



MEUG near-term calendar from 14 April 2025 – public version

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum	15 Tu		29 Tu		13 Tu		27 Tu	
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 78% (SI total) of average as at 15 April	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised.	TBA							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for March 2025 ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – April 2025 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project : March 2025 industry presentation here , project expected to be completed by end June 2025.	Ongoing							
TP	Grid moves to shoulder ratings from 15 March 2025 to 10 May (see CAN 8 March)				10 Sa				
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2024 SoSA here ; published Security of Supply Outlook for 2025 here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on 2025 Security of Supply Assessment: Reference Case Assumptions and Sensitivities, all subs and response document published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP), subs and cross subs closed, all subs and cross subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: proposed outage plan for 2025/26 published here , webinar held 20 March (here), final approved plan to be published by 19 May						19 M		
TP	Consultation on Draft Ancillary Services Procurement Plan 2025, subs due 8 May, cross subs due 15 May				8 Th	15 Th			
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Consultation closed on addressing common quality requirements, Decision released on Part 8 Code amendments here – come into effect 1 May, next steps TBA			1 Th					
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : Decision paper released here , EA to progress six solutions, new outage rules effective from 1 Jan 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : EA has issued decision paper - issuing two information gathering notices to collect more data; EA running survey on barriers to new power generation – responses due 28 April			28 M					

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EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : Code amendments finalised for hybrid forecasting arrangement – decision paper here , amendments take effect 1 July 2025	Ongoing							
Spot / hedge markets									
ComCom	Contact seeks clearance to acquire Manawa (here); extended decision date to 9 May 2025 (see here)				9 F				
EA	Consultation on Expiry of Urgent Code for market making under high stress conditions, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Stress test disclosures : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end June; Decision released on changes to stress test regime (here) – changes take effect from 15 May 2025					15 Th			
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Improvements to hedge disclosure obligations went live 30 Oct 2024 (here)	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (Jan – March 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here ; New dashboard highlights flexibility hedge product trends – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation closed on updates to scarcity pricing settings, final decision released 14 March – will amend Code to revise scarcity prices (here), changes effective 17 April	17 Th							
EA	Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports , latest trading conduct report – 6 April 2025, EA energy margin dashboard, see here	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Government review of market performance									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Working paper published here , subs closed and published here , consultation paper in April 2025; Code change decision in June 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products</i> : Trading of product from Jan 2025, EA published the Standardised Flexibility Co-design Group's (Co-design Group) recommendations here , auction logs of results available here	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base</i> : EEAG input in Nov 2024, Outline published in Feb 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop</i> : EA published all feedback received, Consultation paper on level playing field measures , webinar held 13 March (recording here), workshops held 24, 26 & 27 March, subs due 7 May				7 W				
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times</i> : Consultation on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate, subs due, webinar held 12 Feb (recording here), subs and cross subs closed, Code change decision in June 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>2B Require all retailers to offer time-of-use pricing and Action 2C: Require retailers to better reward consumers for supplying power</i> : Consultation on Improving pricing plan options, subs and cross subs closed, webinar held 12 Feb (recording here), Code change decision in June 2025	TBA							

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EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Consultation paper possible in April, Code change decision in June 2025 (if required)	Ongoing							
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance: Frontier selected as lead consultation, MEUG met with reviewers on 24 March, Ministers expecting draft report in May	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: priority work programme here ; next EAAG meeting TBC, last SRC meeting held 27 Feb (papers here)	Ongoing							
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 6 high-value initiatives (see here); power innovation pathway day – 7 May	Ongoing			7 W				
EA	Quarterly online updates: update held 20 Feb (recording here), next update TBC	TBA							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring: Decision paper published here – EA will begin publishing aggregated retail data and insights on website end of 2025.	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer Care Obligations: published updated guidance here to support retailers with obligations from 1 April.	Ongoing							
EA	Improving consumer choice: decision paper released here , updated guidelines on saves and win-backs here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Code amendment omnibus #5, subs closed, decision paper released here ; changes come into effect 15 May and 1 July					15 Th			
EA	Consultation on 26 July 2024 under-frequency event, subs due 13 May					13 Tu			
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting – next meeting 23 April; Transpower CEO attending 9 May meeting		23 W		9 F		23 F		6 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: Online meeting on 30 April			30 W					
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing: Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, cross subs now 22 April		22 Tu						
EA	Consultation on Distribution connection pricing proposed Code amendment, webinar here , subs and cross-sub closed, all subs and cross subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks: Indicative work programme published here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Network connections project – stage one, webinar here subs and cross subs closed, all subs and cross subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Default distributor agreements (DDA): Decision paper on changes to DDA here , changes came into effect 25 Nov 2024	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology: decision paper here on changes to TPM, with changes effective 1 April 2026	Ongoing							
TP	Net Zero Grid Pathways: phase 1 approved by ComCom, Decision to proceed with HVDC stage 1 enhancement project here	Ongoing							

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TP	Consultation on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, subs closed, will be a major capex proposal submitted to Commerce Commission	TBA							
TP	Consultation on HVDC submarine cable replacement and enhancement investigation, all subs and summary here , Transpower entered a formal agreement with a supplier, next consultation in first half of 2025	TBA							
TP	Consultation on long list of options for Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project, all subs published here , consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan : Proposal submitted to ComCom on 20 Dec 2024 (summary doc), next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : Consultation on short list of options closed and subs published, further consultation on short list options for SI upgrades, subs due 5 May				5 M				
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Published updated TPM assumptions book version 2.0 here	Ongoing							
ComCom	Received and published Transpower's major capex proposal for Western Bay of Plenty, published draft decision here , subs due 29 April and cross subs by 15 May, final decision due early June 2025.			29 Tu		15 Th			
ComCom	Reopeners for EDBs: consultation on draft reopener guidance for EDBs, submissions due 6 May, Published Unison Network Limited's application for a catastrophic event DPP3 reopener; draft decision for consultation in due course	Ongoing			6 Tu				
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Application received from Powerco – see here	Ongoing							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Govt announced decisions on key elements of CCUS framework (here) released Cabinet papers here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand's energy transition : Status / timing of energy strategy TBC	TBA							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here	Ongoing							
CCC	Climate Change Commission must deliver their advice on NZ ETS unit limits and price control settings for 2026–2030 to Minister Watts by 18 April	18 F							
MfE	ETS: NZUs at \$54.90 (Jarden, 11 April), 2025 auction calendar published – next auction 18 June 2025	Ongoing							
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : EA held webinar on EAF methodology on 4 April; final 2024 allocative baselines published here	TBA							
Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Oct to Dec 2024 quarterly report here , next update on 12 June 2025	Ongoing							
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament on Tues 19 Dec (see here), report due on 17 Jun	TBA							

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MBIE	Announcement to reverse oil and gas exploration ban, Crown Minerals Amendment Bill with select committee, report back released 25 Oct (here), at third reading	TBA							
	Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill , passed its first reading, with Select Committee, subs due 17 April	17 Th							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2025 sitting calendar here				6 – 8	13 – 15	20 – 22		3 – 5
	Training: Energy Link online training 2025 dates here , Registry Manager users' course on 22/23 May in Christchurch and 12/13 June in Wellington (see here)			29 – 30			22/23		
	Sector conferences / events: ERANZ & ENA function – 29 April, BusinessNZ Solar Energy Breakfast event – 30 April ; H2 2 Zero summit – 28/29 May in Wellington; CEP2025 Conference – 27 & 28 May in Auckland; New Zealand Climate Change Impacts on Extreme Weather event– 30 May			29, 30				28 – 29, 30	
	Public holidays: Good Friday – 18 April, Easter Monday – 21 April, Anzac Day – 25 April, Kings Birthday – 2 June	18 F	21, 25						2 M

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

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