



# MAJOR ELECTRICITY USERS' GROUP

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By email

Dear Sirs

## **Request for quarterly data equivalent to that published by Contact Energy**

1. Recently Contact Energy published their regular quarterly operational report for the quarter ended 30 June 2006 as required by NZX listing rules. By comparison SOE suppliers publish little if any equivalent quarterly data and when it is published it is much later.
2. For a number of reasons MEUG believe SOE power companies should disclose information equivalent to that of listed power companies and within the same time frame. Improved information promotes competition and the ability of parties, such as MEUG, to monitor supplier behaviour. MEUG suggest SOE power companies consider routinely publishing quarterly information that matches that released by Contact Energy.
3. In the meantime MEUG request, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, quarterly information since the commencement of the market in 1996 as set out in the appendix.
4. The information requested does not constitute a full set of quarterly information MEUG believe the SOE and non-SOE suppliers should release; rather it is a useful start.
5. Consistent with the MEUG general approach of no surprises to other members of the industry, copies of this request have been emailed to the Minister of Energy, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, the Commerce Commission, the Electricity Commission and other generators for their information.

Yours sincerely

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Copy: Hon David Parker, Minister of Energy and Hon Trevor Mallard, Minister of SOE  
Mr Roy Hemmingway, Chair Electricity Commission  
Ms Paula Rebstock, Chair Commerce Commission  
David Baldwin (Contact Energy) and Keith Tempest (Trustpower)

## Appendix

Quarterly information requested of SOE power companies

Information released quarterly by Contact Energy that MEUG is requesting SOE suppliers publish	Units	Quarter ending		
		Dec-96	.. to ...	Jun-06
<b><u>Electricity statistics</u></b>				
Thermal generation	GWh/quarter		.....	
Geothermal generation	GWh/quarter		.....	
Hydro generation	GWh/quarter		.....	
Total generation <sup>i</sup>	GWh/quarter		.....	
Retail sales	GWh/quarter		.....	
Average wholesale electricity <sup>ii</sup>	\$/MWh per quarter		.....	
Average energy purchase price	\$/MWh per quarter		.....	
Electricity customer numbers	Number per quarter		.....	
<b><u>Gas statistics</u></b> <sup>iii</sup>				
Gas used in internal generation	PJ/quarter		.....	
Retail gas sales	PJ/quarter		.....	
Wholesale gas sales	PJ/quarter		.....	
Gas customer numbers	Number per quarter		.....	

<sup>i</sup> Contact Energy split generation data into the three types of plant they own. For other generators it would be useful to include wind generation as a separate category where appropriate.

<sup>ii</sup> Contact Energy calculate this as average revenues from the wholesale spot market, ie Clearing Manager receipts divided by generation supplied into the wholesale market. This calculation excludes contracts for differences

<sup>iii</sup> For some SOE suppliers this is not relevant