



MEUG near-term calendar from 13 May 2024 – public version

Promoting a robust electricity market

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly half-hour System Operator informal forum		21 Tu		4 Tu		18 Tu		2 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 90% (SI total) of average as at 13 May	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised to date.	TBA							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve.	Nil →							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – May 2024 report and May 2024 assessment.		23 Th						
TP	Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project : Phase 4 commenced in Jan 2024; March 2024 presentation here , project expected to be completed by end June 2025.	TBA							
TP	Grid changed to winter ratings from 10 May to 20 Oct (see CAN 3 May)	Ongoing							
TP	2024 Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Draft 2024 Security of Supply Assessment released for consultation here , submissions due 4 June				4 Tu				
TP	Published draft Annual Outage Plan 2024/25 , Annual outage forum held 21 March (recording here), final plan published here	Ongoing							
TP	Review of credible power system events, scope of review published here , will consult with industry participants	TBA							
TP	Consultation on proposed System Operator Rolling Outage Plan changes, MEUG sub here , MEUG cross sub here , all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Stress test disclosures : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end June, stress test scenarios unchanged							30 Su	
EA	Consultation: Potential solutions for peak electricity capacity issues , subs due 1 March, MEUG sub here , all subs published here , EA demand-side flexibility survey now closed, decisions / next steps due in June	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Consultation ended on Ensuring an orderly thermal transition consultation, Letter to submitters advising no further work in this space	Ongoing							

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EA	Consultation on The future operation of New Zealand's power system , recording of 27 Feb webinar available here , submissions closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Government has set up a Gas Security Response Group , report back expected within three weeks, Terms of reference available here .	TBA							
MBIE	Electricity Demand and Generation Scenarios (EDGS): 2024 update of EDGS to be released on MBIE website on 27 June.							27 Th	
Spot / hedge markets									
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Consultation paper on options to improve hedge disclosure obligations, MEUG sub here , decisions / next steps due in June; Commercial market making services contract awarded , Hedge declaration certificates due 30 June 2024 – see here	TBA						30 Su	
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : final MDAG report published on 19 Dec here , Authority finalises response to MDAG report here	TBA							
EA	Risk management review : Programme initiation document here , information requests currently out with retailers / gentailers	TBA							
EA	Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports, latest trading conduct report –28 April 2024	Ongoing							
EA	Financial transmission rights : decision paper released 6 June 2023 showed FTR market fit for purpose	Ongoing							
EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : Consultation on proposed solutions completed, decisions expected in June – implement solution in winter 2024	TBA							
EA	Undesirable Trading Situations (UTS): 09-Aug-21 UTS investigation – EA consulting on preliminary decision relating to 9 Aug 2021 UTS, paper here , submissions due 5 June				5 W				
	ASX: Have new Clearing Member – Marex and Jarden have access	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: consultation calendar here (updated to October 2024); EA closed nominations for new group (here) – appointments TBA (being considered by EA Board in May 2024)	TBA							
EA	Consultation : Improving retail market monitoring, submissions due 29 Feb 2024, MEUG sub here , all submissions published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on consumer plan comparison and switching (paper), subs due 8 March, MEUG did not submit, decision expected in May	TBA							
EA	Quarterly online updates: last update held 8 Feb 2024 (link here to recording), next update in June	TBA							
EA	Consultation on 2024/25 levy-funded appropriations, subs due 30 Jan 2024, MEUG sub here , all subs published here , Minister's decision announced on Budget Day 2024 – 30 May			30 Th					

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EA	Consultation paper : Code amendment omnibus, subs due 9 Feb, MEUG did not submit, all subs published here , decision paper released here , 3 amendments effective from 1 May and 1 June 2024			1 Sa					
EA	Consultation : Code amendment omnibus #3, submissions due by 4 June, decisions expected in July				4 Tu				
EA	Part 6A exemption applications from Vector Limited and Manawa Energy Limited, detail here , feedback sought by 21 May		21 Tu						
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG weekly 45" opt-in meeting	17 F	24 F		7 F	14 F	21 F		5 F
	Monthly meeting: meeting on 29 May to be held in Auckland, AGM in Wellington on 26 June			29 W				26 W	
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks : Indicative work programme published here	TBA							
EA	Distribution pricing : Update on pricing reform released on 7 May, see update paper here , EA will be setting up a new technical group to support work, the Distribution Connection Pricing Technical Group. Calling for nominations for Technical group, with nominations to be made by 24 May.		24 F						
EA	Default distributor agreements : Consultation closed on default distributor agreement and consumption data templates , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	TPM: EA to consult on connections charges under TPM in June 2024 (see here)	TBA							
EA	TPM: Consultation on amendments to correct issues in the new TPM, submissions due 26 March, MEUG did not submit, decisions expected in May	TBA							
EA	TPM: Consultation on further clarification on amending the TPM, submissions due 26 March, MEUG did not submit, decisions expected in May	TBA							
TP	Consultation : Reviewing the settings of the Connections Management Framework, submissions due 1 May, MEUG did not submit, anticipate implementing any changes by July 2024	TBA							
TP	Regulatory Control Period four (RCP4) proposal for 2025 – 2030: Proposal lodged with ComCom on 21 Nov .	Ongoing							
TP	Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) project Last update 12 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	Net Zero Grid Pathways : phase 1 approved by ComCom, detail here , Transpower running customer webinar on 15 May which covers this project – meeting link here , Consultation paper on NZGP1.1 HVDC Stage 1 Enhancement – Project Analysis, subs due 28 May	15 W		28 Tu					
TP	Discussion paper : Examining the purpose and future role of our HVDC link, submissions due 26 April, MEUG sub here , meeting to be set up with Transpower team, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan : Consultation on short list of options expected in mid-2024	TBA							

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TP	Murihiku Southland Electrification Development Plan : Transpower and PowerNet published Development plan on 20 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : Consultation on short-list of options in 2024, will submit major capex proposal in May 2024; sought proposals for flexibility services, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Transpower RCP4: Issues paper and Independent Verifier report published with subs due 21 Feb, MEUG sub here , all submissions here MEUG cross-sub here , draft decision to be released 29 May 2024			29 W					
ComCom	Targeted information disclosure review for EDBs : Next focused ID review announced - Information Disclosure (Input Methodologies) Amendments 2025, draft consultation paper expected in Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	Information disclosure for Transpower: Next focused review announced - Information Disclosure Transpower Amendment Determination 2025, draft consultation paper expected in Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path (DPP4): Issues paper released, MEUG sub here and supporting NZIER report here , MEUG cross sub here , draft decision to be released 29 May 2024, final decisions Nov 2024			29 W					
ComCom	Consultation on CEPA draft report on Productivity and efficiency study of electricity distributors, feedback due 24 April, MEUG sub and NZIER report here , all feedback published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	DPP4: Issues paper on financeability of EDBs, MEUG sub here , MEUG cross-sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	2023 review of EDBs Asset Management Plans : Published independent report on forecasting/planning practices in EDB AMPs here , ComCom released 2 independent reports on EDBs AMPs on info disclosure and resilience – detail here , next update in Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	MGUG have lodged an appeal relating to the 2023 IM Determinations for gas (1 Feb)	TBA							
ComCom	DPP reopener: Commission published Wellington Electricity unforeseeable major capex project DPP3 reopener applications on website , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	CPP reopener: Aurora Energy Capacity Event CPP Reopener application submitted, detail here	TBA							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand's energy transition : Submissions closed 2 Nov 2023, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE	Government will announce public consultation on the annual updates to NZETS auction settings and other regulations on 15 May	15 W							
CCC	Consultation : Draft advice on the fourth emissions budget (2036–2040), subs due 31 May			31 F					
CCC	Consultation : Review of the 2050 emissions target, subs due 31 May			31 F					

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CCC	Consultation : Review on whether emissions from international shipping and aviation should be included in the 2050 target, subs due 31 May			31 F					
MfE	Next ETS auction – 19 June 2024, NZUs at \$54.75 (Jarden, 14 May), 2024 auction calendar published	Ongoing					19 W		
MfE	Industrial allocation : All parties submitted data for updating industrial allocations in Dec 2023, next steps TBA	TBA							
Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Oct-Dec 2023 quarterly report updated released here , next update on 13 June 2024					13 W			
MBIE	Tree Hazard Regulations , sub made on 5 May 2023, MBIE release summary of submissions doc here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on Energy Levies Funding for 2024/25, subs due 24 Jan, MEUG sub here , all subs here , response letter received from EECA, decision on funding released on Budget day			30 Th					
GIC	Critical Contingency Operator annual CCO exercise to be held on 15 May, details here	15 W							
	Government introduce Fast-track Approvals Bill on 7 March, with select committee, detail here , submissions due 19 April, MEUG did not submit, oral submissions underway, report back due 7 Sept	TBA							
	FlexForum – April 2024 newsletter published here	Ongoing							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , parliament resumed, budget day 30 May		21 - 23	28 – 30				25 – 27	
	Training: UDL webinar on jurisdiction challenges on 30 May, Energy Link online training –next courses in July, Brightstar course Fundamentals of NZ Electricity Industry 12 -13 June (Auckland)			30 Th		12 – 13			
	Sector conferences / events: LEANZ Seminar : Reducing Energy Hardship conference in Wellington on 20 – 21 May, Carbon & Energy Professionals conference in Christchurch 28 – 29 May, Energy Resources Taranaki Forum on 12 June, Transpower event on 26 June, NZ Geothermal week 1 – 6 July Registrations open for NZ Wind Energy Summit 10 – 12 September		20 – 21	28 – 29		12 W		26 W	
	Public holidays: Kings birthday 3 June, Matariki 28 June				3 M			28 F	

TP Transpower	ComCom Commerce Commission	MBIE Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
EA Electricity Authority	CCC Climate Change Commission	MfE Ministry for the Environment
SO System Operator		EECA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

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