



MAJOR ELECTRICITY USERS' GROUP

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By email to submissions@ea.govt.nz

Dear Laurie

Consultation Paper - Dispatchable demand "go-live" date extension

This is a submission by the Major Electricity Users' Group (MEUG) on the Electricity Authority consultation paper¹ "Dispatchable demand "go-live" date extension" dated 6th March 2013. Our response to the sole question in the consultation paper follows:

Question	MEUG response
1. Do you agree with the proposed amendment to change the date on which the Original DD Design will come into force from 27 June 2013 to 1 May 2014? If not, how should the Authority resolve the problem that the Original DD Design will not be able to be implemented by 27 June 2013?	<p>There is no other practical way to solve this other than to amend the date in the Code. MEUG submits two further points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This debacle on estimating costs and timing has reinforced our view the system operator sets its own agenda irrespective of the needs of and long-term benefit to customers. A post project implementation review of this s.42 New Matter is essential.• It is unclear if 1st May 2014 is the earliest date the existing, that is the Original DD, can be implemented or not. Paragraph 2.2.6 states the former and paragraph 3.5.2 the latter.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <http://www.ea.govt.nz/dmsdocument/14475>