



MEUG near-term calendar from 16 March 2026 – public

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End Week starting Monday		16 March	23 March	30 March	6 April	13 April	20 April	27 April	4 May
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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		24 Tu		7 Tu		21 Tu		5 Tu
TP	HVDC planned outages: There are some limits on the HVDC restricting north flow throughout the week, however not expecting any market implications given the current state of power flows between islands.	Ongoing							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for February Energy Security Outlook	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – Dec 2025 report)	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on shoulder ratings from till 10 May (see CAN 8 March 2026)	Ongoing							
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published here , expect to commence consultation on a draft of SOSA 2026 in April	TBC							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan here ; draft annual outage plan 2026/27 here ; TP to hold the 26/27 Annual Outage Forum on 18 March, 1-2pm	18 W							
TP	Consultation on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), published summary of subs & recommendations here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on initial engagement paper – System Operator strategy, subs closed, all subs published here , next phase of consultation in mid-2026	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Authority has refreshed the FSR indicators – see here ; frequency and voltage common quality requirements updated	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Draft determination of causer: 11 July 2025 under frequency event, feedback closed, next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	Consultation on Wholesale market arrangements for battery energy storage systems, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : EA progressing six initiatives	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : Consultation on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
Spot / hedge markets									
TP	Consultation on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, subs published here , summary and response to subs document here , will include solution in next Policy Statement review, with consultation starting Q1 2026 completed by June 2026.	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Strengthening price discovery in the forward electricity markets, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Stress test disclosures : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due 25 March		25 W						
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (October to December 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Government market review									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Published an update paper; Code change decision TBC	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products</i> : consultation on Regulating the standardised super-peak hedge contract, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA; Consultation on Standardised super-peak hedge contract: clause 2.16 information notice, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base</i> : Outline published in Feb 2025	TBA							

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EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop: Consultation on Level playing field proposed Code amendments, subs closed, Consultation on Non-discrimination obligations: RPCA, uncommitted capacity & other matters, subs due 24 March, webinar held 5 March</i>		24 Tu						
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Decision paper published here; guidance resources available; Consultation on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers supply electricity at peak times, final decision paper here</i>	Ongoing							
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: Decision paper published here; guidance resources available</i>	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Decision made to introduce Emergency Reserve Scheme, code amendments in force, implement by Q4 2026; Feedback closed on standardised demand flexibility product.</i>	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Consultation on open letter to stakeholders seeking views on potential competition-based issues in the electricity sector that could assist the development of its 2026 work programme, feedback closed, subs published here	TBA							
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Government announcements here ; Frontier related Cabinet papers and briefings released here ; MBIE detail on LNG procurement here ; Govt aiming to have a preferred provider confirmed by mid-2026	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA work programme calendar out to July 2026 here ; EAAG meeting – 28 April (Wellington); SRC meeting papers – 23 February 2026; SRC advice to Authority – 10 March 2026 ; next consumer wananga event – 17 June	TBA						28 Tu	
EA	Quarterly update held 3 Dec (recording here) –next update TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on 2026/27 Levy-funded appropriations, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Code amendment omnibus #6, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on collecting energy margin information, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Maximising benefits from local electricity generation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	Transitioning to a more digital electricity system : summary of workshops here , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated data and insights end of 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer Care Obligations : published first annual report into compliance with obligations – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consumer mobility : Consultation on Evolving multiple trading relationships and switching, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving consumer choice : Consultation on Electricity Information Exchange Protocol 14A – Retailer product information, subs due 26 March		26 Th						
EA	Consultation on Improving prudential security arrangements, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Requiring the use of half-hourly data for reconciliation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting	20 F		3 F		17 F			8 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: In person meeting in Wellington on 18 March, online meeting on 29 April	18 W						29 W	
Transmission and distribution services									
EA / ComCom / EECA	Consultation on joint open letter - Ensuring consumers benefit from efficient investment in non-network solutions, feedback by 24 March		24 Tu						
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	Ongoing							
EA	Distribution connection pricing reform : Consultation on Removing barriers for new connections, subs and cross subs closed (proposals A, B C), subs published here , next steps TBA; made minor Code amendments for the four new requirements relating to EDBs' connection pricing methodologies, take effect from 1 April 2026	TBA		1 W					
EA	Consultation on Reducing barriers for new connections: WACC estimate for connection charge reconciliation, subs due 20 March	20 F							
EA	Network connections project : progress tracker – shift to 10kW export limits	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : update here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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TP	Consultation on proposed updated starting benefit-based investment (BBI) customer allocations (starting allocations) for the Central North Island (CNI) and High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Reactive Support BBIs, subs due 8 April				8 W				
TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, submitted proposal to Commission for approval (see here)	Ongoing							
TP	Te Kanapu: Consultation on phase 2: potential scenarios, subs closed, published consultation #3 – Future direction – our energy scenarios , subs due 30 March, also published summary of submissions on draft scenarios here			30 M					
TP	HVDC Link upgrade programme : major capex proposal submitted to ComCom; draft decision expected in March	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project closed, consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Waikato and upper North Island (WUNI) stage 2 project short-list, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower launched operational review of TPM (here), Consultation on TPM Operational Review Workstream 1, subs due 20 March, webinars held on 9 and 16 March	16, 20							
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision on the common cost of capital input methodologies review (fibre and regulated suppliers under Part 4), subs due 16 April, cross subs due 6 May					16 Th			6 W
ComCom	Consultation on Amendment to DPP4 default price quality path – Quality incentive adjustment correction, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision for Transpower’s Redclyffe (RDF) major capex project proposal, subs and cross subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Proposed amendments to Transpower Capex Input Methodologies Determination, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Draft decision on Transpower’s Upper South Island Major Capex Project (MCP) Proposal, subs and cross closed, subs and cross subs published here , steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision: Proposed amendment to the input methodologies for electricity distribution businesses – accounting for shifted revenue, subs and cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on Reconsideration of Aurora Energy Customised Price-Quality path – Error event reopener, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							

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ComCom	DPP5: Consultation on Open letter seeking feedback on approach to DPP5 for EDBs, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
Comcom	EDB Reopeners: Consultation on draft decision on Unison (Cyclone Gabrielle catastrophic event) reopener – subs closed, next steps TBA; Consultation on Reconsideration of DPP4 default price-quality path for Wellington Electricity – Central Park 2, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Current applications from Vector (2) and Powerco; approved INTSA application from Orion	Ongoing							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Govt decisions on key elements of CCUS framework here , next steps TBA	Ongoing							
MBIE	Energy strategies for New Zealand : Next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	NZ ETS Key dates, events and announcements here	Ongoing							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here								
MfE	NZUs at \$41.50 (Jarden, 13 March), ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed here , next auction on 9 June 2026	Ongoing							
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : Authority consulted on discussion paper looking at gas price data, subs closed; EA intend to publish a finalised version of the discussion document in April	Ongoing							
Additional events and government workstreams									
	Introduction of Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill to replace the RMA, both bills passed first reading, at Select Committee, consultation closed on both Bills, Select Committee report back due 26 June	TBA							
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly October to December quarter (Q4) 2025 here ; next update 11 June 2026	Ongoing							
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament (see here), at Committee of Whole House	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on High-temperature heat pumps guidance, subs close 20 March	20 F							
TP	Transpower's customer webinars – 26 March, 14 May, 23 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov		26 Th						
DPMC	Consultation on Enhancing the cyber security of New Zealand's critical infrastructure system, subs due 19 April, consultation meetings held 19 – 30 March (register here)	19, 20	23 – 26	30 M		19 Su			
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2026 sitting calendar here ; election date announced – 7 Nov		24 – 26	31 – 2			21 – 23	28 – 30	
	Training: Energy Link online training 2026 dates here – courses 3/4 March and 11/12 March, Brightstar energy courses here	17 – 18							5 – 6

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Sector conferences / events: Energy Centre Seminar – 19 March , EEA / ERA Re-Energise 26 launch event - 25 March, Downstream conference 31 March – 1 April 2026, Power Innovators Breakfast – 1 April, Energy Trader Forum – 15 April (Auckland) EA/ERGANZ event – 21 April, UDL Annual forum – 29/30 April , Competition Matters conference – 14 May , Electrify Queenstown event 17 – 19 May	19 Th	25 W	31 – 1		15 W	21 Tu	29/30	
Public holidays: Good Friday – 3 April, Easter Monday – 6 April, End of Term 1 – 2 April, Term 2 starts – 20 April, ANZAC Day – 25 April, ANZAC day observed – 27 April			2, 3	6 M		25 Sa	27 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	INFRA Infrastructure Commission	EECA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority

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