

## MEUG near-term calendar from 15 April 2024 – public version

**Promoting** a robust electricity market

Wee	k starting Monday	15 April Week 1	22 April Week	29 April Week	6 May Week	13 May Week	20 May Week	27 May Week 7	3 June Week 8
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TP	rrity of Supply Fortnightly half-hour System Operator informal forum		23 Tu		7 Tu		21 Tu		4 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 102% (SI total) of average as at 16 April	Ongoing	20 Tu		7 14		21 Iu		<del>4 Iu</del>
TP	HVDC planned outages: HVDC limited to Pole 2 capacity of circa 500 MW. The HVDC energy-reserve trade-offs resulting from both energy and reserve NI-SI price separation on 20-24 Apr 2024. Continuous outages around Hayward (SC_7 and SC_8) will reduce HVDC capacity by approx. 200 MW northflow and 100 MW southflow.	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 <a href="here">here</a> – April 2024 report).	Ongoing							
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 on shoulder ratings until 10 May (see CAN 8 March)				10 F				
TP	2024 Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Transpower sought info via 2024 Generator, Distributor and Demand Response survey. Final SoSA released around the middle of next year	TBA							
TP	Published <u>draft Annual Outage Plan 2024/25</u> , Annual outage forum held 21 March (recording <u>here</u> ), final plan published before 19 May	Ongoing				19 Su			
TP	Review of credible power system events, scope of review published <a href="here">here</a> , will consult with industry participants	TBA							
TP	Consultation on proposed System Operator Rolling Outage Plan changes, MEUG sub <a href="here">here</a> , MEUG sub <a href="here">here</a> , all subs published <a href="here">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Stress test disclosures: applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end June	Ongoing							
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	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, submissions extended – now due 19 April, MEUG sub here	19 F							
EA	EA and Transpower are planning an industry exercise of a major power system event on 1 and 8 May 2024, sign up details <a href="here">here</a>			1 W	8 W				
MBIE	Electricity Demand and Generation Scenarios (EDGS): MBIE is currently preparing a 2023 update of EDGS, next steps TBA	TBA							
Spot / hed	lge markets								
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market: Consultation paper on options to improve hedge disclosure obligations, MEUG sub here, Commercial market making services contract awarded, next steps TBA	TBA							
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 <u>Market monitoring weekly reports</u> , latest trading conduct <u>report</u> – 7 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, awaiting decision paper – implement solution in winter 2024	TBA							
EA	<u>Undesirable Trading Situations</u> (UTS): <u>09-Aug-21 UTS</u> investigation –High court decision to uphold appeals, EA instructed to correct scarcity pricing ( <u>here</u> ), EA investigating possible UTS relating to 9 Aug 2021 ( <u>here</u> ), investigation to be completed by mid-2024	TBA							
	ASX: Have new Clearing Member – Marex and Jarden have access	Ongoing							
Electricity	Authority meetings / corporate work programme								
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: consultation calendar <a href="here">here</a> (updated); EA closed nominations for new group ( <a href="here">here</a> ) – appointments TBA, Network Connections technical group established in March	TBA							
EA	Consultation: Improving retail market monitoring, submissions due 29 Feb 2024, MEUG sub here, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on consumer plan comparison and switching (paper), subs due 8 March, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Quarterly online updates: last update held 8 Feb 2024 (link <u>here</u> to recording), next update in June	TBA							
EA	Consultation on 2024/25 levy-funded appropriations, subs due 30 Jan 2024, MEUG sub <a href="here">here</a> , all subs published <a href="here">here</a> , 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 <a href="here">here</a> , decision paper released <a href="here">here</a> , 3 amendments effective from 1 May and 1 June 2024			1 W				1 Sa	
MEUG mee	etings / events								
	MEUG weekly 45" opt-in – updated dates	19 F		3 F	10 F	17 F	24 F		7 F
	Monthly meeting: online meeting 24 April, meeting on 29 May to be held in Auckland		24 W					29 W	
Transmissi	on and distribution services								
EA	<u>Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks</u> : Indicative work programme published <u>here</u>	TBA							
EA	<u>Distribution pricing</u> : pause put on distributor pricing scorecards for 2024 (see <a href="here">here</a> ), update on pricing reform in April 2024	TBA							
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, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	TPM: Consultation on further clarification on amending the TPM, submissions due 26 March, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation: Reviewing the settings of the Connections Management Framework, submissions due 1 May, anticipate implementing any changes by 30 June			1 W					
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	Ongoing							
TP	<u>Discussion paper</u> : Examining the purpose and future role of our HVDC link, submissions due 26 April		26 F						
TP	Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan: Consultation on short list of options expected in mid-2024	TBA							
TP	Murihiku Southland Electrification Development Plan: Transpower and PowerNet published Development plan on 20 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	<u>Upper South Island Upgrade Project</u> : 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	<u>Transpower RCP4</u> : <u>Issues paper</u> and <u>Independent Verifier</u> report published with subs due 21 Feb, MEUG sub <u>here</u> , all submissions <u>here</u> MEUG cross-sub <u>here</u> , draft decision to be released 30 May 2024							30 Th	
ComCom	<u>Targeted information disclosure review for EDBs</u> : Final decisions on tranche 2 ID changes released 29 Feb <u>here</u> , in effect from 31 Aug 2024	Ongoing							



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ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path ( <u>DPP4</u> ): <u>Issues paper</u> released, MEUG sub <u>here</u> and supporting NZIER report <u>here</u> , MEUG cross sub <u>here</u> , draft decision to be released 30 May 2024, final decisions Nov 2024	Ongoing						30 Th	
ComCom	Consultation on CEPA draft report on Productivity and efficiency study of electricity distributors, feedback due 24 April		24 W						
ComCom	DPP4: <u>Issues paper</u> on financeability of EDBs, MEUG sub <u>here</u> , MEUG cross-sub <u>here</u> , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	2023 review of EDBs <u>Asset Management Plans:</u> Published independent report on forecasting/planning practices in EDB AMPs <u>here</u> , second part of review still underway – expected Q2 2024	TBA							
ComCom	MGUG (Franks Ogilvie) Gas IM/DPP3 <u>accelerated depreciation decision appeal</u> . Court hearing completed; deliberation underway; 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							
CCC	Consultation on <u>3 pieces of work</u> : Consultation will run for 8 weeks till 31 May, running 2 in person events in April for stakeholders ( <u>WGTN</u> , <u>AUCK</u> )	17 W		29 M					
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	
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 \$54.00 (Jarden, 17April), 2024 auction calendar <u>published</u>	Ongoing							
MfE	Industrial allocation: All parties submitted data for updating industrial allocations in Dec 2023, next steps TBA	TBA							
Additional ev	vents and government workstreams								
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Oct-Dec 2023 quarterly report updated released <a href="here">here</a> , next update on 13 June 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	<u>Tree Hazard Regulations</u> , sub made on 5 May 2023, MBIE release summary of submissions doc <u>here</u> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on Energy Levies Funding for 2024/25, subs due 24 Jan, MEUG sub here, all subs here, next steps TBA	TBA							
GIC	Critical Contingency Operator annual CCO exercise to be held on 15 May, details <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>					15 W			



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Government introduce Fast-track Approvals Bill on 7 March, with select committee, detail <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> , submissions due 19 April	19 F							
FlexForum – March 2024 newsletter published <a href="here">here</a> , ran a FlexForum Q&A session on 27 March	Ongoing							
Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue), parliament resumed, budget day 30 May			30 – 2	<mark>7 – 9</mark>		21 - 23	28 – 30	
Training: Energy Link online training -courses in April / May	16 – 17	23 - 24	30 -1					
Sector conferences / events: ERANZ/ENA event on 30 April, EUAA conference in Melbourne on 1/2 May, Energy Resources Taranaki Forum on 12 June			30,1-2					
Public holidays: Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April, school term 1 ends 12 April (school holidays start), ANZAC day 25 April, school Term 2 begins 29 April, Kings birthday 3 June		25 Th	29 M					3 M

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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