

NOTICE OF INTENTION

2 July 2024

Potential amendments to Input Methodologies for Electricity Distribution Services

1. The Commerce Commission (**Commission**) gives notice under section 52V(1) of the Commerce Act 1986 (**Act**) that it is beginning work on potential amendments to the *Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012* [2012] NZCC 26 (**IMs**).
2. In accordance with section 52V of the Act, this notice outlines the general scope of the potential IM amendments under consideration, and the proposed process and indicative timeframes for considering and consulting on the potential amendments.

Scope of potential IM amendments under consideration

3. We are currently in the process of resetting the default price-quality path for electricity distribution services under section 53P(1) of the Act, for the regulatory period beginning on 1 April 2025 (**DPP4**).
4. In the course of that process, we have identified a number of potential IM amendments that in the context of DPP4:
 - 4.1 may promote the Part 4 purpose in section 52A of the Act more effectively than the current IMs; and
 - 4.2 may promote the IM purpose in section 52R of the Act more effectively.
5. The potential amendments relate to discrete issues with particular IM provisions relating to reopeners and the reopener event allowance, including IMs relevant to amending the revenue allowance when giving effect to a decision to reopen the price path. We consider it appropriate to address these issues now as opposed to waiting for the statutory review of the IMs under section 52Y of the Act.

Proposed process and indicative timeframes for potential IM amendments described above

	Process	Indicative timeframe
1.	Draft decision by the Commission Draft decision on potential IM amendments	Early quarter 3, 2024
2.	Submissions due from interested persons on potential IM amendments	Quarter 3, 2024
3.	Cross-submissions due from interested persons on potential IM amendments	Quarter 3, 2024
4.	Final decision by the Commission Final decision on potential IM amendments	Quarter 4, 2024

Updates and any process refinements will be published on the Commission's [website](#).