



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

Promoting  
a robust  
electricity  
market

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<b>Security of Supply</b>								
TP	Fortnightly half-hour <a href="#">System Operator informal forum</a>	16 Tu	30 Tu		13 Tu		27 Tu	
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 60% (SI total) of average as at 15 July	Ongoing						
TP	HVDC planned outages: HVDC outages will take place on 20 July, with Pole 2 out from 1300 to 1700 and Pole 3 out from 0730 to 1200, during which the capacity will be limited to 780 MW.	20 Sa						
TP	<a href="#">Simulated storage trajectories</a> No forecasts cross the Watch curve.	Ongoing						
TP	<a href="#">New Zealand Generation Balance</a> (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update <a href="#">here</a> – July 2024 report; potential negative generation balances in July, see <a href="#">CAN 26 June</a>	15 - 19	22 - 26	29 - 31				
TP	<a href="#">Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project</a> : Phase 4 commenced in Jan 2024; June 2024 presentation <a href="#">here</a> , project expected to be completed by end June 2025.	TBA						
TP	Grid changed to winter ratings from 10 May to 20 Oct (see <a href="#">CAN 3 May</a> )	Ongoing						
TP	<a href="#">2024 Security of Supply Assessment</a> (SOSA): Final SoSA published <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing						
TP	Outage plan: final plan published <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing						
TP	Review of <a href="#">credible power system events</a> , scope of review published <a href="#">here</a> , TP will consult with industry participants	TBA						
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed System Operator Rolling Outage Plan changes, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA						
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Evolving market resource co-ordination in Aotearoa New Zealand, feedback by 31 July		31 W					
EA	<a href="#">Stress test disclosures</a> : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end Sept, <a href="#">stress test</a> scenarios unchanged	Ongoing						
EA	<a href="#">Managing peak electricity demand</a> : Consultation closed on <a href="#">Potential solutions for peak electricity capacity issues</a> , decisions / next steps due in June, published open letter on 10 May 2024 event <a href="#">here</a>	TBA						
EA	<a href="#">Future security and resilience (FSR) project</a> , <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Review of common quality requirements in the Code, subs due 20 Aug					20 Tu		

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EA	Consultation on <a href="#">The future operation of New Zealand's power system</a> , recording of 27 Feb webinar available <a href="#">here</a> , submissions closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Government has set up a <a href="#">Gas Security Response Group</a> , report back expected within three weeks, Terms of reference available <a href="#">here</a> , membership extended to include other large gas customers	TBA							
<b>Spot / hedge markets</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Hedge market</a> and <a href="#">over the counter (OTC) market</a> : Decision paper on options to improve hedge disclosure obligations released <a href="#">here</a> – code amendments come into effect in October 2024	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Pricing in a renewables-based system</a> : final MDAG report published on 19 Dec <a href="#">here</a> , Authority finalises response to MDAG report <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Risk management review</a> : Programme initiation document <a href="#">here</a> , information requests currently out with retailers / gentailers, next update expected in Q4 2024 (see <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							
EA	Understanding <a href="#">Market monitoring weekly reports</a> , latest trading conduct <a href="#">report</a> –30 June 2024	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Financial transmission rights</a> : decision paper released 6 June 2023 showed FTR market fit for purpose; Financial transmission rights manager contract awarded <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts</a> : Consultation on <a href="#">proposed solutions</a> completed, decisions paper <a href="#">here</a> – EA bringing in changes to improve accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Undesirable Trading Situations (UTS)</a> : <a href="#">09-Aug-21 UTS</a> investigation – EA consulting on preliminary decision relating to 9 Aug 2021 UTS, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> ; MEUG did not cross-submit, decision expected in September 2024.	TBA							
	ASX: Have new Clearing Member – Marex and Jarden have access	Ongoing							
<b>Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme</b>									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: consultation calendar <a href="#">here</a> (updated to October 2024); first EAAG meeting on 25 July; Members of the Distribution Connection Pricing Technical Group appointed, see <a href="#">here</a>		25 Th						
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> : Improving retail market monitoring, submissions due 29 Feb 2024, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , all submissions published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on consumer plan comparison and switching ( <a href="#">paper</a> ), decision paper released <a href="#">here</a> – 4 key areas of focus including procuring a comparison/switching service	Ongoing							
EA	Quarterly online updates: update held 27 June (link <a href="#">here</a> to recording), next update October 2024	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> : Code amendment omnibus #3, submissions due by 4 June, decisions expected in July	TBA							

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EA	Electricity consumer and industry wananga – first report published <a href="#">here</a> , next wananga in Sept	Ongoing							
EA	Part 6A exemption applications from Vector Limited and Manawa Energy Limited, detail <a href="#">here</a> , feedback sought by 21 May, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Part 6A exemption application from WEL Networks Limited, detail <a href="#">here</a> , feedback sought by 2 July	TBA							
<b>MEUG meetings / events</b>									
	MEUG weekly 45" opt-in	19 F		2 F	7 W	16 F		30 F	6 F
	Monthly meeting: AGM rescheduled to 23 July (Wellington), MEUG MEC meeting on 21 Aug		23 Tu				21 W		
<b>Transmission and distribution services</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks</a> : Indicative work programme published <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Distribution pricing</a> : Update on pricing reform released on 7 May, see update paper <a href="#">here</a> , open letter to distributors published <a href="#">here</a> .	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Default distributor agreements</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed changes to improve the default distributor agreement (DDA), subs due 31 July			31 W					
EA	TPM: EA to consult on connections charges under TPM in June 2024 (see <a href="#">here</a> )	TBA							
EA	Seeking feedback on <a href="#">draft Guidance</a> on distributor involvement in the flexibility services market – feedback closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Regulatory Control Period four</a> (RCP4) proposal for 2025 – 2030: Proposal lodged with ComCom on <a href="#">21 Nov</a>	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) project</a> Last update 12 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Net Zero Grid Pathways</a> : phase 1 approved by ComCom; decision to proceed with HVDC stage 1 enhancement project <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Discussion paper</a> : Examining the purpose and future role of our HVDC link, Summary of submission document published <a href="#">here</a> , Transpower to publish a project update on HVDC cable replacement project in early Aug 2024	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on long list of options for Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project, next steps TBC	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan</a> : Consultation on short list of options expected in mid-2024	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Murihiku Southland Electrification Development Plan</a> : Transpower and PowerNet published <a href="#">Development plan</a> on 20 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">Upper South Island Upgrade Project</a> : Now in stage 2 of project, will consult on short-list of options in 2024, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Transpower RCP4</a> : Draft decision released <a href="#">here</a> all subs <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs by 15 July, MEUG cross sub <a href="#">here</a> , final decisions by 30 Nov 2024	TBA							

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ComCom	Notice of intention: amendments to IMs for EDBs, GPBs and Transpower relating to treatment of insurance entitlements and other compensatory entitlements, draft decision expected early Q3 2024, final decision by Q4 2024	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Targeted information disclosure review for EDBs</a> : Next focused ID review announced - Information Disclosure (Input Methodologies) Amendments 2025, draft consultation paper expected in Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Amendments to Transpower information disclosure requirements 2024, subs due 30 July, cross subs by 15 Aug			30 Tu		15 Th			
ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path ( <a href="#">DPP4</a> ): Draft decision released <a href="#">here</a> , subs by 12 July, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , cross sub by 2 Aug, final decisions by 30 Nov 2024			2 F					
ComCom	<a href="#">Notice of Intention</a> : Process / timeframe for IM amendments for EDBs relating to reopeners / reopener event allowance, draft decision in early Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	2023 review of EDBs <a href="#">Asset Management Plans</a> : ComCom released 2 independent reports on EDBs AMPs on info disclosure and resilience – detail <a href="#">here</a> , next update in Q3 2024	TBA							
ComCom	MGUG have lodged an appeal relating to the 2023 IM Determinations for gas (1 Feb)	TBA							
ComCom	Draft decision on DPP reopener: Commission published <a href="#">draft decision</a> on Wellington Electricity unforeseeable major capex reopener, MEUG submission <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	CPP reopener: Aurora Energy Capacity Event CPP Reopener application submitted, detail <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							
ComCom	Published Unison Network unforeseeable major capex project DPP3 reopener Te Huka 3 application, draft decision released <a href="#">here</a> , subs due by 17 July	17 W							
<b>Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy</b>									
MBIE	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed regulatory regime for Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), submissions due 6 August				6 Tu				
MBIE	<a href="#">Advancing New Zealand's energy transition</a> : The Minister for Energy confirmed that the Government has committed to delivering an energy strategy – likely short and action focussed. Timing has not been confirmed.	TBA							
MfE	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on annual updates to NZ ETS limits and price control settings for units, subs due 14 June, <a href="#">webinars</a> on paper on 28/29 May, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed changes to NZ ETS regulations, subs due 14 June, <a href="#">webinars</a> on paper on 28/29 May, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE	MfE to announce public consultation on draft proposals to inform the second emissions reduction plan on 17 July, submissions due 28 August	17 W						28 W	
CCC	<a href="#">Consultation</a> : Draft advice on the fourth emissions budget (2036–2040), subs closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
CCC	<a href="#">Consultation</a> : Review of the 2050 emissions target, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							

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CCC	<a href="#">Consultation</a> : Review on whether emissions from international shipping and aviation should be included in the 2050 target, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE	Next ETS auction – 4 September 2024, NZUs at \$54.90 (Jarden, 16 July), 2024 auction calendar <a href="#">published</a>	Ongoing							4 W
MfE	<a href="#">Industrial allocation</a> : All parties submitted data for updating industrial allocations in Dec 2023, next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>Additional events and government workstreams</b>									
MBIE	<a href="#">NZ Energy Quarterly</a> Jan – March 2024 quarterly report released <a href="#">here</a> , next update on 12 September 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	<a href="#">Tree Hazard Regulations</a> : Govt announcement <a href="#">here</a> , amendments to the Regulations are expected to be Gazetted in Sept 2024.	TBA							
MBIE	Mid-point <a href="#">review</a> of the phase out of the Low Fixed Charge (LFC) regulations, data analysis and stakeholder engagement underway in May – July 2024, final report by Oct 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed minerals strategy to 2040, subs due by 31 July			31 W					
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime: Indicative timeline <a href="#">published</a> – Cabinet decisions on regime in June 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	<a href="#">Announcement</a> to reverse oil and gas exploration ban, detail on 2024 Proposed amendments to the Crown Minerals Act 1991 information available <a href="#">here</a> , introduction of bill in second half of 2024	TBA							
	<a href="#">Electricity Industry (Separation of Generation and Retail Business) Amendment Bill</a> - drawn from ballot, next steps TBA	TBA							
	Government introduce Fast-track Approvals Bill on 7 March, with select committee, detail <a href="#">here</a> , subs due 19 April, oral submissions underway, report back due 18 Oct	TBA							
	<a href="#">FlexForum</a> – July 2024 newsletter published <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
	<a href="#">Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue)</a> , parliament resumed		23 – 25	30 – 1	6 – 8		20 – 22	27 – 29	
	<b>Training:</b> <a href="#">Energy Link online training</a> –next courses in July	16 – 17	22 – 23	30 – 31	6 – 7				
	<b>Sector conferences / events:</b> Energy Trader forum in Auckland on 24 July, NZWEA speaker series – 24 July, NZ Energy Excellence Awards – <a href="#">28 August 2024</a> , ACCC regulatory conference ( <a href="#">Brisbane</a> ) on 1 – 2 Aug		24 W	1 – 2				28 W	
	<b>Public holidays:</b> Start of school term 3 on 22 July		22 M						

<b>TP</b> Transpower	<b>ComCom</b> Commerce Commission	<b>MBIE</b> Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
<b>EA</b> Electricity Authority	<b>CCC</b> Climate Change Commission	<b>MfE</b> Ministry for the Environment
<b>SO</b> System Operator		<b>EECA</b> Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

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