

**MEUG 12-week rolling calendar week starting 26 November 2018**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Crown Minerals (Petroleum) Amendment Bill given Royal assent 12-Nov. The opposition National Party stated they will reverse the amendments.</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CC announced 10-Oct start of court proceedings against Vector for breaching quality standards in 2015 and 2016. This follows similar action against Aurora in Sep.</li> <li>➤ Transpower restarted live lines work on 17-Oct.</li> <li>➤ Transpower IPP proposal to CC on 23-Nov. Proposed RCP3 revenues 6.6% less (nominal) than RCP2. Intensive consultation in 2019. Final decisions Nov. New prices from 01-Apr-20.</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Eastland Energy's Te Ahi no Maui 25 MW geothermal plant at Kawerau started 11-Oct.</li> <li>➤ Pohokura gas pipeline fault late September. Supply still restricted.</li> <li>➤ Genesis Energy &amp; Tilt Renewables announced 17-Oct they will partner to develop a wind farm (up to 100 MW) at Waverly that could start in 2020.</li> </ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Genesis Energy announced they will be buying Indonesian coal, 18-Oct.</li> <li>➤ Payless Energy defaulted on settlement payments due 20-Nov. Customers were transferred to a new trader through a commercial arrangement.</li> <li>➤ UTS claim by Electricity Kiwi, Flick, Pulse, Vocus &amp; Vector lodged 08-Nov.</li> </ul> <p>A major contributing factor for the above 3-events was constrained gas supply and uncertainty on when the Pohukura gas pipeline repairs might be completed.</p>	

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001	<b>Parliament</b> Sitting days (3-days starting Tue):	27-Nov			tba	
002			04-Dec			
003			11-Dec			
004	Zero Carbon Bill tabled in the House					Bill to be tabled in the House early 2019. Subs on MfE ZCB paper closed 19-Jul. MfE CBA not robust & insufficient to make an informed decision on targets.
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006	Telecommunications (New Regulatory Framework) Amendment Act					Royal assent given 12-Nov. See CC implementation under monopolies
007	Commerce Amendment Act enacted 25-Oct					New competition studies regime introduced. Petrol sector inquiry likely 1st.
008	Commerce (Criminalisation of Cartels) Amendment Bill					To be considered by committee of the whole House.
009	Taxation (R&D tax credits) Bill - subs to select committee		14-Dec			Expect 15% R&D tax credit to be in place 01-Jul-19. Policy obj: R&D is 2% GDP in 10 years.
010	Electricity Act 1992 - repeal Low Fixed User Charge requirements					May get traction from Electricity Price Review (EPR).
011	Electricity Industry Act 2010 - amend so EA can set fees					Needed Δ though small - omnibus Δ as part of legislative changes from EPR?
012	<b>Ministerial &amp; Departmental Policy</b>					
013	Office of the PM: PM's Business Advisory Council					1st meeting held 08-Nov.
013	MBIE					
014	Electricity Price Review (EPR) by Expert Advisory Group (EAG)					Start Feb, 3-workshops in early March.
015	* Options paper consultation (after Cabinet reviews paper)					Apr-May.
016	* EAG reports back to Minister, then Cabinet decisions.					
017	Evaluation of NPSET & NESETA instruments per RMA (closed 15-Nov)	tba				NPSET = National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission NESETA = National Environmental Standard on Electricity Transmission Activities
018						June 2019 to align with modelling for interim climate change committee. Too late for IPP.
015	Electricity Demand & Generation Scenario update					Monitoring \$950k grant to Hiringa Energy & partners for H <sub>2</sub> studies announced 12-Jul.
016	Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)					MEUG is interested in the co-ordination between the just transitions work and PGF.
017	Just transition group					
016	MSD					
017	Winter Energy Payment 2018 ends					Applies 5-months 01-May to 30-Sep.
018	MFE					See ZCB workstream under Parliament above.
019	ETS review (EPA has operational role)					Subs closed 21-Sep. Further consultation 2019. Legislative changes end 2019 (align with ZCB)
020	Interim Climate Change Committee (ICCC) (not part of MfE)					ICCC will retest findings in 2019. Will pass work over to CCC once ZCB enacted.
021	Transition hub - report to government		This year ?			Reporting on "the range of costs and benefits of policies available for the Government to reduce emissions", made up of "people from government agencies in the natural resources sector."
022						
023	Treasury					
024	Establishing Independent Infrastructure Body - next steps	tba				Subs closed 16-Oct.
025	Green Investment Fund - to be established by end of 2018		end of year			\$100m of capital. Details of how applicants can seek funds to be decided.
026	Tax working group					MEUG is following because mentions environmental taxes.
027	Embedding wellbeing in the Public Finance Act					Monitoring in case leads to inappropriate metrics/un-intended consequences on energy sector.
028	Living standards framework					Being undertaken in conjunction with NZ Stats Indicators Aotearoa NZ work.

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029	<b><u>Independent Crown Entities (ICE)</u></b>					<p>CC and EA are ICE. See later pages for CC and EA activities.</p> <p>Government considering recommendations</p> <p>Government considering recommendations</p> <p>Draft paper published Jun-19. Final tabled with government by 30-Nov-19.</p> <p>MEUG is monitoring various EECA activities to assist EECA be accountable.</p> <p>MEUG has a long-standing view the \$5.2m pa electricity levy on users' is excessive.</p>
030	NZ Productivity Commission:					
031	* Sate sector productivity, final report published 17-Aug					
032	* Low emissions economy, final report published 04-Sep					
033	* Local government funding & financing Issues paper of 06-Nov - subs				15-Feb	
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034	<b><u>Crown Agents</u></b>					
035	EECA: Proposed 2019/20 levy appropriations - subs		14-Dec			
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037	<b><u>Training</u></b>					
038	Energy Link Training courses (Dunedin)					
039	* Introduction to the electricity market					09-Apr    02-Jul    15-Oct
040	* Hedging electricity					10-Apr    03-Jul    16-Oct
041	* Nodal pricing of electricity					11-Apr    04-Jul    17-Oct
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043	<b><u>Seminars and other</u></b>					
044	UoA open forum, Energy Spotlight	28-Nov				Auckland, morning forum. The University of Auckland Business School
045	Net Zero NZ: The Emissions Workshop		05-Dec			Wellington. Foundation partner: EECA. Organised by Freeman media.
046						MEUG, amongst others, is a supporting organisation.
047	UoA. Summer School in Energy Economics					18-21 Feb, The University of Auckland Business School
048	Downstream Strategic Summit 2019					05-06 Mar-19, SkyCity

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049	<b>Monopolies general</b>					
050	Timaru District Council possible sale of shares in Alpine - subs		10-Dec			
051	Transpower					
052	Grid ratings Δ shoulder to summer	01-Dec				Change to shoulder ratings 15-Mar.
053	Transpower outage planning policy: SO and GO roles - next steps	tba				Discussion meeting held 12-Nov.
054	Transpower Consumer Advisory Panel second meeting	tba				First meeting held 08-Nov.
055	Transpower stakeholder forum - next forum date	tba				
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057	<b>Monopoly services regulated by CC</b>					
058	Input Methodologies (IM)					
059	VCT proposed DPP reopener for live lines practice, decision due					Subs closed 02-Oct.
060	Information Disclosure (ID)					
061	Transpower - Current RCP2 2015-2020					
062	BRK-SFD Line B -Transpower to advise next steps	tba				Feedback on long list of options & RFI for NTS closed 23-Nov. Initial base case ~\$50m.
063						This will roll into RCP3 proposal. NTS=Non-transmission solutions.
064	OTB-HAY A HVDC reconductoring (\$23.5m) implementation					Implemented 2019Q4 to 2020Q1. Approved 10-Oct-18. Major outage on HVDC to implement.
065	Central Park Wilton B reconductoring (\$10.6m) implementation					Completion summer 2019
066	Transpower IPP proposal for RCP3 2020-2025					
067	Process, approach & framework subs closed 15-Nov. CC decision	tba				
068	Last date Transpower must lodge proposal		03-Dec			Transpower published 23-Nov., B4 due date. ~6.6% decrease in RCP3 rev. compared to RCP2.
069	Issues paper published → subs due → x-subs				07-Feb	→ 28-Feb → 07-Mar
070	Draft decision published → subs due → x-subs					30-May → 27-Jun → 11-Jul
071	Final decision published subj. to latest data → final with latest data					29-Aug → 14-Nov Last possible date 28-Nov
072	Transpower advises customers of prices effective 01-Apr-20					End of Nov-19 prices notified and come into effect 01-Apr-20.
073	Current DPP 2015-20					
074	Quality path breach prosecutions commenced:					
075	* Aurora for 2016 & 2017, announced 19-Sep-18					
076	* Vector for 2015 & 2016, announced 10-Oct-18					
075	Several breach enquiries by EDB ongoing.					
076	DPP reset for 2020-2025 for 14 EDB (2 will have a CPP, 12 ID only)					
077	DPP issues paper (& early models) published → subs → x-subs		20-Dec		31-Jan	
078	Last date EDB can request accelerated depreciation					01-Mar-19. EDB will need to consult with interested parties before this date.
079	AMP updates for the 2019-2029 period disclosed					31-Mar-19
080	DPP draft decision consultation and final decisions					May-19 to Aug-19 consultation on draft decisions and final decisions late Nov-19.

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081	<b><u>Monopoly services regulated by CC continued</u></b>					
082	CPP					
083	Orion CPP					Ends 31-Mar-19. Orion then have 1-year DPP transition to new DPP 2020-2025.
084	WELL CPP, 3-years started 01-Apr-18					Ends 31-Mar-21.
085	Powerco CPP, 5-years started 01-Apr-18					Ends 31-Mar-23.
086	* RFI non-network solutions Hinuera areas - next steps		tba			RFI responses closed 21-Nov. Includes Putaruru, Tirau, Matamata & surrounding areas.
087	* First Annual Planning Report					By 06-Sep-19 to report on progress for 1st CPP year ended 31-Mar-19.
088	Decision on review of Powerco & WELL CPP process (closed 14-Aug).		tba			
089	Future application windows					Next 11-18 Feb-2019. From then to end RCP2, 31-Mar-20, no application windows
090						First window in RCP3 is 04-May to 12-May 2020.
091	Expected next CPP application - by Aurora					04-May to 12-May 2020 (1st RCP3 application window)
092	Airports Price Setting Event #3 (PSE3) ex post reviews:					MEUG interest: "dual-till", mid-point WACC, new runway pricing
093	WIAL PSE3 commences					2019
094	New Part 6 fibre networks regulation					Regime in place by 01-Jan-22. Key work includes IM→Chorus P-Q path→ID
095	Approaches paper subs/x-subs		21-Dec	25-Jan		Next major consultation on emerging views on IM in May-19.
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097	<b><u>Monopoly services regulated by EA</u></b>					
098	Code Part 12 Transport					
099	EA review of TPM guidelines. Next update		Dec			Last announcement 26-Jun signaled continuing to develop a "benefit-based" approach.
100	Code Part 12A Distributor UoSAs and distributor tariffs					
101	DDA - second consultation paper published					pending Court of Appeal decision (heard 09-May) on VCT/Entrust declaratory judgement
102	EA consult on Δ's to pricing principles & star-rating EDB tariffs		soon			See also Part 6 work on Distribution pricing principles
103	ENA Network Transformation Roadmap briefing			11-Dec		Wellington

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104	<b>Markets general</b>					
105	UDL: VCT judicial review Penrose substation fire decision					Waiting for decision.
106	UDL: Car ramming case.					Decision made by High Court.
107	Pohukura offshore production resumes		Late Nov			
108	Genesis imports 120kt Indonesian coal			Dec to Jan		
109	Waverley 100 MW wind farm could start					As early as 2020. Tilt and Genesis announced intention to partner on 17-Oct.
110	Todd Generation 100 MW Junction Road peaker starts					Mid-2020
111	Top Energy Ngawha, 1st 28MW addition starts					2021
112	CEN TCC major maintenance decision					2021
113	Huntly Rankine swaptions contracted to end					2022
114	RioTinto 4th potline resumed Oct (~50 MW)					Contract ends Dec-22.
115	GNE Rankine units (2X250 MW) coal use ceases					2025 "in normal market conditions"
116	Top Energy Ngawha, 2nd 28MW addition starts					2026
117	Wairakei consents expire					2026
118	Nova's 360MW OCGT WPP consent window expires					2027
119	MEL supply contract with RioTinto ends					2030
120	Powering past coal alliance, NZ agreed to end coal for generation					2030
121						
122	<b>EA Code governance &amp; market facilitation</b>					
123	Board meetings		04-Dec			
124	Proposed 2019/20 appropriations - subs			10-Dec		
125	Security & Reliability Council (SRC) next meeting		tba			Heather Roy appointed as Chair
126	Innovation & Participation Advisory Group (IPAG) meetings			06-Dec		December meeting in Auckland at Vector
127	IPAG - Equal access project					related to work on following, to be considered by EA Board:
128						* Multiple Trading Relationships
129						* Data and Data Exchange project
130	Market Development Advisory Group (MDAG) next meeting		tba			Nominations for MDAG Chair closed 18-Sep. New Chair to be announced mid-Nov.
131	MDAG - Review of spot market trading conduct provisions (Part 13)					
132	MDAG - Saves and win-backs					
133	MDAG - Battery storage in wholesale market					Work being scoped. Possible interim measure to allow batteries to provide IR.
134	Regulatory Managers & Consumer Representatives briefing			20-Dec		
135	Market enhancement omnibus #1, closed 13-Nov, decisions		tba			See 4 topics Parts 6, 10 and 11. Next Omnibus consultation May-Apr then Aug-Sep 2019.
136	EI Act s.16(1)(f), market facilitation measures:					
137	What's My Number winter campaign review by EA Board.			04-Dec		Review (1) assisting consumers in hardship to shop around (2) new tech. choices
138	ASX cap products listed. To be advised.					\$130/MWh & \$300/MWh cap products at OTA & BEN
139	ASX NZ F&O Users' group meeting					Wellington

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140 <b><u>EA Code governance &amp; market facilitation continued</u></b>					
141 EI Act s.16(1)(g), industry and market monitoring (markets)					
142 Post implementation reviews:					
143 * 2015 prudential policies - publish					
144 * FTR market and NMIR - underway					
145 Review Jun prices, relationship wind & price volatility - underway					
146 Review of distribution sector - underway					EA lookforward re future new tech preparedness c.f. CC looking backwards historic data.
147 Code Part 5 Regime for dealing with UTS					
148 15-Sep-18 UTS, lodged 08-Nov-18					EA investigating.
149 Code Part 6 Connection of distributed generation					
150 Integrating host capability into Part 6 (omnibus #1) decision	tba				Proposal for interim EEA guidelines for inverters for SSDG.
151 DG in place 06-Dec-16 listed as eligible for ACOT payments:					Code provisions end Mar-20 for all current LSI, LNI, UNI and USI decisions.
152 * Lower South Island (LSI) took effect 01-Apr-18.					EA may make refinements. If TPM guidelines reviewed, then DGPP also.
153 * LNI decision announced end of Aug, took effect 01-Oct-18					
154 * UNI and USI consultation ended 09-Oct. Decision	tba				USI will take effect 01-Apr-19 and UNI will take effect 01-Oct-19
155 Code Part 7 System Operator (SO)					
156 Revision to HRC with new demand f/casts	soon				
157 Annual Security Assessment 2019					Start of 2019
158 Code Part 8 Common Quality					
159 Changes to (SO) policy statement - closed 09-Nov, Decision	tba				Dec-18 decision at earliest. Policy Statement must be reviewed every 2-years.
160 NI extended reserves (ER):					
161 * 5-year review of Technical Requirements Report consultation	Late 2018				2nd half 2018-19: EA decision on direction implementation will take
162 Code Part 9 Security of Supply (SoS)					
163 Review of Official Conservation Campaign (OCC) settings - published	soon				Revised OCC in place for winter 2019. Align with SO consultation on SoSFIP.
164 Code Part 10 Metering					
165 Op. review of metering & related Part 11 Δ's (omnibus #1), decision	tba				33 code change proposals, 6 issues still be investigated
164 Code Part 11 Registry Information Management					
165 Access to WITS and the registry (omnibus #1), decision	tba				Δ WITS access to Code governed like the registry
166 Switch process review (omnibus #1), decision	tba				
167 EIEP - consultation - subs due		18-Dec			
168 * EIEP 1 proposal to move to one billing methodology					Of interest to MEUG
169 * EIEP 5A use registry for planned outage notifications					
170 Code Part 13 Trading arrangements					
171 RTP - SO RTP engagement group 2nd meeting tba.					1st meeting on 05-Nov. EA consultation 2019Q1. MEUG to support 2019/20 appropriations bid.
172 SO Dispatch Service Enhancement (DSE) workshop	30-Nov				Wellington. DSE implemented mid-2019. GENCO no longer usable Dec-2020.
173 See MDAG work programme, review of trading conduct					
174 Code Part 14 Clearing and Settlement					
175 Trader default process, 1st initiated 19-Oct. (also Part 11)					EA to "learn more about where improvements can be made throughout the process"