



MEUG near-term calendar from 6 November 2023 – Public version

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| Security of Supply | | | | | | | | | |
| TP | Fortnightly half-hour System Operator informal forum | | 14 Tu | | 28 Tu | | 12 Tu | | |
| TP | Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored – now at 104% (SI total) of average as at 6 November | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| TP | HVDC planned outages: Outages around HVDC will reduce northflow capacity by 150MW from the recently observed maximum between 69 Nov. In total HVDC capacity will be reduced by 450MW from maximum northflow. | 6 – 9 | | | | | | | |
| TP | Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross Watch curve. | Nil → | | | | | | | |
| TP | NZ Gen. Bal. (NZGB) 6-month base f/cast (latest updates here – Nov report). See CAN 20 Oct for revised potential negative generation balance in Nov 2023 See CAN 3 Nov for low residual situation | 6 – 10 | 13M | | | | | | |
| TP | AUFLS Project implemented by Jun-25 . SO currently progressing with phase 3, next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| TP | Grid ratings change to Shoulder ratings from 20 Oct-to 1 Dec 2023 (See CAN 13 Oct) | | | | 1 F | | | | |
| TP | Transpower running its biennial GridEx simulation exercise on 14/15 Nov 2023 – details here | | 14 – 15 | | | | | | |
| EA | Quarterly stress test disclosures due (consumers grid connected or buy from Clearing Manager) - next due end Dec | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| EA | Managing peak winter electricity demand : Four options to be implemented by Winter 2023, consultation in Nov/Dec 2023 | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| EA | Future security & resilience (FSR) project . Common Quality technical group established, Ensuring an orderly thermal transition consultation - all subs published , next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Standby ancillary services – option paper and consultation in Nov/Dec 2023; Future system operations - consultation in Oct 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| MBIE | Consultation held on Electricity Demand and Generation Scenarios (EDGS) 2023 , MEUG sub made, subs available here , next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| Spot / hedge markets | | | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation on Improving Hedge Disclosure Obligations, MEUG sub here , options paper and consultation in Dec 2023 / Jan 2024, published voluntary Code of Conduct for those participating in the over-the-counter (OTC) market (link here) | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation on dispatch notification enhancement and clarifications , MEUG did not submit, 6 subs received, MEUG made a cross sub here , decision paper in Nov 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | MDAG pricing in a renewables-based system , final report to be released Dec 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports , latest trading conduct report –22 Oct 2023 | Ongoing | | | | | | | |

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| EA | FTR observations decision paper released 6 June, published financial transmission rights price curves | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| EA | Retail market: ITP analysis – EA confirmed it will publish all ITP information, decision to clarify responsibility for retailer obligations , consultation on retail data monitoring in Oct/Nov 2023 | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation: Updating the consumer care guidelines , with submissions due by 2 Oct, online briefing for retailers on 15 Sept, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation: Issues and options paper: Review of forecasting provisions for intermittent generators in the spot market, MEUG sub made 26 July, decision paper in Nov 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | 09-Aug-21 UTS decision Jun-22, appeal 27-28-Feb. Prices interim till appeal decided | TBA | | | | | | | |
| MBIE | NZ Battery Cabinet reported back on 9 Aug on next steps, next report back mid-2024 (TBC), latest E-news here | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| MBIE | Consideration of govt as a buyer in PPA market to assist new entrant gens. | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| | ASX Clearers, ASX signaled they were in negotiations with two potential parties for ASX clearers, awaiting next update | TBA | | | | | | | |
| | FlexForum – Flexibility plan (Aug 22) and Progress report (Feb 23), Oct newsletter published, next steps TBA | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| Electricity Authority meetings / general work programmes | | | | | | | | | |
| EA | Advisory groups and SRC: consultation calendar here , nominations open for 4 members of Security and Reliability Council, due by 7 Nov, consultation paper on advisory groups likely early 2024 | 7 Tu | | | | | | | |
| EA | Baseline Review, Sapere engaged for work, final report to be delivered to MBIE in July | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation: Code review programme , feedback sought on 23 proposed changes, MEUG did not submit, 11 submission received (here), intend to release decision paper in late 2023/early 2024 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Quarterly online update held 19 Oct (video here , slides here) next update early 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation on levy funded appropriation in Nov / Dec 2023 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| MEUG meetings / events | | | | | | | | | |
| | MEUG weekly 45” opt-in – updated dates | 10 F | 17 F | 24 F | | 8 F | 15 F | 22 F | |
| | Monthly meeting: 29 November (Wednesday) | | | | 29 W | | | | |
| Line monopoly services | | | | | | | | | |
| EA | Issues paper, EDB reg. settings update, published all submissions and a summary of submissions, Indicative work programme published here | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Issues paper on targeted reform of distribution pricing , MEUG sub here and cross-sub here , 2022/23 score cards published here , Sept forum slides available here , possible code amendment consultation Jan/Feb 2024 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| EA | Consultation on default distributor agreement and consumption data templates, subs due 14 Nov | | 14 Tu | | | | | | |
| EA | Draft decision on exemption from arm’s-length rules for Top Energy Limited and Ngawha Generation Limited, submissions due by 24 Nov | | | 24 F | | | | | |
| TP | RCP4 (2025 - 2030), TP published the independent verifier’s report here , hosting workshops for customers / | | | | 1 F | | | | |

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| | stakeholders on 9 – 11 Oct, Proposal lodged with ComCom by 01 Dec | | | | | | | | |
| TP | Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) project TRP last update 29 Aug 23 | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| TP | Net Zero Grid Pathways – updated preferred option consultation and BBI allocations subs due 6 Sept- MEUG did not submit, and no submissions received | TBA | | | | | | | |
| TP | Otahuhu substation STACOM BBI –, MEUG did not submit, and no subs received, cross-sub period cancelled, decision due later in year | TBA | | | | | | | |
| TP | Consultation paper on Western Bay of Plenty development plan major capex proposal long-list, MEUG did not submit, next steps – consult on short list of option in 2024 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| TP | Consultation on Murihiku Southland Regional Development Plan , in Sept, published a Tactical Options Paper on 29 Sept, feedback sought (date TBA) | Ongoing | | | | | | | |
| TP | Upper South Island : published long-list consultation about upgrades to manage grid stability in the upper South Island as electricity use increases, MEUG did not submit | TBA | | | | | | | |
| ComCom | Transpower RCP4 : Process, framework, and approach paper published , subs due 2 Nov, cross subs by 23 Nov, MEUG preparing cross-sub, draft decision consultation April/May 2024 | | | 23 Th | | | | | |
| ComCom | Transpower NZGP : Proposal submitted on 23 Sept, Draft decision consultation period major capex proposal(NZGP1.1) in Oct – Dec 2023, final NZGP1.1 in Feb 2025 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| ComCom | Targeted EDB ID review tranche 2, process paper published 30 May, draft decision here , MEUG sub here , MEUG did not make a cross-sub, cross-sub published, final decisions –24 Feb 2024 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| ComCom | EDB DPP4 Process Paper released, sub made by MEUG, issues paper released with subs due 15 Dec, and cross subs by 26 Jan 2024, draft decision consultation period in May – July 2024, final decisions Nov 24 | | | | | | 15 Fr | | |
| ComCom | 2023 Input Methodologies review, Draft decision paper – MEUG sub here cross-sub here and NZIER report here , released amended notice of intention , Consultation on cost of debt wash-up , subs due by 17 Oct, cross subs by 27 Oct; MEUG won't make primary sub, final decisions – 20 Dec | | | | | | | 20 W | |
| ComCom | 2023 Input Methodologies review, Draft IMs decision paper – MEUG did not submit first round, MEUG cross sub here , released amended notice of intention – technical consultation, final decisions – 20 Dec | | | | | | | 20 W | |
| ComCom | 2023 review of EDBs Asset Management Plans : Initial findings to ComCom in Oct 2023, Interim report by Dec 2023, final report by March 2024 | TBA | | | | | | | |
| ComCom | MGUG (Franks Ogilvie) Gas IM/DPP3 accelerated depreciation decision appeal . Court hearing completed; deliberation underway | TBA | | | | | | | |
| GHG policy topics relevant to electricity policy | | | | | | | | | |
| MBIE | Release of energy-related consultations – advancing New Zealand's energy transition , submissions closed 2 November, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| CCC | Consultation on second ERP, final advice due to Govt by 31 Dec 2023, Minister requested advice to inform Government global emissions commitment (NDC, from 2031 – 2035, see here) | TBA | | | | | | | |
| MfE | Next ETS auction for 2023 – 6 December 2023, NZUs at \$70.25 (Jarden, 7 November), 2024 auction calendar published | Ongoing | | | | 6 W | | | |
| MfE | Consultation - Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme , subs due 11 Aug, public webinars | TBA | | | | | | | |

XX Decision / Holiday XX Meeting / Event 4 Deadline (# = possible MEUG sub)

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| MfE | Consultation: A redesigned NZ ETS Permanent Forest Category , subs due 11 Aug, public webinars on 27 and 29 June, sector specific webinar on 11 July, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| MFE | Industrial allocation – call for data to update Industrial Allocation came 13 Oct, deadline for submitting data is 15 December 2023 | Ongoing | | | | | 15 F | | |
| EECA | Government Investment in Decarbonising Industry (GIDI) Fund, Applications open for commercial building projects , with fund open until 30 June 2024; Round 5 of GIDI funding announced here | TBA | | | | | | | |
| Additional events and government workstreams | | | | | | | | | |
| MBIE | NZ Energy Quarterly 14 Sept 2023 report here , next report due 14 December | Ongoing | | | | | 14 Th | | |
| MBIE | Tree Hazard Regulations , sub made on 5 May, next steps TBA | TBA | | | | | | | |
| | Select Committee considering Emergency Management Bill , subs due 3 Nov, MEUG did not submit, report back by 28 Dec | | | | | | | | 28 Th |
| | Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , Final election results here | TBA | | | | | | | |
| | Energy Link online training – next round of training on 14/15 Nov | | 14/15 | | | | | | |
| | Sector conferences: NZ geothermal workshop 15 – 17 Nov , Taranaki Energy Forum , 22 Nov (MEUG Exec Director on panel), Energy Trader Forum 29 Nov, GIC co-regulatory forum 30 Nov, agenda published for Downstream 2024 here (5 – 6 March) | | 15-17 | 22 W | 29, 30 | | | | |
| | Public holidays: School year ends 20 Dec (latest date), Xmas day 25 Dec, Boxing Day 26 Dec | | | | | | | 20 W | 25-26 |

TP Transpower
EA Electricity Authority
SO System Operator

ComCom Commerce Commission
CCC Climate Change Commission

MBIE Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
MfE Ministry for the Environment
EECA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

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