signed by the independent auditor (either in his or her own name or that of his or her firm), and that:

(a) is addressed to the directors of Powerco and to the Commission as the intended users of the assurance report;

(b) states:

(i) that it has been prepared in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements 3100 – Compliance Engagements (SAE 3100) and International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (ISAE (NZ) 3000);

(ii) the work done by the independent auditor;

(iii) the scope and limitations of the assurance engagement;

(iv) the existence of any relationship (other than that of auditor) which the independent auditor has with, or any interests which the independent auditor has in, Powerco or any of its subsidiaries;

(v) whether the independent auditor has obtained sufficient recorded evidence and explanations that he or she required and, if not, the information and explanations not obtained; and

(vi) whether, in the independent auditor’s opinion, as far as appears from an examination, the information used in the preparation of the annual compliance statement has been properly extracted from Powerco’s accounting and other records, sourced from its financial and non-financial systems; and

(c) states whether (and, if not, the respects in which it has not), in the independent auditor’s opinion, Powerco has complied, in all material respects, with the Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018 in preparing the annual compliance statement.
Schedule 9: IM variation

Clause 6.2

Deed to vary the Input Methodologies that will apply to
Powerco Limited’s CPP determination

This is a deed between Powerco Limited (Powerco) and the Commerce Commission
(Commission) with regard to an agreed variation in accordance with s 53V(2)(c) of the
Commerce Act 1986 (the Act).

Background

On 12 June 2017, Powerco submitted an application for a customised price-quality path to
the Commission. The Commission is currently in the process of evaluating Powerco’s
customised price-quality path proposal for the purpose of making a determination, as
required by s 53T and 53V of the Act.

In accordance with s 52S of the Act, the Commission must apply all relevant input
methodologies.

The Commission and Powerco have agreed to the following variations to the input
methodologies in accordance with s 53V(2)(c) of the Act that will apply to the Commission’s
determination under s 52P of the Act.

Deed

1. This deed varies the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies
   Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 26 (the IM Determination) as it applies to the
   Commission’s customised price-quality path determination for Powerco’s
   customised price-quality path proposal of 12 June 2017.

2. Clause 3.3.2 of the IM Determination is varied as follows:

   2.1 Clauses 3.3.2(1) and 3.3.2(2) are varied by replacing the existing text with the
       following text:

       (1) An open incentive amount must be calculated for each disclosure year of a
           regulatory period, subject to subclause (3).

       (2) The open incentive amount for a disclosure year is an amount equal to the sum of:
           (a) all amounts carried forward into that disclosure year from a disclosure
               year in a preceding regulatory period; and
           (b) where an adjustment to the open incentive is applicable during the
               regulatory period under clause 3.3.4(1)-(i)

               (i) the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula
                   for a disclosure year in the regulatory period:

                   \[
                   \frac{\left( \frac{I - 1}{r} \right) \times (1 + r)^{y + 0.5}}{}
                   \]

                   where:

                   - \( I \) is the number of disclosure years in the regulatory period;
2.2 Clause 3.3.2(3) is deleted.

2.3 Clause 3.3.2(4) is renumbered as clause 3.3.2(3).

3. Clause 5.3.22 of the IM Determination is varied by replacing the existing text with the following text:

5.3.22 Methodology for estimating the weighted average cost of capital

(1) Where the Commission takes into account the cost of capital in making a CPP determination:

(a) for disclosure years 2019 and 2020, the Commission will use the 67th percentile estimate of WACC that was used for the DPP applying at the start of the CPP regulatory period in accordance with clause 4.4.7(1); and

(b) subject to subclause (2), for disclosure years 2021, 2022 and 2023, the Commission will use a WACC rate of 6.78% and an associated 'cost of debt' of 5.70%.

(2) Where there has been a WACC change, the cost of capital for the CPP is the DPP WACC referenced in clause 5.6.7(4)(a), which has effect in the remaining years of the CPP regulatory period.

Executed as a Deed on 23rd day of March, 2018.

by Powerco Limited

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Name of authorised representative

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Date

23/03/2018

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by the Commerce Commission

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Susan Janice Begg
Name of authorised representative

26 March 2018
Date

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Jane Gunnell
Name of authorised representative

26 March 2018
Date
Explanatory note

(1) The purpose of the Powerco Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2018 ("the Determination") is to set a customised price-quality paths for Powerco Limited ("Powerco") for the five years beginning 1 April 2018 and ending 31 March 2023, pursuant to Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986 ("the Act").

(2) Pursuant to section 53N of the Act, Powerco is required to provide to the Commerce Commission ("the Commission"), separate compliance statements relating to price setting, the wash-up account calculation, performance against quality standards and transactions. Powerco must state whether or not it has complied with the customised price-quality path set out in the Determination, provide its wash-up amount calculation, and supporting evidence. The two compliance statements must both be accompanied by a director’s certificate. The compliance statement for the wash-up amount calculation, quality standards and transactions must also be accompanied by an auditor’s report. Powerco must publish its compliance statements on its website within five working days after submitting them to the Commission.

(3) A reasons paper providing detailed background to, and analysis of, the Determination can be found at:


(4) Copies of this Determination are available for inspection free of charge at the Commission (during ordinary office hours), on the Commission’s website at the above link, or for purchase at a reasonable price at the Commission.