

MEUG 12-week rolling calendar week starting 16 April 2018

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The PM announced, “There will be no further offshore oil & gas exploration permits granted” on 12-Apr.¹ ✘ <p>MEUG members and all consumers will be directly affected by higher future electricity prices given gas will be the marginal fuel near and longer-term. Decision and process for making decision does not bode well for other critical policies on the agenda of the government affecting electricity and energy consumers, ie the Electricity Price Review and transition to a low carbon economy,</p>	
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¹ <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/planning-future-no-new-offshore-oil-and-gas-exploration-permits>

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001	Parliament Sitting days (3-days starting Wed):		01-May		12-Jun	
002			08-May		19-Jun	
003			15-May		26-Jun	
004	Budget Day is 17-May		17-May		03-Jul	
005			22-May			
006	Northcote by-election (to replace Jonathan Coleman)			09-Jun		
007						
008	Telecommunications (New Regulatory Framework) Amendment Bill					Being considered by select committee. May be of interest for evolving Part 4 (row78).
009						
010	Ministerial & Departmental Policy					
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012	MBIE					
013	* Electricity price review					Concept Consulting contracted as advisor to early Jun-18. Final TOR published 27-Mar. EA (review of distribution sector) in discussion with MBIE's Elect. Price Review (row 188).
014	MBIE & EA coordination					
015	Expert Advisory Group (EAG) to be announced	tba				
016	Concept Consulting contract ends			08-Jun		
017	ACCC electricity supply & prices final report due				30-Jun	Could be useful x-check NZ electricity price review (row 145).
018	EAG issues identified report to Minister, then consults				Jun/Jul	→ Aug/Sep → report to Minister on public views
019	EAG options to address issues work, advise Minister, consult					Oct-18 to Jan-19 → Jan-19 to Feb/Mar-19
020	EAG report findings/recommendations to Minister					Apr/May-19 and Minister publishes EAG final report & Cabinet decisions
021	* Electricity Demand & Generation Scenario forecasts					MEUG to follow-up MBIE (discussed briefly at data sources meeting 19-Feb)
022	* Crown Minerals Act - Block offer 2018 to be released					Aug
023	MEUG OIA re Cabinet papers & RIA 12-Apr decisions - reply due		10-May			
024	Δ to Act to implement 12-Apr announcements					tba. Policy: "There will be no further offshore oil & gas exploration permits granted"
025						
026	MSD					
027	* Winter Energy Payment 2018 starts (\$266 to \$414 this year)				01-Jul	Ends 30-Sep. 3-months this year; thereafter 5-months starting 01-May.
028						
029	Independent Crown Entities (ICE)					CC and EA are ICE.
030	NZ Productivity Commission (NZPC)					
031	* Low emissions economy final report, subs closed 02-Oct-17				30-Jun	
032						
033	Crown Agents					
034	EECA: Lo emission vehicle contestable fund round #4 (\$4m) decisions	tba				RFP closed 11-Apr. Each project ≤ 50% funding, \$0.5m max tho exceptions possible. Target of 64,000 EV by end 2021.
035						
036	EECA: Technology demonstration projects funding decisions					Closed 29-Mar. Each project ≤ 40% funding, max \$100k or \$250k process heat projects.

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Training					
037 BrightStar training, Fundamentals of the NZ Electricity Industry		02-03 May			Wellington. Then 26-27 Jun, Auckland. Facilitator: Phil Caffyn, Utility Consultants
038 EMANZ, Energy-Carbon Manager Professional Training Programme			22-25 May		Wellington. This is for Unit B work. Unit A is work-place pre work module.
039 Programme Coordinator: Norman Smith, Rocky Mountain Institute					Unit C is application for accreditation, 40 hours over 12 to 14 weeks.
040 Energy Link (all training in Dunedin)				03-Jul	Then: 16-Oct
041 Introduction to the electricity market				04-Jul	17-Oct
042 Nodal pricing or electricity				05-Jul	
043 Hedging electricity					
044					
045					
Seminars and other					
046 BEC luncheon seminar, The big issues for energy	19-Apr				Wellington. Asa Cox (Intela AI), James Mui (Callaghan Innovation), Tina Schirr (BEC)
047 Energy Users Assoc. of Australia National Conference		02-03 May			Melbourne. Theme: Future Thinking
048 NZWEA conference, Optimising wind energy for a low C economy		02-May			Wellington. NZWEA = NZ Wind Energy Assoc. Think tank session on 03-May.
049 Energy Trader Forum		09-May			Auckland. Then 08-Aug, 14-Nov, both Wellington
050					MEUG members Linda Thompson (Fonterra) and Leon Jarden (PEL) presenting
051					
052 CC, Introduction to regulation under Part 4 of the Commerce Act		15-May			Wellington, 10am to noon, free. X-ref row 76
053 NZ Minerals Forum 2018			29-30 May		Queenstown
054 Electricity Engineers Assoc. Conference				20-22 Jun	SkyCity
055 Conferenz, Intelligent Twons, Networks & Assets Summit				25-26 Jun	SkyCity
056 Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards 2018					22-Aug. 10 categories including Large Energy User Initiative of the year sponsored by EECA Business. Entries close 21-May, finalists announced 21-Jul.
057					
058 BEC with WEC, Asia Pacific Energy Leaders Summit 2018					31-Oct to 01-Nov 2018, Te Papa. BEC=BusinessNZ Energy Council
059 "3D Vision - New Energy Perspectives"					and WEC=World Energy Council
060 2018 GasNZ Industry Forum					07-09 Nov, Wellington
061 Downstream Strategic Summit 2019					05-06 Mar-19, SkyCity

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<u>Monopolies general</u>						
062	Transpower (TPNZ) general:					
063	TPNZ publish Implications of electricity transport paper	tba				
064	Stakeholder Forum dates		03-May			
065	Grid ratings Δ shoulder to winter ratings		10-May			
066	TPNZ publish work on energy futures		tba			
067	TPNZs Auckland strategy completed			Jun		
068						
069	ENA Network Transformation Roadmap to 2050					Dr Allan Miller preparing for ENA conference mid-Oct. 4-scenarios: Set & forget, Prosumer, Leaving the grid, Going green
070						
071						
072	Ofgem (UK) RIIO-2 (starts 2021) consultation ends, then decision		02-May	→	mid-18	RIIO = (Revenues = Incentives + Innovation + Outputs), regulation of gas/elec. monopolies
073						
074	Orion: IAG & others claim re Port Hills fires that started 13-Feb-17					Next steps tba.
075						
<u>Monopoly services regulated by CC</u>						
076	CC, Introduction to regulation under Part 4 of the Commerce Act		15-May			Wellington, 10am to noon, free. X-ref row 52
077	CC open letter of 09-Nov on EDB priorities					Subs published. CC to announce next steps.
078	Telecommunications (New Regulatory Framework) Amendment Bill					Being considered by select committee (row 08). May be of interest for evolving Part 4.
079						
080	Compliance statements due from EDB for year ended 31-Mar-18				13-Jun	
081						
082	Input Methodologies (IM)					
083	TPNZ Capex IM review - subs on text of determination	24-Apr				Final decisions announced 29-Mar.
084	Final determination gazetted before			End of May		
085	EDB IM may need Δ to clarify accelerated dep. requests timing					X-ref row DPP row 104

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085	TPNZ IPP					
086	Demand Response trial					Need to review ahead of IPP reset. See also EA review in row 123.
087	RCP2 listed projects:					TPNZ must seek approval for listed projects B4 end Jun-18.
088	Bunnythorpe-Wilton line reconductoring subs	17-Apr				WIL-JFD section (~\$44m). Work to be completed 2021Q4.
089	HVDC Oteranga Bay to Haywards reconductoring (OTB-HAY A)					Application soon, Listed \$28m, now expect \$17m. Implement Jan to mid-Apr 2020.
090	Major capex proposals					
091	Waikato & UNI Voltage Management - paper on preferred solution		late Apr			Consultation on short-list early 2019.
092	Key Base capex					
093	Central NI constraints					Bunnythorpe-Mataroa 110kV & Tokaanu-Whakamaru 220kV
094	~ Series reactor, new SPS on Bunnythorpe-Mataroa 110kV					2018Q3
095	Kawerau T13 interconnecting transformer replacement					Subs closed 28-Jul.
096	Voltage disturbance working group - bi-annual meeting					tba
097	RCP3 reset and new IPP starting 01-Apr-20					
098	Proposed service performance measures					TPNZ considering subs on second engagement paper that closed 28-Apr.
099	Consultation on POS categorisation & VoLL					tba
100	TPNZ submission to CC					B4 end Sep-18 (ITP at that date forms basis for proposal)
101	Grid connected batteries economic					"unlikely to be so before 2022" (refer TPNZ Battery storage report Sep-17)

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102	DPP reset for RCP3 starting 01-Apr-20 for 14 EDB (3 on CPP, 12 ID only)					<p>CC to advise process. Feedback on CC open letter 09-Nov closed 22-Dec. MEUG & ERANZ attended 28-Mar meeting.</p> <p>Later in 2018 (CC email 09-Mar-18: EDB IM may need D to clarify - see row 85). 2020 (refer TPNZ Battery storage report Sep-17)</p> <p>Ends 31-Mar-19. Orion then have 1-year transition to RCP3 DPP. Decision announced 28-Mar. 5-year CPP 01-Apr-18 to 31-Mar-23.</p> <p>Decision announced 28-Mar. 3-year CPP 01-Apr-18 to 31-Mar-21.</p> <p>Review process and consequential changes to scheme needed B4 next application. No applications expected</p> <p>Then 11-18 Feb-2019. From then to end RCP2, 31-Mar-20, no application windows</p> <p>First window in RCP3 is 04-May to 12-May 2020.</p> <p>Aurora likely to apply mid-2020 (this later target date announced 06-Mar-18)</p> <p>Policy topics of interest to MEUG: Does/will "dual-till" apply to EDB, Airports WACC at mid-point, and how large new investments paid for.</p> <p>Final report 20-Sep-18.</p> <p>MEUG made x-sub on AIAL asset beta on 26-Jan-18.</p> <p>Subs due 26-Jul, x-sub 09-Aug. Final report 20-Sep 2019</p>
103	ENA Quality of Supply (QoS) working group					
104	CC guidance on applications for accelerated depreciation					
105	EDB connected or community-scale batteries economic					
106						
107	CPP					
108	Orion CPP					
109	Powerco CPP implementation					
110	WELL CPP implementation					
111	Post Powerco and WELL CPP decisions review of process	tba				
112	Future application windows		07-14 May			
113						
114						
115	Expected next application					
116						
117	Airports Price Setting Event #3 (PSE3) ex post reviews					
118						
119	AIAL draft report published → subs → x-sub	26-Apr	25-May	08-Jun		
120						
121	CIAL report published				28-Jun	
122	WIAL PSE3 commences					

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123	Monopoly services regulated by EA TPNZ demand response (DR) protocol management, EA paper					Work to start on options to incorporate DR platform into spot market (sse also row 86)
124						
125	EI Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (monopolies):					
126	Efficiency of distribution company arrangements					Focus on ability to respond to technology Δ's,
127						
128	EI Act s.90 EDB applications for line-energy exemptions					
129	Top Energy application relating to network support					tba. This was 2nd leg of application. First leg exemption (Ngawha) granted Sep-17.
130						
131	Code Part 12 Transport					
132	EA review of TPM guidelines (cl. 12.81(1)(b))					Decision on next steps before 30-Jun.
133	TPNZ operational review #2 of TPM (cl. 12.85)					TPNZ announced 10-Jan not to proceed.
134						
135	Code Part 12A Distributor UoSAs and distributor tariffs					
136	DDA - second consultation paper published				July	Comprehensive clause by clause proposal on what's in and out. Part 12 Δ's possible.
137	Vector request for a declaratory judge re EA proposed DDA					Hearing date could be before end of current financial year
138	Distribution pricing Δs to be cost-reflective & service-based					
139	EA published overview of progress to date on 06-Mar					Publishing roadmaps/updates is voluntary. 16 made updates, 9 didn't (had initial roadmap).
140						4 EDB have not published anything, (Alpine, Buller, Electricity Ashburton & Marlborough).
141	2nd 6-monthly pricing roadmap progress reports 30-Mar					Assume EA will analyse and report.
142	Review of dist. pricing principles & guidelines - consultation					Maybe before end of financial year.

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143	Markets general					
144	International - ACCC:					
145	Gas Inquiry 2017-2020, 3-reports each year - next due	Apr				Focus on market transparency measures
146	ACCC Electricity supply & prices inquiry final report due				30-Jun	Could be useful x-check NZ electricity price review (row 17).
147	Generation and suppliers general:					
148	TECT not to pursue proposal to become a 100% charitable trust					Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust (TECT) decision announced 21-Mar.
149	Resurrection of suggested capacity payments?					Proposed by Dr Peter Crampton visit Feb-18. MEUG oppose capacity payments.
150	Eastland's Te Ahi O Maui 22 MW plant commissioned					Aug-18, geothermal binary plant at Kawerau.
151	Top Energy 2X28 MW (gross?) binary plants at Ngawha					Planned 1st 28 MW commissioned 2021, 2nd 28 MW commissioned 2026
152	GNE Rankine units, coal use ceases "in normal market conditions"					2025 (announced 13-Feb-18) & "intention to phase out coal use completely by 2030"
153						Note Rankine units can still use gas and units may be retired earlier in any case.
154	Nova's 360MW OCGT WPP start of consent window expires					2027
155						
156	Utilities Disputes Ltd (UDL):					
157	CEN application for declaratory judgement					Car ramming pole in 2015 case may set important precedents.
158	Consultation on 5-yearly review - round 2 starts 14-May, subs due			01-Jun		Notice to Minister 25-Jun, Δ's take effect 13-Aug.
159	Vector judicial review of UDL Penrose substation fire decision					Hearing ended 09-Mar. Decision pending. <ay set precedents.

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160	Markets work by EA Board meetings		02-May	06-Jun	28-Jun	
161	EA 2018-19 work programme & levies - Budget announcements					
162	Feedback session on proposed 2018-19 work programme		01-May			Wellington.
163	Budget announcements			17-May		
164	Security & Reliability Council (SRC) meeting dates tba					Appointments announced 03-Apr: Vince Hawksworth (TPW) reappointed, and new appointments Greg Skelton (WELL) and Nathan Strong (Unison).
165						Working on "Equal Access Project" (see row 247)
166	Innovation & Participation Advisory Group (IPAG) meeting		03-May			tba. Nominations closed 27-Feb.
167	Decision on new Chair to be announced					New member to be appointed Jun-18.
168	Nominations for vacancy (household consumer perspective) close	17-Apr				Working on: "saves & win-backs" (row 245)
169	Market Development Advisory Group (MDAG) meeting		03-May			"Review of spot market trading conduct provisions" (row 271)
170						and possibly later Battery storage in w/sale mkt" (row 223).
171						
172	Regulatory Managers & Consumer Representatives briefing				12-Jun	
173	2018 Code review programme consultation decisions (possibly)		02-May			Subs closed 06-Mar. 16-subscribers published 20-Mar.
174	EI Act s.16(1)(f), market facilitation measures:					
175	What's My Number 2-week autumn campaign starts		15-Apr			In conjunction with Consumer NZ. Winter campaign planning underway.
176	ASX cap products listed. EA note ""experiencing delays					\$130/MWh & \$300/MWh cap products at OTA & BEN
177	because of adjustments to ASX margins and other risk settings"					Once listed EA design and monitor performance metrics.
178						NZX, as service provider of the Electricity Hedge Disclosure system, have
179						enhanced that system in anticipation of caps being listed.
180	ASX Users' group meeting					tba
181	Possible standardisation of OTC & intermediating contracts					In evaluation phase
182	EA re-commencing publishing weekly hedge analysis report					EA considering

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183	EI Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (markets):					
184	Lessons from South Australia blackout		02-May			tba
185	Review of hedge market dynamic winter 2017 - report to Board		2018Q1			Covers hydrology-spot correlation, hedge-spot and overall management
186	Monitoring for new technologies - review starts		soon			A multi-year project
187	EA educational portal prototype					Prototype available 2018
188	Review of 02-Jun-16 high spot price event - publish					
189	Review of distribution sector					Scope approved by EA Board. Note work on dashboards will not be published.
190						EA (review of dist. sector) in discussion with MBIE's Electricity Price Review (row 14).
191	SI AUFLS trip 02-Mar-17 review					tba
192	Post implementation reviews of 2015 prudential regime, DD, FTR					tba
193						
194	Code Part 3 Market operation service providers					
195	NZX 6-monthly disaster recovery test		17-Apr to 22-May			
196	Enhanced connectivity to NZX's energy market systems					Mid 2018
197						
198	Code Part 6 Connection of distributed generation					
199	DG in place 06-Dec-16 listed as eligible for ACOT payments:					
200	Lower SI (LSI) decision published 27-Mar, took effect 01-Apr			Jun		Will take effect 01-Oct-18
201	Lower NI (LNI) consultation					Will take effect 01-Apr-19
202	Upper NI (UNI) consultation tba					Will take effect 01-Oct-18
203	Upper SI (USI) consultation tba					Heard complaint on 21-Mar by TPW supported by IEGA, of Dec-16 Code Δ
204	Parliaments Regulations Review Committee consideration					The Committee decided not top refer the complaint to the House.
205						EA to revisit this after progress on TPM and distribution pricing
206	Review DGPP incremental cost ceiling					
207						
208	Code Part 7 System Operator (SO)					
209	SO publishes System Security Forecast and seeks feedback	soon				
210	Add thermal fuel limitations to HRC: Investigate → consult	Apr	→ May? →			Implement changes shortly thereafter (SO decision announced 06-Mar). Controversial.
211						Bryan Leyland, CEN, Cumulus, Murray Ellis, Shell, Unison supported GNE proposal.
212						MEUG, MEL, MCY, Nova TPW, Vocus opposed.

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213	Code Part 8 Common Quality					<p>UFE 2018 YTD=1, 2017=3, 2016=1, 2015=0, 2014=4, 2013=14, 2012=4</p> <p>Draft determination, Grid Owner caused 1st event (precedent setting), MEL 2nd event. Draft determination, CEN causer (not contested).</p> <p>SO to report, then consultation will start on draft determination.</p> <p>To-be-considered once implementation is on track.</p> <p>Next steps tba</p> <p>SO to start work - aligns with most submitters views rather than use AOPO. MDAG may take the lead. MDAG meetings row 171)</p>
214	Under-frequency events (UFE)					
215	UFE 02-Mar-17 final decision pending					
216	UFE's 11 and 15 Jun-17 final decision pending					
217	UFE 09-Feb-18, 5:04am (NI)					
218	NI extended reserves implementation - Update on next steps	17-Apr				
219	Future enhancements:					
220	eg adding procurement, & a real-time regime					
221	IR event charge and cost allocation - WAG reported in 2017 to EA					
222	Review of FK services - investigate tender based procurement	Mar				
223	Battery storage in wholesale market - initial focus for AS					
224						
225	Code Part 9 Security of Supply (SoS)					<p>Substantial refinements to be included in review of OCC.</p> <p>Subs closed 10-Apr.</p> <p>Any refinements to be introduced prior to winter 2019.</p> <p>EA considering MEUG request to consult on topics to review B4 work starts in earnest</p> <p>SO to develop template to improve & lower biannual revision compliance costs.</p> <p>Small risk of gen balance shortfall should a large NI thermal unit be unavailable (CAN 13-Apr)</p> <p>Planned for 2017-18. To be in place for use by SO for ASA 2019</p> <p>SSAD=Security Standards Assumptions Document</p>
226	Post review of customer compensation scheme (CCS) review:					
227	CCS tweaks to be implemented this year					
228	Review of Official Conservation Campaign settings					
229	This will include a wholesome review of SOSFIP					
230	PROPS -biannual updates progressed as they arise					
231	NZ Generation Balance Assessment rolling 6 month risk f/cast		04-May			
232	EA and SO review of SOS regime, ie SOS margins					
233	This will lead to Δ's to current SSAD published Nov-12.					
234						
235	Code Part 10 Metering					<p>12-Sep (mandatory 9-month expiry for urgent Δ's).</p>
237	Connections & electrical connections guidelines - subs		08-May			
236	Operational review of metering & registry processes consultation				July	
238	Urgent Code Δ for flexibility in certification expires					

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<p>Code Part 11 Registry Information Management</p> <p>239 Registry content - subs closed 06-Oct.</p> <p>240</p> <p>241 Participant definition project consultation paper</p> <p>242 EIEP - Subs closed 22-Sep - Next steps:</p> <p>243 Straight forward Δ's - decisions paper</p> <p>244 Not straight forward Δ's - 2nd paper to Board</p> <p>245 Saves and win-backs - MDAG taking lead (row 169)</p> <p>246 Consultation starts → ends (last possible dates)</p> <p>247 Review of trader ICP switch process - consultation</p> <p>248 Equal access project, IPAG leading (meetings row 166).</p> <p>249 Data & data exchange - subs closed 07-Nov, published 21-Nov.</p> <p>250 Multiple trading relationships subs. Subs closed 27-Feb.</p> <p>251 EA & CC Interface working group - initial focus area is on</p> <p>252 the regulation and facilitation of existing & potential</p> <p>253 contestable electricity sector markets</p>	<p>Early 2018</p> <p>tba</p> <p>May</p> <p>June</p> <p>15-May → 30-Jun</p> <p>July</p>	<p>Decision 20-Mar to take effect 01-Apr-18.</p> <p>Implement preferred option D (generic codes and remove customised codes)</p> <p>Topic arose from Enabling Mass Participation (EMP) decision paper 06-Nov-17</p> <p>eg MEUG supported making planned outage EIEP 5A mandatory</p> <p>then MDAG considers subs, proposes next steps to EA Board.</p> <p>Next steps tba.</p> <p>EA to consider with multiple trading relationship subs.</p> <p>Next steps tba - 28 subs published 27-Mar.</p> <p>Action arose from Enabling Mass Participation (EMP) decision paper 06-Nov-17</p> <p>Example markets are those for network support services or distributed energy services.</p>

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254	Code Part 13 Trading arrangements					
255	Wind gen. offers subs closed 12-Mar - Decision paper	soon				
256	FTR market:					
257	FTR enhancements subs closed 09-May-17 - decision		May			
258	First auction of 3-new FTR hubs approved in Feb.		May			
259	Making price f/casts more accurate - options paper published		May			
260	RTP briefing, Wellington		08-May			
261	EA Board to consider draft decision paper				mid-18	
262						
263						
264	Enabling the SO's Dispatch Service Enhancement project - subs			22-May		
265	WITS access policy code Δ consultation (if needed)			Jun		
266	Wholesale market disclosure regime - decision published			Jun		
267	Loss & Constraint Excess (LCE) treatment					
268	Enabling Dispatchable Demand (DD) at conforming nodes paper					
269	Post implementation of DD					
270	Review of wholesale market trading arrangements					
271	Review of spot market trading conduct provisions (MDAG, row 170)					
272						
273	Code Part 14 C&S:					
274	Offsetting ASX & spot market prudentials, closed 31-Oct - decision			Jun		
275	Review of direct connect default rules consultation (if needed)					Later in 2018.