

**MEUG 8-week rolling calendar week starting 10 April 2017**

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~ Transpower Interconnection Charge increased 8.1% effective 01-Apr. Interconnection charges are ~70% of TPNZ's total revenue.	
~ Some EDB have very low or nil increase in charges other than passing through TPNZ's interconnection charge increases. Some had very high increases, eg Mainpower with average 8.7% increase in sum of their and TPNZ charges.	
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~ King Country Electric Power Trust, after consulting constituents, decided against a recommendation from PwC to exit retailing.	
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~ On 27-Mar the Australian PM, Hon Malcolm Turnbull, announced the Australian government had directed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to review retail electricity prices.	
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<b>Parliament</b>					
Energy Innovation (EV and Other Matters) Amendment Bill			10-May Commerce Committee reports back to the House		
Budget day		25-May Budget Day			
Election day			24-Jun: 3 months B4 election		Election day 23-Sep
<b>Ministerial &amp; Departmental Policy</b>					
MBIE					
* Energy targets		Energy targets published within next few months			
* NZ Energy Efficiency & Conservation Strategy re-refresh		New NZEECS published within next few months			
* Post Kaikora earthquakes review					Part of review of Wellington infrastructure resilience
* Electricity Demand & Generation Scenario forecasts	~ 2017 Q2 Part re-fresh 2017-50				Full EDGS update 2018Q1.
* Competition & Energy Markets regulatory systems					Due mid-2017.
* Commerce Act - work in progress:					Part 2, targeted Commerce Act review.
					Part 4, assessment of the merit review regime.
					Part 4, assessment of the "consumer voice" in consultations.
* Telecommunications Act 2001 review					Changes by 2020 - may be relevant to Part 4 of Commerce Act.
* Electricity Industry Act 2010 (EI Act)					If/when amended tag on provision for EA to set fees.
* Post IM review: Contestable markets & innovation (+ CC, EA)					Part 4, subpart 3, Continuance of supply - Greens noted may review.
* National Computer Emergency Response Team					Timing for publication of Issues paper to be decided.
* Callaghan Institute - Energy Accelerator Programme	⇐ 07-Apr: Winners announced				CERT co-ordinating with Transpower & others in the sector.
* IEA NZ 2017 review published Feb-17					In conjunction with Creative HQ, branded as Lightning Lab Electric
					MBIE considering IEA recommendations.
IRD					
* Decision on EDB rebates/discounts paper of Oct-16					Subs closed 28-Feb-17.

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<b>Training</b> NZX, Understanding Electricity Markets Masterclass Energy Link (all in Wellington)  Energy Management Assoc. of NZ (EMANZ)					14-15 Jun, 2-3 Aug, 21-22 Nov. 04-Jul, 17-Oct. 05-Jul, 18-Oct 06-Jul, 19-Oct 09-Aug: Auditing to the new energy audit standard 2598/2014 11-15 Sep.
<b>Seminars and other</b> BusinessNZ Energy Council (BEC) events: * BEC 2050 Deep Dive - report released * Meet the climate change leaders seminar * Luncheon seminar, Mike Bennetts, CEO Z-Energy NZ Wind Energy Assoc. (NZWEA) events, Wellington: * Annual conference, Wellington * Workshop, Questioning electricity supply resilience Freeman media, Energy Trader Forum, Auckland EMANZ conference, Disruptive Innovation, Wellington Energy Users Association of Australia, national conference CC conference Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards	10-Apr   12-Apr 13-Apr	26-Apr   10 May	23-May   23-24 May	24-25 May, Solving Australia's Energy Crisis, Brisbane	First in a series of 3 on meeting climate change leaders.    Forum partners ERANZ, GIC, NZX, ems Tradepoint and supported by EA.  20-21 Jul: Competition Matters Conference 09-Aug: Auckland

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<b>Monopolies general</b>					
EECA: Levy					Budget for 2017-18 dependent on passage of Energy Innovation Bill.
EECA: Lo emission vehicle contestable fund 2nd round		26-Apr: Closes			Target for 64k EV by end 2021.
Office of the Auditor General case studies on AMP practices					B4 end Jun: Completion
TPNZ proposal early 2016 for a Transpower Works Agreement					TPNZ work on hold
Grid owner non-variable rated circuits shoulder to winter rating		10-May			
<b>Monopoly services regulated by CC</b>					
Aurora non-compliance enquiry					CC enquiry process not published.
Input Methodologies (IM)					
* TPNZ capex IM review, consultation paper on potential areas & notice of intention (NOI, process & timing)		⇐ 03-Apr: Published (late)			
		28-Apr subs due			
* TPNZ IRIS IM		18-Apr subs due			
		26-Apr x-sub due			
				30-Jun Final decision	
* Related party transactions (elec. & gas monopolies)					Final decision 02-Oct to 22-Dec.
Invitation paper to comment on emerging views	12-Apr published				
		10-May subs due			
* Gas CPP info requirements					03-Jul to 31-Aug Draft decision published, subs due 01-Sep to 29-Sep
* Dec-16 IM review decisions follow-on					01-Nov to 22-Dec final decision (eg IM and ID Δ's)
Information Disclosure (ID) and CC monitoring					31-Jul to 29-Sep: Draft decision. 02-Oct to 22-Dec: Final decision.
And post IM review Δ's to ID					Timing to be advised.
TPNZ IPP					Focus for CC this year.
* Demand Response trial - applications close current round					End Apr: First Gas trans & dist ID consultation paper published
* RCP2 listed projects to be submitted by TPNZ					Late 2017 other consequential ID Δ's
	28-Apr				
					End of May: Draft determination on Central Park Wilton B reconductoring, \$12.4m
* Major capex proposals					Later HVDC line Haywards to Oteranga Bay.
* Voltage disturbance working group (related to 1 of 9 development service perf. measures)					Mid-18: Waikato and Upper NI voltage management
* Annual Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP)					Jul-Aug: Next biannual meeting
* RCP3 reset and new IPP starting 01-Apr-20					B4 end Sep: Tabled with CC and the published
Proposed service performance measures					⇐ 03, 06, 07-Apr: Grid Owner outlines proposals at regional SO workshops
					End Apr, Start May: subs due on paper to be published soon
Consultation on POS categorisation & VoLL					After ITP published end Sep.
TPNZ submission to CC					B4 end Sep-18 (ITP at that date forms basis for proposa)

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DPP					
* Gas draft decision for 2017-22 DPP				31-May: Final decision	
* Electricity DPP reset 01-Apr-20					Timing will flow from CC internal work on problem definition.
CPP - Powerco - target Go-live date 01-Apr-18					CC consults ~ mid-Jun to early Aug on proposal
<b><u>Monopoly services regulated by EA</u></b>					
System operator (SO)					No current governance topics. See also Markets work below.
SO regional workshops	⇐ 03, 06, 07-Apr				
TPNZ demand response (DR) protocol management, EA paper					Work to start on options to incorporate DR platform into spot market
EI Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (monopolies):					
* Review of TLC's pricing and load control practices				EA Board consider	
* Initial dashboards to compare EDB performance					To be published
* Efficiency of distribution company arrangements					Developing scope (dependent IEA recommendation re NZPC)
EI Act s.90 EDB applications for line-energy exemptions					
* Top Energy & Ngawha Generation application					EA considering
* Maybe relevant here is industry agreed neutral access & ID policy (EA letter to ENA/ERANZ 15-Mar)					EA says needs to be more than "simply ensuring equal access to, and sharing of, network data."
Code Part 12					
* TPM				Apr: Possible EA decisions on TPM guidelines	Earliest implementation 01-Apr-20
* DDA - implementing a proposal					2017Q3: Second consultation paper
DDA - Court hearing on EA jurisdiction					23-24 May: Vector & EnTrust application for a declaratory judgement
DDA - outage information					High priority issue for consumers
* Distribution pricing (work assumed by MEUG as DDA subset)				Apr: EDB publish plans for adoption of efficient distribution pricing	
					Jun: Possible EA Board decision on next steps
					EA 2017-18 year: review of Distribution pricing principles

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<b>Markets work by EA</b>					
Board meetings		04-May	08-May	28-May	
Rulings Panel: Unison appeal to High Court - Solar City complaint					Hearing date not known
Working groups					WAG & RAG being wound up. Replaced by IPAG & MDAG
		Apr: IPAG Chair and MDAG Chair appointed			
		May: Nominations open for IPAG and MDAG members. Appointments Jul.			
Regulatory Managers & Consumer representatives briefing	26-Apr				
2016 Code review programme (annual tidy-ups)	EA Board consider				
RAG review of Secondary Networks	EA Board consider				Issues & options span many Parts of the Code and EI Act.
EI Act s.16(1)(f), market facilitation measures:					
* ASX cap products					Mid-17: ASX list \$130/MWh & \$300/MWh cap products at OTA & BEN Once listed EA design and monitor performance metrics.
* Offsetting ASX & spot market prudential requirements					Jun-17: Evaluation report on applicability to NZ of ASX/AEMO work
* Possible standardisation of OTC & intermediating contracts					In evaluation phase
* Transparency on ASX development activity		Final format for regular publication soon			
* Retail consumers on spot awareness of & managemnt of risks					B4 end Jun: Announce next steps after considered survey results
* What's My Number Campaign - 3-week autumn program	↩ 09-Apr ends				Winter-2017 campaign in planning.
EI Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (markets):					
* 2 hour revision rule enquiry	Published soon				
* Saves and win-backs post implementation review					
* High spot prices 02-Jun-16					On hold due to compliance process
* C&I FPVV pricing vs ASX prices enquiry					Report possibly 2017Q4 (6 largest suppliers, 3-4 yrs data, ChCh, Akld)
* Overnight prices					
* Lessons from South Australia blackout					

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Code Part 3					
* NZX 6-monthly disaster recovery testing		19-Apr to 03-May			
* NZX user group meeting, focus on WITS users, Auckland			23-May		
Code Part 6					
* Implement Distributed Generation Pricing Principles Code change that came into effect 09-Jan-17					LSI DG payments change from Apr-18. TPNZ had to report to EA by 15-Mar on LSI DG required to meet GRS to 31-Mar-20 Same process for LNI (TPNZ report 30-Aug) and UNI & USI (31-Jan-18) EA to revisit this after progress on TPM and distribution pricing
* Review DGPP incremental cost ceiling					
Code Part 8					
* Under-frequency event 08-Sep-16					subs on causer closed 14-Mar.
* Under-frequency event 03-Oct-16					subs on causer closed 14-Mar.
* SI AUFLS event 02-Mar-17					TPNZ investigating
* NI ER implementation					Intensive implementation process all of 2017
			08-May Data Provsion deadline		
			22-May: NZX advise if need specific data		
				20-Jun: Specific data due date	
					Transition starts Apr-18 and new ER fully operational Jun-19 Future discussions on adding procurement, & a real time regime
* IR event charge and cost allocation			WAG to report to EA Board 2017Q2		
* Possible new IR products - SO recommended none needed.					SO report public ~Jun. EA checking any residual tidy-ups.
* Normal Frequency Management - strategic review			09-May: subs due		
Code Part 9					
* Review of stress test regime				Board decision then announcements 2017Q2	
* Review of customer compensation scheme				Board decision then announcements 2017Q2	

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Code Part 10, 11, 15					01-Jun: Go-live
* New participant audit regime implementation					
Code Part 11 Registry Information Management					
* 2nd training course for registry users, Auckland				27-28 Jun	
* Data & data exchange					Jun or Jul: Issues paper   These 3
* Barriers to mass participation (wider than just Part 11?)					B4 end Jun: Issues paper   - topics
* Multiple trading relationships (wider than just Part 11?)					Jul: Issues paper   are interrelated
Code Part 13:					
* Implementing shorter gate closure and bid & offer revisions		May: Code amendment gazetted			Go-live 29-Jun-17
* FTR enhancements		09-May: subs due			
* Wholesale market info: Review of cl. 13.2 exclusions					EA Board considering WAG recommendatiions
* Improving accuracy of hours ahead forecast prices					EA considering subs that closed 04-Apr
* Dispatch-based Real-time-pricing (RTP)	Apr-May: Consultation				
* Offer and dispatch	Apr: Wind generation offers consultation				
* Dispatchable Demand (DD)					EA considering EnerNOC proposals for conforming nodes
* Review of wholesale market trading arrangements					Work yet to start. Re-drafting Part 13 to improve clarity.