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

1. Short Title

This determination is the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015.

2. Commencement

2.1 This determination comes into force on 1 April 2015.

2.2 The Base Year is 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

3. Application

3.1 This determination applies to all Non-exempt EDBs, except as provided in clause 3.2.

3.2 This determination does not apply to Orion until the expiration of the *Orion New Zealand Limited Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2013* [2013] NZCC 21.

4. Interpretation

4.1 Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) terms used in this determination that are defined in the Act but not in this determination have the same meanings as in the Act;
- (b) 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;
- (c) words appearing in this determination with capitalised initial letters that are defined in clause 4.2 bear the meaning given to them in clause 4.2; and
- (d) a word which denotes the singular also denotes the plural and vice versa.

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

2013-15 NPV Wash-up Allowance has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and is specified in Schedule 5D

Act means the Commerce Act 1986

Amalgamate and **Amalgamation** has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Annual Compliance Statement means a written statement made by a Non-exempt EDB under clause 11

Assessment Period means a 12 month period commencing 1 April and ending on 31 March of the following year for which compliance with a price-quality path must be demonstrated

Capex Incentive ~~Adjustment~~ Amount has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Catastrophic Event has the meaning given in clause 5.6.1 of the IM Determination

Change Event has the meaning given in clause [to be confirmed] of the IM Determination

Class B Interruptions means Planned Interruptions by a Non-exempt EDB

Class C Interruptions means Unplanned Interruptions originating within the System Fixed Assets of a Non-exempt EDB

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

Consumer has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Consumer Group means the category of Consumer used by a Non-exempt EDB for the purpose of setting Prices

CPI has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

CPP Regulatory Period means the period during which a Non-exempt EDB is subject to a customised price-quality path

Cost of Debt means the amount, determined by the Commission in accordance with the IM Determination, applicable to a Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period

Director has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Distribution Prices has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

EDB means a supplier of Electricity Lines Services other than Transpower

Electricity Distribution Services has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Electricity Lines Services has the meaning set out in section 54C of the Act

Energy Efficiency and Demand Incentive Allowance has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and is the amount approved by the Commission in accordance with Schedule 5A

Exempt EDB means an EDB other than a Non-exempt EDB

Extended Reserves Allowance has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

ICP means a point of connection which the EDB nominates as the point at which an electricity retailer will be deemed to supply electricity to a consumer

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

Incentive Rate means the incremental financial reward or penalty attributable to a non-exempt EDB's performance against the quality standards specified in a DPP or CPP, as specified in a DPP determination or CPP determination

Independent Auditor means a person who—

- (a) is qualified for appointment as auditor of a company under the Companies Act 1993 or, where the Non-exempt EDB is a public entity (as defined in s 4 of the Public Audit Act 2001), is the Auditor-General; and
- (b) has no relationship with, or interest in, the Non-exempt EDB being audited 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 undertake an audit required by clause 11.3(b); but
- (e) need not be the same person as the person who audits the Non-exempt EDB's accounts for any other purpose

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, other than in accordance with any extended reserves regulation made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010, or by reason of disconnection of that Consumer—

- (a) for breach of the contract under which the electricity is conveyed; or
- (b) as a result of a request from the Consumer; or
- (c) as a result of a request by the Consumer's electricity retailer; or

(d) for the purpose of isolating an unsafe installation

Major Event Day means any day where the ~~SAIDI Assessed Value~~ daily SAIDI Value for Class C interruptions or ~~SAIFI Assessed Value~~ daily SAIFI Value for Class C interruptions exceeds the applicable SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value or SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

Major Transaction means any transaction (other than an Amalgamation or a Merger between Non-exempt EDBs) involving a transfer of assets that, as a result of that transfer, results in any Consumer being supplied Electricity Lines Services by a different EDB

Merger means a transaction whereby a Non-exempt EDB takes over, or otherwise merges with, another 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 clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Opex Incentive Adjustment Amount has the same meaning as given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Orion means Orion New Zealand Limited

Pass-through Costs has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and apply to an Assessment Period in accordance with Schedule 5

Pass-through Balance is the cumulative difference between the revenue from Pass-through Prices and the sum of Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs, and is calculated in accordance with clause 8.6

Pass-through Prices has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination

Person includes a corporation sole, a body corporate, and an unincorporated body

Planned Interruption means any Interruption other than an Unplanned Interruption

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 clause 3.1.1(4) of the IM Determination and ~~consists of~~ includes Distribution Prices and Pass-through Prices

Quality Incentive Adjustment has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and is calculated in accordance with Schedule 5B

Quantities means the amount supplied (other than forecast) of Electricity Distribution Services corresponding to the extent practicable to a Price (which may include, but is not limited to, kWh, kVA, kW, and day)

Recoverable Costs has the meaning given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and apply to an Assessment Period in accordance with Schedule 5

Regulatory Period means the period during which a Non-exempt EDB is subject to a default price-quality path

Regulatory Investment Value means the total opening RAB values plus the opening deferred tax as reported in accordance with the ID Determination applicable for an Assessment Period in which a Major Transaction occurs

Restructure of Prices means any change in the allocation of connections to Consumer Groups by a Non-exempt EDB, the introduction of a new Consumer Group, or any change in Prices, but excludes:

- (a) a change to the value of a Price applicable to an existing Consumer Group; or
- (b) the movement of connections between existing Consumer Groups at the request of the Consumer or retailer.

Revenue at risk means the maximum financial reward or penalty attributable to a non-exempt EDB's performance against the quality standards as specified in a DPP determination or CPP determination

SAIDI Assessed Value means the sum of ~~adjusted~~ SAIDI Values for an Assessment Period calculated in accordance with Schedule 4A

SAIDI Cap means the maximum SAIDI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIDI Collar means the minimum SAIDI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIDI Limit means, for a Non-exempt EDB, the SAIDI Value against which a Non-exempt EDB's compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 4A

SAIDI Target means the SAIDI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value means the value specified in Schedule 4A

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 the sum of ~~adjusted~~ SAIFI Values for an Assessment Period calculated in accordance with Schedule 4A

SAIFI Cap means the maximum SAIFI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIFI Collar means the minimum SAIFI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIFI Limit means, for a Non-exempt EDB, the SAIFI Value against which a Non-exempt EDB's compliance with the quality standards is assessed, and is specified in Schedule 4A

SAIFI Target means the SAIFI Value used for purposes of calculating the Quality Incentive Adjustment, and is specified in Schedule 5B

SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value means the value specified in Schedule 4A

SAIFI Value means the system average interruption frequency index values

System Fixed Assets means all fixed assets owned, provided, maintained, or operated by a Non-exempt EDB that are used or intended to be used for the supply of Electricity Lines Services

Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment has the same meaning as given in clause 1.1.4(2) of the IM Determination, and is specified in Schedule 5F

Transmission Pricing Methodology means the methodology determined by the Electricity Authority that specifies how Transpower's charges for its services are allocated and who is to be charged

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

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

Working Day has the meaning given in section 2(1) of the Act.

5. Default / customised price-quality path

During a Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period, every Non-exempt EDB must comply with the 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 are applied through this determination 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) Subpart 1 of Part 4 – cost allocation;
- (e) Subpart 2 of Part 4 – asset valuation;
- (f) Subpart 3 of Part 4 – treatment of taxation;
- (g) Subpart 4 of Part 4 – cost of capital;
- (h) Subpart 5 of Part 4 – reconsideration of the default price-quality path;
- (i) Subpart 6 of Part 4 – treatment of periods that are not 12 month periods; and
- (j) Subpart 7 of Part 4 – availability of information.

7. Dates for proposing a customised price-quality path

7.1 A Non-exempt EDB may, except in the 12 months before the end of the Regulatory Period, submit a proposal for a customised price-quality path to the Commission:

- (a) in the period beginning on the second Monday in February and ending 6 Working Days after;
- (b) in the period beginning on the first Monday of May and ending 6 Working Days after; or
- (c) within 24 months following a Catastrophic Event.

8. Price path

Starting prices

- 8.1 The starting Distribution Prices that apply to a Non-exempt EDB, specified as maximum allowable revenue, and the Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period to which they apply, are as set out in Schedule 1.

Rates of change

- 8.2 The annual rates of change in Distribution Prices relative to CPI allowed ~~by~~ for a Non-exempt EDB during a Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period are as set out in Schedule 2.

Compliance with the price path

- 8.3 The notional revenue of a Non-exempt EDB in an Assessment Period must not exceed the allowable notional revenue for the Assessment Period, such that:

$$NR \leq ANR$$

where-

NR is the notional revenue for the Assessment Period, calculated in accordance with clause 8.5; and

ANR is the allowable notional revenue for the Assessment Period, calculated in accordance with clause 8.4.

How to calculate notional revenue and allowable notional revenue

- 8.4 Allowable notional revenue specifies the maximum Distribution Prices that may be charged during an Assessment Period, and is calculated in accordance with the formula –
- (a) in Schedule 3A for the first Assessment Period of a Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period; and
 - (b) in Schedule 3B for all other Assessment Periods.
- 8.5 The notional revenue of a Non-exempt EDB is calculated in accordance with the formula –

$$\sum_i DP_{i,t} Q_{i,t-2}$$

where-

t is the year in which the Assessment Period ends;

i denotes each Distribution Price relating to [an](#) Electricity Lines Services;

- $DP_{i,t}$ is the i^{th} Distribution Price during any part of the Assessment Period t ; and
- $Q_{i,t-2}$ is the Quantity for the Assessment Period ending two years prior to year t corresponding to the i^{th} Distribution Price ~~for the Assessment Period ending two years prior to year t .~~

Demonstration of recovery of pass-through cost and recoverable cost charges

- 8.6 Every Non-exempt EDB must, in respect of each Assessment Period, calculate a Pass-through Balance in accordance with the formula –

$$PTB_t = \sum_i PTP_{i,t} Q_{i,t} - K_t - V_t + PTB_{t-1}(1+r)$$

where-

- t is the year in which the Assessment Period ends;
- i denotes each Pass-through Price relating to an Electricity Lines Services;
- PTB_t is the Pass-through Balance for the Assessment Period t ;
- PTB_{t-1} is–
- (a) nil in the first Assessment Period in which a Non-exempt EDB must calculate a Pass-through Balance, and
 - (b) in all other Assessment Periods the Pass-through Balance for the Assessment Period prior to year t , as calculated using any additional information available at the end of Assessment Period t ;
- $PTP_{i,t}$ is the i^{th} Pass-through Price during any part of the Assessment Period t ;
- $Q_{i,t}$ is the Quantity corresponding to the i^{th} Pass-through Price during the Assessment Period t ;
- K_t is the sum of all Pass-through Costs for the Assessment Period t ;
- V_t is the sum of all Recoverable Costs for the Assessment Period t ; and
- r is the Cost of Debt.

Restructure of prices

- 8.7 For the avoidance of doubt, a Restructure of Prices by a Non-exempt EDB during an Assessment Period does not change the allowable notional revenue for that Assessment Period.
- 8.8 Where a Non-exempt EDB undertakes a Restructure of Prices, the EDB must:

- (a) in the first Assessment Period during which a Restructure of Prices applies, calculate notional revenue for that Assessment Period using the Quantities determined in accordance with clause 8.9; and
- (b) in the Assessment Period immediately following the Assessment Period during which a Restructure of Prices first applies, calculate –
 - (i) allowable notional revenue using the Quantities determined in accordance with clause 8.9; and
 - (ii) notional revenue using the Quantities determined in accordance with clause 8.9.

8.9 For the purposes of clause 8.8, and subject to clause 8.10, where:

- (a) two or more Consumer Groups are combined into one Consumer Group, the Quantity corresponding to the Consumer Group must be the sum of the Quantities corresponding to each of the previous Consumer Groups;
- (b) the connections in a Consumer Group are separated into two or more new Consumer Groups, the Quantity corresponding to each new Consumer Group must be based on the connections of the original Consumer Group assigned to each new Consumer Group, and the sum of the Quantities corresponding to each new Consumer Group must equal the sum of the Quantities corresponding to the original Consumer Group; and
- (c) a new Consumer Group is to be populated only by consumers or retailers requesting to join that Consumer Group, the Quantities corresponding to the new Consumer Group is nil;
- (d) and the Quantities corresponding to each Price are the same as the Quantities corresponding to the Consumer Groups to which the Prices apply.

8.10 If as a result of a Restructure of Prices there is no Quantity for the 12 month period ending on 31 March two years prior to an Assessment Period that corresponds to a restructured Price, the Non-exempt EDB must demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commission a reasonable estimate of that Quantity using any reasonable methodology, provided the Non-exempt EDB:

- (a) does not use a forecast Quantity as the estimate of a Quantity;
- (b) uses any available relevant Quantity information in the 12 month period ending on 31 March two years prior to the Assessment Period;
- (c) considers any other relevant information reasonably available; and
- (d) uses ~~the same~~ a similar methodology for determining Quantities in each Assessment Period for which Quantities are determined under this clause.

8.11 At least 30 Working Days prior to any Assessment Period for which Quantities must be determined in accordance with clause 8.10, a Non-Exempt EDB must provide to the Commission:

- (a) a schedule of each restructured Price and the corresponding Quantity;
- (b) the methodology used to determine the Quantity that corresponds to each restructured Price; and
- (c) its forecast of the Quantities associated with each Price for the Assessment Period in which the Restructure of Prices will occur.

8.12 If a Non-exempt EDB paid levies as set out under clause 3.1.2(b)(ii) of the IM Determination during the Pricing Period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 then that Non-exempt EDB may include, as Pass-Through Costs in the first Disclosure Year of the Regulatory Period, an amount determined in accordance with the following formula–

$$\underline{0.7377 \times ICP_{2014} \times 0.75 \times 0.95 \times (1 + \text{cost of debt})}$$

where:

ICP_{2014} is the number of ICPs supplied by the Non-exempt EDB at 1 April 2014.

9. Quality standards

9.1 A Non-exempt EDB must, in respect of each Assessment Period, either:

- (a) comply with the annual reliability assessment specified in clause 9.2 for that Assessment Period; or
- (b) have complied with any annual reliability assessments for the two preceding Assessment Periods.

9.2 For the purpose of subclause 9.1(a), to comply with the annual reliability assessment–

- (a) a Non-exempt EDB's SAIDI Assessed Value for each Assessment Period must not exceed the SAIDI Limit specified in Schedule 4A; and
- (b) a Non-exempt EDB's SAIFI Assessed Value for each Assessment Period must not exceed the SAIFI Limit specified in Schedule 4A.

10. Large transactions

Requirement to notify the Commission of large transactions

10.1 Each Non-exempt EDB must notify the Commission in writing within 30 Working Days after entering into an agreement with another EDB for an Amalgamation, Merger, or Major Transaction, where:

- (a) the Regulatory Investment Value of the Non-exempt EDB's assets associated with the provision of Electricity Distribution Services as at the start of the next Assessment Period is anticipated to increase or decrease by more than 10% as a result of the transaction; or
- (b) the Non-exempt EDB's notional revenues for an Assessment Period is anticipated to increase or decrease by more than 10% within ~~an~~ the Assessment Period following the transaction as a result of the transaction.

10.2 Where a Non-exempt EDB enters into a Major Transaction, any notice required under clause 10.1 must include, to the extent practically available at the time of the notice, the:

- (a) allowable notional revenue attributable to the Major Transaction, determined in accordance with Schedule 3C, for the Assessment Period in which consumers are or will be first supplied Electricity Lines Services by a different EDB as a result of the Major Transaction;
- (b) Non-exempt EDB's allowable notional revenue for the Assessment Period in which the transaction will occur, as adjusted in accordance with Schedule 3C;
- (c) Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs attributable to the Major Transaction, determined in accordance with Schedule 3C, for the Assessment Period in which the transaction will occur;
- (d) basis on which allowable notional revenue, Pass-through Costs, and Recoverable Costs were allocated between the parties or otherwise determined in accordance with Schedule 3C; and
- (e) SAIDI Limits, SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Values, SAIFI Limits, and SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Values, as adjusted in accordance with Schedule 4B.

Transactions resulting in an Amalgamation or Merger

10.3 Where a Non-exempt EDB completes—

- (a) an Amalgamation with one or more Non-exempt EDBs, clause 3.2.1 of the IM Determination applies; and
- (b) a Merger with one or more Non-exempt EDBs, clause 3.2.1 of the IM Determination applies as if it were an Amalgamation.

10.4 For the purpose of clause 10.3, the quality standards within any DPPs and CPPs amalgamated under clause 3.2.1 of the IM Determination will be amalgamated in accordance with the method specified in Schedule 4B.

Major Transactions

10.45 A Non-exempt EDB that completes all the terms and conditions of a Major Transaction must:

- (a) in the Assessment Period in which the Major Transaction is completed, adjust the allowable notional revenue for that Assessment Period in accordance with Schedule 3C;
- (b) in the Assessment Period ~~immediately following the completion of the Major Transaction~~ in which the Major Transaction is completed, calculate the Pass-through Balance using the Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs determined in accordance with Schedule 3C; and
- (c) re-calculate the quality standards applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with Schedule 4B.

Purchase of System Fixed Assets from Transpower

10.56 A Non-exempt EDB that completes all the terms and conditions of a transaction for a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower that become System Fixed Assets of the Non-exempt EDB, including a transaction completed in the year immediately preceding the current Regulatory Period for which a Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment has been specified by the Commission, must re-calculate the quality standards applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with Schedule 4B.

11. Annual compliance statements

11.1 All Non-exempt EDBs must:

- (a) provide to the Commission a written statement for each Assessment Period within 50 Working Days following the end of the Assessment Period (the Annual Compliance Statement);
- (b) provide to the Commission copies of their price-quantity schedules reflecting the prices and quantities disclosed in accordance with clause 11.4(c) and 11.4(d) in an electronic format that is compatible with Microsoft Excel within five Working Days after providing their Annual Compliance Statement to the Commission; and
- (c) make the Annual Compliance Statement publicly available on its website within five Working Days after providing it to the Commission.

11.2 The Annual Compliance Statement must:

- (a) state whether or not the Non-exempt EDB has complied with:
 - (i) the price path in clause 8 for the Assessment Period; and
 - (ii) the quality standards in clause 9 for the Assessment Period;
- (b) include any information required under clause 11.4 (price path compliance);
- (c) include any information required under clause 11.5 (quality standards compliance);

- (d) state whether or not:
 - (i) the Non-exempt EDB has undertaken a Restructure of Prices during the Assessment Period;
 - (ii) the Non-exempt EDB has received a transfer of System Fixed Assets from Transpower;
 - (iii) any Amalgamation or Merger has taken place in the Assessment Period;
 - (iv) any Major Transaction has taken place in the Assessment Period;
- (e) if there has been an Amalgamation, Merger, or Major Transaction, include any additional information in accordance with clause 11.6 (large transactions compliance); and
- (f) if there has been a Restructure of Prices in the Assessment Period or the previous Assessment Period, include any additional information in accordance with clauses 11.7 and 11.8 (Restructure of Prices compliance);
- (g) state the date on which the statement was ~~prepared~~ certified.

11.3 The Annual Compliance Statement must be accompanied by:

- (a) a certificate in the form set out in Schedule 6, signed by at least one Director of the Non-exempt EDB; and
- (b) an assurance report, meeting the requirements specified in Schedule 7, in respect of all information contained in the Annual Compliance Statement.

Price path compliance

11.4 The Annual Compliance Statement must include any information reasonably necessary to demonstrate whether the Non-exempt EDB has complied with the price path set out in clause 8, including but not limited to:

- (a) if the Non-exempt EDB has not complied with the price path, the reasons for the non-compliance;
- (b) actions taken to mitigate any non-compliance and to prevent similar non-compliance in future Assessment Periods;
- (c) the amount of allowable notional revenue, the amount of notional revenue, Distribution Prices, Quantities, units of measurement associated with all numeric data, and other relevant data, information, and calculations;
- (d) the Pass-through Balance, Pass-through Prices, and Quantities for the Assessment Period, and the Pass-through Balance for the preceding

Assessment Period, ~~along with and~~ the units of measurement associated with all numeric data, and other relevant data information, and calculations;

- (e) the amount of Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs, included in the calculation of the Pass-through Balance for the Assessment Period, ~~the Assessment Periods to which the costs apply,~~ and supporting data, information, and calculations used to determine those amounts;
- (f) ~~information relating to any Recoverable Costs for the Assessment Period under clauses 3.1.3(1)(b) and (c) of the IM Determination, including~~ evidence of the amount of charge relating to any new investment contract entered into in the Assessment Period consistent with clause 3.1.3(1)(c) of the IM Determination, which need not be publicly disclosed under 11.1(c);
- (g) the amount of any Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs (actual or forecast) used to set Pass-through Prices for the Assessment period;
- (h) an explanation as to the cause, or likely cause, of any differences between the amounts of Pass-through or Recoverable Costs used to set Prices and actual amounts of those Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs; ~~and~~.
- ~~(i) where the Pass-through Balance does not equal zero, an explanation as to why.~~

Quality standards compliance

11.5 The Annual Compliance Statement must include any information reasonably necessary to demonstrate whether the Non-exempt EDB has complied with the quality standards set out in clause 9, including but not limited to:

- (a) if the Non-exempt EDB has not complied with the quality standards in clause 9, the reasons for not complying;
- (b) actions taken to mitigate any non-compliance and to prevent similar non-compliance in future Assessment Periods;
- (c) SAIDI and SAIFI Assessed Values, Limits, Unplanned Boundary Values, Caps, Collars, and the Targets for the Assessment Period, and any supporting calculations (including those in Schedule 4A) and the annual reliability assessments for the two previous Assessment Periods;
- (d) any re-calculations of the SAIDI and SAIFI Limits, Unplanned Boundary Values, Targets, Caps, and Collars following a Major Transaction or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower that become System Fixed Assets, including any supporting information, calculations, or data used to determine the historic SAIDI and SAIFI Values of the newly acquired or transferred assets;

- (e) a description of the policies and procedures which the Non-exempt EDB has used for capturing and recording Interruptions and for calculating SAIDI and SAIFI Assessed Values for the Assessment Period; and
- (f) the cause of each Major Event Day within the Assessment Period.

Large transactions compliance

- 11.6 If a Non-exempt EDB participates in an Amalgamation, a Merger, or Major Transaction, the Annual Compliance Statement for that Assessment Period must:
- (a) state whether the Non-exempt EDB has complied with clauses [10.1 to 10.4](#); and
 - (b) include any information or calculations required to be made under clauses [10.1 to 10.4](#).

Restructure of Prices compliance

- 11.7 If a Non-exempt EDB has undertaken a Restructure of Prices that first applied during the current or preceding Assessment Period, the Annual Compliance Statement must state the nature of the Restructure of Prices and identify the Consumer Groups impacted by the Restructure of Prices.
- 11.8 If a Non-exempt EDB has undertaken a Restructure of Prices ~~in or that first apply to the~~ [that first applied during the current or preceding](#) Assessment Period, and there is no Quantity for the 12 month period ending on 31 March two years prior that reasonably corresponds to a restructured Price, the Annual Compliance Statement must include:
- (a) the methodology used to determine the Quantity for the 12 month period ending on 31 March two years prior that corresponds to each restructured Price;
 - (b) Quantity information corresponding to each restructured Price for the Assessment Period in which the restructure occurred, including a forecast of the Quantity for that period prepared by the Non-exempt EDB at the time it restructured its Prices, and the actual Quantity; and
 - (c) an explanation for any differences between the actual and forecast Quantities associated with each Price for the Assessment Period in which the restructure occurred.

12. Reconsideration of a default price-quality path

A default price-quality path in this determination may be reconsidered in accordance with Subpart 5 of Part 4 of the IM Determination.

Schedule 2: Annual rates of change

1. The annual rate of change for all Non-exempt EDBs is the annual rate of change generally applicable to all Non-exempt EDBs for that Regulatory Period, unless an alternative rate of change is specified for the Non-exempt EDB.
2. The annual rate of change generally applicable to all Non-exempt EDBs for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020 is [--]%.
3. The Non-exempt EDBs subject to an alternative annual rate of change for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the alternative rate of change that applies, are as set out in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1: Alternative rates of change for the
Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2020**

Non-exempt EDB	Alternative rate of change
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Schedule 3A: Calculation of allowable notional revenue for the first Assessment Period

1. The allowable notional revenue for the first Assessment Period [of the Regulatory Period](#) must be calculated in accordance with the formula –

$$ANR_t = \frac{MAR_t}{\Delta D}$$

where-

t is the first Assessment Period of the Regulatory Period

MAR_t is the maximum allowable revenue for the first Assessment Period as specified in Schedule 1;

ΔD is the change in constant price revenue specified in Schedule 1;

Schedule 3B: Calculation of allowable notional revenue for the remaining Assessment Periods

1. The allowable notional revenue for all Assessment Periods other than the first Assessment Period of the Regulatory Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula -

$$ANR_t = \left(\sum_i DP_{i,t-1} Q_{i,t-2} + (ANR_{t-1} - NR_{t-1}) \right) (1 + \Delta CPI_t) (1 - X)$$

where-

- t is the year in which the Assessment Period ends;
- i denotes each Distribution Price relating to an Electricity Lines Service;
- $DP_{i,t-1}$ is the i^{th} Distribution Price during any part of the Assessment Period ending the year prior to year t ;
- $Q_{i,t-2}$ is the Quantity corresponding to the i th Distribution Price for the Assessment Period ending 2 years prior to year t ;
- $ANR_{t-1} - NR_{t-1}$ is the difference between allowable notional revenue and notional revenue for the Assessment Period ending the year prior to year t ;
- X is the annual rate of change in prices, applicable to the Non-exempt EDB, as specified in Schedule 2; and
- ΔCPI_t is the derived change in the CPI to be applied for the Assessment Period ending in year t , being equal to:
- $$\frac{CPI_{Dec,t-3} + CPI_{Mar,t-2} + CPI_{Jun,t-2} + CPI_{Sep,t-2}}{CPI_{Dec,t-4} + CPI_{Mar,t-3} + CPI_{Jun,t-3} + CPI_{Sep,t-3}} - 1$$
- 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 .

Schedule 3C: Recalculation of the price path following a Major Transaction

1. A Non-exempt EDB that enters into a Major Transaction must demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Commission [the impact of the Major Transaction on](#) its allowable notional revenue, Pass-through Costs, and Recoverable Costs –
 - (a) in accordance with paragraph 2 where the Major Transaction is with another Non-exempt EDB; or
 - (b) in accordance with paragraph 5 where the Major Transaction is with an Exempt EDB.

Transactions with a Non-exempt EDB

2. Each Non-exempt EDB [party to a Major Transaction](#) must, in the Assessment Period in which ~~consumers are or will be first supplied Electricity Lines Services by a different Non-exempt EDB as a result of a~~ [the](#) Major Transaction [occurs](#), agree a reasonable allocation of:
 - (a) the allowable notional revenue for that Assessment Period attributable to the ICPS transferred as a result of the transaction; and
 - (b) the Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs attributable to the ICPS transferred as a result of the transaction.
3. The Non-exempt EDB transferring ~~assets~~ [ICPS](#) to another Non-exempt EDB as part of a Major Transaction must:
 - (a) reduce its allowable notional revenue for that Assessment Period by the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 2(a); and
 - (b) exclude any Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs by the amounts determined in accordance with paragraph 2(b) for the purposes of calculating the Pass-through Balance.
4. The Non-exempt EDB receiving ~~a transfer of assets~~ [ICPS](#) from another Non-exempt EDB as part of a Major Transaction must:
 - (a) increase its allowable notional revenue for that Assessment Period by the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 2(a); and
 - (b) include any Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs by the amounts determined in accordance with paragraph 2(b) for the purposes of calculating the Pass-through Balance.

Transactions with an Exempt EDB

5. A Non-exempt EDB that enters into a Major Transaction with an Exempt EDB must determine its allowable notional revenue, Pass-through Costs, and Recoverable Costs:

- (a) in accordance with paragraph 6 or paragraph 9 where the Non-exempt EDB receives ~~a transfer of assets~~ ICPs from an Exempt EDB; or
- (b) in accordance with paragraph 7 or paragraph 9 where the Non-exempt EDB transfers ~~assets~~ ICPs to an Exempt EDB.
6. ~~Each~~ The Non-exempt EDB must, in the Assessment Period in which ~~consumers~~ ICPs are or will be first supplied Electricity Lines Services by the Non-exempt EDB as a result of a Major Transaction with an Exempt EDB –
- (a) increase its allowable notional revenue by an amount calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\left(\sum_i P_{i,t-1} Q_{i,t-2} - K_{proportion,t-1} - V_{proportion,t-1} \right) (1 + \Delta CPI_t) \times \text{Part-year Factor}$$

where–

t is the year in which the Assessment Period ends;

i denotes each Price relating to ~~an~~ Electricity Lines Services;

$P_{i,t-1}$ is the i^{th} Price of the Exempt EDB during any part of the Assessment Period prior to year t ;

$Q_{i,t-2}$ is the Quantity attributable to the ICPs transferred to the Non-exempt EDB corresponding to the i th Price for the Assessment Period ending 2 years prior to year t ;

$K_{proportion,t-1}$ is the proportion of all Pass-through Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period prior to year t , being equal to:

$$\text{Transaction Factor} \times K_{t-1}$$

where–

K_{t-1} is the sum of all Pass-through Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period prior to year t ;

$V_{proportion,t-1}$ is the proportion of all Recoverable Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period prior to year t , being equal to:

$$\text{Transaction Factor} \times V_{t-1}$$

where–

V_{t-1} is the sum of all Recoverable Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period prior to year t ; and

ΔCPI_t is the derived change in the CPI to be applied for the Assessment Period ending in year t , being equal to:

$$\frac{CPI_{Dec,t-3} + CPI_{Mar,t-2} + CPI_{Jun,t-2} + CPI_{Sep,t-2}}{CPI_{Dec,t-4} + CPI_{Mar,t-3} + CPI_{Jun,t-3} + CPI_{Sep,t-3}} - 1$$

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 ; and

- (b) include a proportion of Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs for the Assessment Period for the purposes of calculating the Pass-through Balance, being equal to:

$$\frac{(K_t + V_t)}{K_{t-1} + V_{t-1}} \times \text{Transaction Factor} \times \frac{(K_t + V_t)}{K_{t-1} + V_{t-1}} \times \text{Part-year Factor}$$

where-

K_{t-1} is the sum of all Pass-through Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period t ;

V_{t-1} is the sum of all Recoverable Costs of the Exempt EDB for the Assessment Period t .

7. ~~Each~~ The Non-exempt EDB must, in the Assessment Period in which ~~consumers~~ ICPs are or will be first supplied Electricity Lines Services by an Exempt EDB as a result of a Major Transaction with the Exempt EDB –

- (a) re-calculate its allowable notional revenue for the ~~a~~Assessment period in accordance with the formula–

$$ANR = ANR_p - (ANR_p \times \text{Transaction Factor} \times \text{Part – year Factor})$$

where–

ANR_p is the allowable notional revenue, calculated in accordance with Schedule 3A or 3B, that would have applied for the Assessment Period absent the transaction; and

- (b) exclude a proportion of Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs for the Assessment Period for the purposes of calculating the Pass-through Balance, being equal to:

$$\frac{(K_t + V_t)}{K_{t-1} + V_{t-1}} \times \text{Transaction Factor} \times \frac{(K_t + V_t)}{K_{t-1} + V_{t-1}} \times \text{Part-year Factor}$$

where–

K_{t-1} is the sum of all Pass-through Costs of the Non-exempt EDB for the Assessment Period t ;

V_{t-1} is the sum of all Recoverable Costs of the Non-exempt EDB for the Assessment Period t .

8. For the purposes of paragraph 6 and 7–

(a) the ‘Transaction Factor’ is calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{\sum P_{i,t-1} Q_{lost,i,t-2}}{\sum P_{i,t-1} Q_{i,t-2}}$$

where–

t is the year in which the Assessment Period ends;

i denotes each Price relating to Electricity Lines Services of the EDB transferring ~~assets~~ ICPs to the other EDB;

$P_{i,t-1}$ is the i^{th} Price of the EDB transferring ~~assets~~ ICPs to the other EDB during any part of the Assessment Period prior to year t ;

$Q_{i,t-2}$ is the Quantity of the EDB transferring ~~assets~~ ICPs to the other EDB corresponding to the i th Price for the Assessment Period ending 2 years prior to year t ; and

$Q_{lost,i,t-2}$ is the Quantity of the EDB transferring ~~assets~~ ICPs to the other EDB attributable to the ICPs transferred and corresponding to the i th Price for the Assessment Period ending 2 years prior to year t ; and

(b) the ‘Part-year Factor’ is calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{n}{365}$$

where–

n is the number of days between the date on which ~~assets~~ ICPs are first transferred to the other EDB and the last day of the Assessment Period in which the ~~assets are transferred~~ Major Transaction occurs.

Alternative methodology following a Major Transaction with an Exempt EDB

9. A Non-exempt EDB may propose an alternative approach to calculating the allowable notional revenue, Pass-through Costs, and Recoverable Costs, including components of those costs, attributable to the ICPs ~~transferred~~ supplied by a different EDB as part of a Major Transaction with an Exempt EDB using any reasonable alternative methodology approved by the Commission.

3. The SAIDI Assessed Value ($SAIDI_{assess}$) for Orion for the Assessment Period ending 31 March 2020 is the sum of the daily SAIDI Values for Class B Interruptions and Class C Interruptions commencing within the Assessment Period, where any daily SAIDI Value greater than [-] equals [-].

Calculation of the SAIFI Assessed Values

4. Subject to paragraph 5, the SAIFI Assessed Value ($SAIFI_{assess}$) for an Assessment Period is calculated in accordance with the formula –

$$SAIFI_{assess} = (0.5 \times SAIFI_B) + SAIFI_C$$

where-

$SAIFI_B$ is the sum of the daily SAIFI Values for Class B Interruptions commencing within the Assessment Period; and

$SAIFI_C$ 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.

5. The SAIFI Assessed Value ($SAIFI_{assess}$) for Orion for the Assessment Period ending 31 March 2020 is the sum of the daily SAIFI Values for Class B Interruptions and Class C Interruptions commencing within the Assessment Period, where any daily SAIFI Value greater than [-] equals [-].

Schedule 4B Adjustments to quality standards following a Major Transaction, Amalgamation, Merger or a purchase of System Fixed Assets

1. A Non-exempt EDB required to re-calculate quality standards in accordance with clause ~~10.4(c) or 10.5~~ 10.4, 10.5(c) or 10.6 must, for the Assessment Period in which the transaction occurs and in each remaining Assessment Period of the Regulatory Period or CPP Regulatory Period, adjust:
- the SAIDI Targets and SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Values applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with paragraph 2 for a Major Transaction, paragraph 3 for an Amalgamation or Merger, and paragraph 4 for a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower;
 - the SAIDI Limits, SAIDI Caps, and SAIDI Collars applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with paragraph 6;
 - the SAIFI Targets and SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Values applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with paragraph 7 for a Major Transaction, paragraph 8 for an Amalgamation or Merger, and paragraph 9 for a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower; and
 - the SAIFI Limits, SAIFI Caps, and SAIFI Collars applicable to the Non-exempt EDB in accordance with paragraph 11.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, following a Major Transaction the SAIDI Target and SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Values for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula –

$$\frac{(SAIDI_{t-1} * ICP_t) + (SAIDI_{~~other~~added,t-1} * ICP_{added,t}) - (SAIDI_{lost,t} * ICP_{lost,t})}{ICP_t + ICP_{added,t} - ICP_{lost,t}}$$

where-

t is the Assessment Period in which ~~the assets are transferred to or from a Non-exempt EDB~~ the Major Transaction occurs;

$SAIDI_{t-1}$ is, for the purposes of –

- calculating the SAIDI Target, the SAIDI Target, and
- calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the Non-exempt EDB ~~in the Assessment Period prior to year t as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;~~

$SAIDI_{~~other~~added,t}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIDI Target, ~~the SAIDI Target, subject to the value of historic SAIDI calculated in accordance with paragraph 35,~~ and
- (b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

~~in the Assessment Period t of the EDB from which assets have been transferred to or from for the ICPs transferred to the Non-exempt EDB as part of the Major Transaction or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower;~~

~~SAIDI_{lost, t}~~ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) ~~calculating the SAIDI Target, the value of historic SAIDI calculated in accordance with paragraph 5, and~~
- (b) ~~calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value~~

~~in the Assessment Period t for the ICPs transferred from the Non-exempt EDB as part of the Major Transaction;~~

~~ICP_t is the number of ICPs on the Non-exempt EDB's network immediately prior to the Major Transaction or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower;~~

~~ICP_{added, t} is, for the purposes of –~~

- (a) ~~a Major Transaction, the number of ICPs transferred to the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period t as part of the Major Transaction,~~
- (b) ~~a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower, equal to ICP_t; and~~

~~ICP_{lost, t} is, for the purposes of –~~

- (a) ~~a Major Transaction, the number of ICPs transferred from the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period t as part of the Major Transaction;~~
- (b) ~~a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower, nil.~~

3. For the purposes of paragraph 1, following an Amalgamation or Merger, the SAIDI Target and SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Values for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{(SAIDI_{t-1}^A * ICP_t^A) + (SAIDI_{t-1}^B * ICP_t^B)}{ICP_t^A + ICP_t^B}$$

where-

t is the Assessment Period in which the Amalgamation or Merger occurs;

$SAIDI_{t-1}^A$ is, for the purposes of –

(a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the SAIDI Target, and

(b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

of one of the Non-exempt EDBs subject to the Amalgamation or Merger as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

$SAIDI_{t-1}^B$ is, for the purposes of –

(a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the SAIDI Target, and

(b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the other Non-exempt EDB subject to the Amalgamation or Merger as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

ICP_t^A is the number of ICPs, supplied by the Non-exempt EDB for which $SAIDI_{t-1}^A$ is calculated, immediately prior to the Amalgamation or Merger;

ICP_t^B is the number of ICPs, supplied by the Non-exempt EDB for which $SAIDI_{t-1}^B$ is calculated, immediately prior to the Amalgamation or Merger.

4. For the purposes of paragraph 1, following the transfer of assets from Transpower to a Non-exempt EDB, the SAIDI Target and SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Values for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{(SAIDI_{t-1} * Interruptions) + (SAIDI_{added,t} * Interruptions_{added})}{Interruptions + Interruptions_{added}}$$

where-

t is the Assessment Period in which the assets are transferred from Transpower;

$SAIDI_{t-1}$ is, for the purposes of –

(a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the SAIDI Target, and

(b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the Non-exempt EDB as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

$SAIDI_{added, t}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the value of historic SAIDI calculated in accordance with paragraph 5, and
- (b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

in the Assessment Period t for the transmission assets transferred to the Non-exempt EDB from Transpower;

$Interruptions$ is the total number of interruptions for the non-Exempt EDB, for the most recent 10 years of available data;

$Interruptions_{added}$ is the total number of interruptions for the assets transferred from Transpower, for the most recent 10 years of available data.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 4–

- (a) the SAIDI Target of an Exempt EDB or Transpower value of historic SAIDI is calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{\sum(SAIDI_{planned} * 0.5) + \sum(SAIDI_{unplanned})}{10}$$

where–

$SAIDI_{planned}$ is the historic SAIDI Values for Planned Interruptions of the Exempt EDB for the ICPs transferred or of the assets transferred by Transpower for the most recent 10 years of available data; and

$SAIDI_{unplanned}$ is –

- (i) for an EDB, the historic SAIDI Values for Unplanned Interruptions of the Exempt EDB for the ICPs transferred for the most recent 10 years of available data, where any daily SAIDI Value for Unplanned Interruptions greater than the 23rd highest daily SAIDI Value for Unplanned Interruptions of the Exempt EDB equals that value, or
- (ii) for Transpower, the historic SAIDI Values for Unplanned Interruptions of the assets transferred by Transpower for the most recent 10 years of available data, where any daily SAIDI Value greater than the Non-exempt EDB's SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value equals that value.

- (b) the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value of an Exempt EDB or Transpower is–

- (i) for an Exempt EDB, the 23rd highest SAIDI Value for Unplanned Interruptions of the Exempt EDB; and
- (ii) for Transpower, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value of the Non-exempt EDB to which assets have been transferred.

6. For the purposes of paragraph 1:

- (a) the SAIDI Cap and SAIDI Collar must be adjusted by an amount equal to the percentage change in the SAIDI Target following recalculation in accordance with paragraph 2; and
- (b) the SAIDI Limit equals the SAIDI Cap determined in accordance with subparagraph (a).

7. For the purposes of paragraph 1, following a Major Transaction, the SAIFI Target and SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula –

$$\frac{(SAIFI_{t-1} * ICP_t) + (SAIFI_{\text{other added, } t} * ICP_{\text{added, } t}) - (SAIFI_{\text{lost, } t} * ICP_{\text{lost, } t})}{ICP_t + ICP_{\text{added, } t} - ICP_{\text{lost, } t}}$$

where-

t is the Assessment Period in which ~~the assets are transferred to or from a Non-exempt EDB~~ the Major Transaction occurs;

$SAIFI_{t-1}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIFI Target, the SAIFI Target, and
- (b) calculating the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the Non-exempt EDB ~~in the Assessment Period prior to year t~~ as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

$SAIFI_{\text{other added, } t-1}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIFI Target, ~~the SAIFI Target, subject to the value of historic SAIFI calculated in accordance with~~ paragraph ~~610~~, and
- (b) calculating the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

in the Assessment Period t ~~of the EDB from which assets have been transferred to or from~~ for the ICPs transferred to the Non-exempt EDB as part of the Major Transaction ~~or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower~~;

SAIFI_{lost, t} is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIFI Target, the value of historic SAIFI calculated in accordance with paragraph 35, and
- (b) calculating the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

in the Assessment Period t for the ICPs who will no longer be supplied by the Non-exempt EDB as part of the Major Transaction;

ICP_t is the number of ICPs on the Non-exempt EDB's network immediately prior to the Major Transaction ~~or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower;~~

ICP_{added, t} is, ~~for the purposes of–~~

- ~~(a) — a Major Transaction, the number of ICPs transferred to the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period t as part of the Major Transaction,~~
- ~~(b) — a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower, equal to ICP_t; and~~

ICP_{lost, t} is, ~~for the purposes of–~~

- ~~(a) — a Major Transaction, the number of ICPs transferred from the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period t as part of the Major Transaction;~~
- ~~(b) — a transfer of transmission assets from Transpower, nil.~~

8. For the purposes of paragraph 7, following an Amalgamation or Merger, the SAIFI Target and SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Values for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{(SAIFI_{t-1}^A * ICP_t^A) + (SAIFI_{t-1}^B * ICP_t^B)}{ICP_t^A + ICP_t^B}$$

where–

t is the Assessment Period in which the Amalgamation or Merger occurs;

SAIFI_{t-1}^A is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIFI Target, the SAIFI Target, and
- (b) calculating the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

of one of the Non-exempt EDBs subject to the Amalgamation or Merger as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

$SAIFI_{t-1}^B$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIFI Target, the SAIFI Target, and
- (b) calculating the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the other Non-exempt EDB subject to the Amalgamation or Merger as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

ICP_t^A is the number of ICPs, supplied by the Non-exempt EDB for which $SAIFI_{t-1}^A$ is calculated, immediately prior to the Amalgamation or Merger;

ICP_t^B is the number of ICPs, supplied by the Non-exempt EDB for which $SAIFI_{t-1}^B$ is calculated, immediately prior to the Amalgamation or Merger.

9. For the purposes of paragraph 1, following the transfer of assets from Transpower to a Non-exempt EDB, the SAIFI Target and SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Values for each Assessment Period must be calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{(SAIFI_{t-1} * Interruptions) + (SAIFI_{added,t-1} * Interruptions_{added})}{Interruptions + Interruptions_{added}}$$

where-

t is the Assessment Period in which the assets are transferred from Transpower;

$SAIFI_{t-1}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the SAIDI Target, and
- (b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

of the Non-exempt EDB as specified in Schedules 4A and 5B;

$SAIFI_{added,t}$ is, for the purposes of –

- (a) calculating the SAIDI Target, the value of historical SAIFI calculated in accordance with paragraph 10, and
- (b) calculating the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value, the SAIDI Unplanned Boundary Value

in the Assessment Period t for the transmission assets w transferred to the Non-exempt EDB from Transpower;

Interruptions is the total number of interruptions for the non-Exempt EDB, for the most recent 10 years of available data;

Interruptions_{added} is the total number of interruptions for the assets transferred from Transpower, for the most recent 10 years of available data.

10. For the purposes of paragraph ~~7~~ and 9–

(a) the ~~SAIFI Target of an Exempt EDB or Transpower~~ value of historic SAIFI is calculated in accordance with the formula–

$$\frac{\sum(SAIFI_{planned} * 0.5) + \sum(SAIFI_{unplanned})}{Years\ of\ data}$$

where–

$SAIFI_{planned}$ is the historic SAIFI Values for Planned Interruptions ~~of the Exempt EDB~~ for the ICPs transferred or of the assets transferred by Transpower for the most recent 10 years of available data; and

$SAIFI_{unplanned}$ is–

- (i) for an ~~Exempt~~ EDB, the historic SAIFI Values for Unplanned Interruptions ~~the Exempt EDB~~ for the ICPs transferred for the most recent 10 years of available data, where any daily SAIFI Value for Unplanned Interruptions greater than the 23rd highest daily SAIFI Value for Unplanned Interruptions of the ~~Exempt~~ EDB equals that value, and
- (ii) for Transpower, the historic SAIFI Values for Unplanned Interruptions of the assets transferred by Transpower for the most recent 10 years of available data, where any daily SAIFI Value for Unplanned Interruptions greater than the Non-exempt EDB's SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value equals that value; and

(b) the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value of an Exempt EDB or Transpower is–

- (i) for an Exempt EDB, the 23rd highest SAIFI Value for Unplanned Interruptions of the Exempt EDB; and
- (ii) for Transpower, the SAIFI Unplanned Boundary Value of the Non-exempt EDB to which assets have been transferred.

11. For the purposes of paragraph 1:

(a) the SAIFI Cap and SAIFI Collar must be adjusted by an amount equal to the percentage change in the SAIFI Target following recalculation in accordance with paragraph 5; and

- (b) the SAIFI Limit equals the SAIFI Cap determined in accordance with subparagraph (a).

Alternative methodology following a Major Transaction, Amalgamation or Merger with an Exempt EDB, or transfer of transmission assets from Transpower

12. Following a Major Transaction, Amalgamation or Merger, the Non-exempt EDBs party to the Major Transaction, Amalgamation or Merger may propose an alternative approach to adjusting the quality standards, using any reasonable alternative methodology approved by the Commission.
13. Following a transfer of assets from Transpower, a Non-exempt EDB may propose an alternative approach to adjusting the quality standards, using any reasonable alternative methodology approved by the Commission.

Schedule 5: Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs for an Assessment Period

1. The amount of each Pass-through Cost or Recoverable Cost passed through to Pass-through Prices during an Assessment Period, must:
 - (a) not have already been passed through to, or recovered from, Consumers or other parties in a previous Assessment Period;
 - (b) not otherwise ~~be~~ have been recovered from Consumers or other parties, other than through Pass-through Prices.

2. For the purposes of determining Pass-through Costs and Recoverable Costs:
 - (a) any Energy Efficiency and Demand Incentive Allowance must be approved in accordance with Schedule 5A;
 - (b) a Quality Incentive Adjustment must be calculated in accordance with Schedule 5B;
 - (c) any claw-back that applies to a Non-exempt EDB for an Assessment Period is specified in Schedule 5C;
 - (d) the 2013-15 NPV Wash-up Allowance is specified in Schedule 5D;
 - (e) the amount of charge described in paragraph 3.1.3(1)(b) of the IM Determination that a Non-exempt EDB has avoided liability to pay as a result of the EDB having purchased transmission assets from Transpower must be calculated in accordance with Schedule 5E;
 - (f) the Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment is specified in Schedule 5F;
 - (g) the forecast operating expenditure, forecast value of commissioned assets, and retention factor used for purposes of calculating the Opex Incentive Adjustment Amount and Capex Incentive Adjustment Amount are specified in Schedule 5G; and
 - (h) any Extended Reserves Allowance must be approved in accordance with Schedule 5H.

Schedule 5A: Approval of Energy Efficiency and Demand Incentive Allowances

1. A Non-exempt EDBs may, no later than 50 Working Days following the end of the Assessment Period, submit an application for approval of an allowance for foregone revenue attributable to ~~an~~ energy efficiency ~~and or~~ demand side management initiatives, projects, or activities undertaken—
 - (a) by or on behalf of the Non-exempt EDB, either independently or in conjunction with any other persons (including generators, retailers, and consumers); and
 - (b) ~~with the purpose and intent of reducing the costs of providing Electricity Distribution Services~~ by altering the pattern of consumption of energy, the source of energy, or the use of the EDB's distribution system, ~~but excluding any activities which expand the distribution system or its capacity or which renew, repair, or maintain it, or that are primarily tariff based.~~
2. The application for approval must include:
 - (a) a detailed description of the energy efficiency or demand-side management initiative, program, or activity for which the EDB seeks an Energy Efficiency and Demand Incentive Allowance;
 - (b) reasonable estimates of the actual foregone quantities arising in the Assessment Period from each energy efficiency or demand-side management initiative, program, or activity, as well as the data, calculations, and assumptions used to derive the estimate;
 - (c) a statement identifying other factors that may have materially contributed to the foregone quantities and reasonable estimates of their impact;
 - (d) the Price(s) that applied to the foregone quantities during the Assessment Period; and
 - (e) an estimate of foregone revenue directly attributable to the energy efficiency or demand-side management initiative, program, or activity.
3. The Commission may request additional information, independent evidence, director certificates, or audit statements relating to the information provided in the application or to the attribution of foregone revenue to the initiative, program, or activity. Such requests shall take into account the likely cost of providing the information relative to the extent of the benefits identified.
4. The Commission may approve, by notice in writing to the Non-exempt EDB, an amount, as determined by the Commission, equal to the foregone revenue in the Assessment Period and adjusted for the time-value of money using the Cost of Debt.

5. The amount approved by the Commission is an 'energy efficiency and demand incentive allowance' Recoverable Cost under subclause 3.1.3(1)(m) of the IM Determination in the Assessment Period following its approval.

- (a) S_{SAIDI} is the amount, subject to subparagraph (b) and (c), 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 56;
- $SAIDI_{target}$ is the SAIDI Target specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B; and
- $SAIDI_{assess}$ is the SAIDI Assessed Value for the Assessment Period, calculated in accordance with Schedule 4A, subject to subclause (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 the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period in Schedule 4, subject to Schedule 4B;
- $SAIDI_{target}$ is the SAIDI Target specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B; and
- REV_{RISK} is –
- (a) subject to (b), 1% of the maximum allowable revenue for the Non-exempt EDB specified in Schedule 1; and
- (b) for Orion in the Assessment Period ending 31 March 2020, nil.

7. For the purposes of paragraph 4–

- (a) S_{SAIFI} is the amount, subject to subparagraph (b), calculated in accordance with the following formula –

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

where-

- $SAIFI_{IR}$ is the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 8;
- $SAIFI_{target}$ is the SAIFI Target specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B; and
- $SAIFI_{assess}$ is the SAIFI Assessed Value for the Assessment Period, calculated in accordance with Schedule 4A, subject to subclause (b).

(b) Where $SAIFI_{assess}$ is –

- (i) greater than the $SAIFI_{cap}$, $SAIFI_{assess}$ equals the $SAIFI_{cap}$;
- (ii) less than the $SAIFI_{collar}$, $SAIFI_{assess}$ equals the $SAIFI_{collar}$.

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

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

where-

- $SAIFI_{cap}$ is the SAIFI Cap specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B;
- $SAIFI_{target}$ is the SAIFI Target specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B; and
- REV_{RISK} is –
- (a) subject to (b), 1% of the maximum allowable revenue for the Non-exempt EDB specified in Schedule 1; and
- (b) for Orion in the Assessment Period ending 31 March 2020, nil.

~~9. For the purposes of this Schedule, ‘ $SAIDI_{cap}$ ’ is the SAIDI Cap specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B.~~

~~10. For the purposes of this Schedule, ‘ $SAIDI_{collar}$ ’ is the SAIDI Collar specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Assessment Period, subject to Schedule 4B.~~

~~11. For the purposes of this Schedule, ‘ $SAIFI_{cap}$ ’ is the SAIFI Cap specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period, subject to Schedule 4B.~~

~~12. For the purposes of this Schedule, ‘ $SAIFI_{collar}$ ’ is the SAIFI Collar specified for the Non-exempt EDB for the Assessment Period, subject to Schedule 4B.~~

Schedule 5C: Claw-back

1. The amount of claw-back applying to a Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the Assessment Period in which it is a Recoverable Cost under clause 3.1.3(1)(g) of the IM Determination, are set out in Table 5C.1.

Table 5C.1: Claw-back amounts to be applied by specified non-exempt EDBs in each Assessment Period

(All amounts in \$000)

Non-exempt EDB	<u>Assessment Period</u>				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

Schedule 5D: NPV Wash-Up Allowances

1. The 2013-15 NPV Wash-up Allowance for a Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the Assessment Period in which it is a Recoverable Cost [under clause 3.1.3\(1\)\(s\) of the IM Determination](#), are set out in Table 5D.1.

Table 5D.1: 2013-15 NPV wash-up allowances to be applied by specified non-exempt EDBs in each Assessment Period

(All amounts in \$000)

Non-exempt EDB	<u>Assessment Period</u>				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-

Schedule 5E: Avoided transmission charges

1. For the purposes of calculating ~~the~~ a Recoverable Cost under clause 3.1.3(1)(e) of the IM Determination, the amount of charge described in paragraph 3.1.3(1)(b) of the IM Determination that a Non-exempt EDB has avoided liability to pay as a result of the EDB having purchased System Fixed Assets from Transpower is—
 - (a) for a purchase prior to 1 April 2015, for each of the five Assessment Periods immediately following the Assessment Period in which the purchase of the System Fixed Assets from Transpower occurs —
 - (i) the amount that would have been charged by Transpower for the use of the System Fixed Assets transferred to the Non-exempt EDB as specified in a pricing schedule determined by Transpower for the year immediately preceding the Assessment Period in which the ~~charge was first recovered~~ purchase occurred, or
 - (ii) the ~~adjusted~~ amount determined in accordance with (i) adjusted where an Non-exempt EDB can demonstrate to the Commission that the Non-exempt EDB has made adjustments using a method consistent with the Transmission Pricing Methodology; or
 - (b) for a purchase made on or after 1 April 2015 —
 - (i) in the first Assessment Period following the purchase of the System Fixed Assets from Transpower, the difference between the costs of transmission payable to Transpower for the first full Assessment Period following the transfer of the System Fixed Assets and the costs of transmission that would have been payable to Transpower for the Assessment Period in question had the transfer of System Fixed Assets not occurred; and
 - (ii) in each of the four following Assessment Periods after the first Assessment Period for which an amount is calculated, the amount calculated in accordance with (i), in constant nominal terms.

Schedule 5F: Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustments

1. The Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment for Eastland Network Limited for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the transmission assets forecast to be purchased in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to which the amount relates, is set out in Table 5F.1.

Table 5F.1: Transmission Asset Wash-up for Eastland Network Limited

(Amounts in \$000)	
Asset	Transmission asset wash-up adjustment
Eastland Spur Asset 1	–

where the Eastland Spur Asset 1 consists of the following assets: Transmission Line GIS-TUI-A, Transmission Line GIS-TOB-A, Transmission Line TUI-WRA-A, and any associated substation assets.

2. The Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment for Powerco Limited for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the transmission assets forecast to be purchased in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to which the amount relates, is set out in Table 5F.2.

Table 5F.2: Transmission Asset Wash-up for Powerco Limited

(Amounts in \$000)	
Asset	Transmission asset wash-up adjustment
Powerco Spur Asset 1	–

where the Powerco Spur Asset 1 consists of the following assets: Hinuera substation and Hinuera to Karapiro Line A.

3. The Transmission Asset Wash-up Adjustment for Network Tasman Limited for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, and the transmission assets forecast to be purchased in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to which the amount relates, is set out in Table 5F.3.

Table 5F.3: Transmission Asset Wash-up for Network Tasman Limited

(Amounts in \$000)	
Asset	Transmission asset wash-up adjustment
Network Tasman Spur Asset 1	–

where the Network Tasman Spur Asset 1 consists of the following assets: Motueka Substation, Upper Takaka Substation, Cobb Substation, Upper Takaka_Motupipi 66kV Line (1), Stoke Upper Takaka Lines (2), Cobb_Upper Takaka Lines (2).

Schedule 5G: How to calculate recoverable costs for the incremental rolling incentive scheme

1. For the purposes of calculating the Opex Incentive [Adjustment Amount](#) for each Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, the forecast operating expenditure, and the Assessment Period to which it applies, is as set out in Table 5G.1.

Table 5G.1: Forecast operating expenditure for Non-exempt EDBs for the Regulatory Period ~~2015-2020~~ 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2020

(All amounts in \$000)

Non-exempt EDB	Assessment Period				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
–	–	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	–

2. For the purposes of calculating the Capex Incentive [Adjustment Amount](#) for each Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, the forecast [aggregate](#) value of commissioned assets, and the Assessment Period to which it applies, is as set out in Table 5G.2.

Table 5G.2: Forecast [aggregate](#) value of commissioned assets for Non-exempt EDBs for the Regulatory Period ~~2015-2020~~ 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2020

(All amounts in \$000)

Non-exempt EDB	Assessment Period				
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
–	–	–	–	–	–
–	–	–	–	–	–

3. For the purposes of calculating the Capex Incentive Adjustment for each Non-exempt EDB for the Regulatory Period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, the $\#R$ Retention $\#F$ Factor is [-].

Schedule 5H: Approval of Extended Reserves Allowances

1. A Non-exempt EDBs must, no later than 50 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 relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010.
2. The application for approval must include:
 - (a) all compensation payments made by the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period under the extended reserves regime in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010;
 - (b) all compensation payments and revenue received by the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period under the extended reserves regime in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010;
 - (c) an estimate of the compensation payments and revenue received by the Non-exempt EDB in the Assessment Period under the extended reserves regime in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010 that should be treated as unregulated income 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 under the extended reserves regime in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010.
3. The Commission may request additional information, independent evidence, director certificates, or audit statements relating to the information provided in the application. Such requests shall take into account the likely cost of providing the information relative to the extent of the benefits identified.
4. The Commission may approve by notice in writing to the Non-exempt EDB, subject to clause 3.1.3(7) of the IM Determination paragraph 5, a positive allowance for costs incurred and amounts payable, or a negative allowance for amounts receivable, under any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010, as determined by the Commission, and adjusted for the time value of money using the Cost of Debt.
5. For the purpose of giving approval under this Schedule, the Commission will have regard to any policy intent stated by the Electricity Authority as to whether-
 - (a) some or all compensation payments to be made by an Non-exempt EDB in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010 would be expected to constitute negative Recoverable Costs and be passed-through to consumers via corresponding reductions in Prices; and

- (b) revenues that a Non-exempt EDB may receive in relation to any extended reserves regulations made under the Electricity Industry Act 2010 would be expected to be treated as associated with Unregulated Services.
6. The amount approved by the Commission is an 'extended reserves allowance' Recoverable Cost under subclause 3.1.3(1)(o) of the IM Determination in the Assessment Period ~~to which the application relates~~ following its approval.

Schedule 6: Form of Director's Certificate

I/We, [*insert full name/s*], being director/s of [*insert name of Non-exempt EDB*] certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, the attached Annual Compliance Statement of [*name of Non-exempt EDB*], and related information, prepared for the purposes of the *Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015* are true and accurate *[*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 \$10,000 in the case of an individual or \$30,000 in the case of a body corporate.

Schedule 7: Independent Auditor's report on Annual Compliance Statement

1. Each Non-exempt EDB 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) or their successor standards, 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 the Non-exempt EDB 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) or their successor standards;
 - (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, the Non-exempt EDB 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;
 - (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 the Non-exempt EDB's accounting and other records, sourced from its financial and non-financial systems;
 - (vii) ~~whether, in the Independent Auditor's opinion, as far as appears from an examination of them, proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the Annual Compliance Statement required by the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015 have been kept by the Non-exempt EDB and, if not, the records not so kept;~~ and
 - (c) states whether (and, if not, the respects in which it has not), in the Independent Auditor's opinion, the Non-exempt EDB has complied, in all material respects, with the *Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2015* in preparing the Annual Compliance Statement.

2. The Non-exempt EDB must publicly disclose the Independent Auditor's assurance report prepared in accordance with paragraph 1 above at the same time as the Non-exempt EDB publicly discloses the Annual Compliance Statement.