



## MEUG near-term calendar from 17 Feb 2025 – public version

Promoting  
a robust  
electricity  
market

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<b>Security of Supply</b>								
TP	Fortnightly <a href="#">System Operator informal forum</a>	18 Tu		4 Tu		18 Tu		1 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 81% (SI total) of average as at 18 Feb	Ongoing						
TP	HVDC planned outages: Pole 2 & 3 outages from 20 Feb to 8 March	20 – 23	24 – 2	3 – 8				
TP	<a href="#">Simulated storage trajectories</a> No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for Jan 2025 ERC update	Ongoing						
TP	<a href="#">New Zealand Generation Balance</a> (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update <a href="#">here</a> – Feb 2025 report)	Ongoing						
TP	<a href="#">Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project</a> : Dec 2024 industry presentation <a href="#">here</a> , project expected to be completed by end June 2025.	Ongoing						
TP	Grid on summer ratings till 15 March 2025 (see <a href="#">CAN 24 Nov</a> )				15 F			
TP	<a href="#">2024 Security of Supply Assessment</a> (SOSA): Final SoSA <a href="#">here</a> ; published Security of Supply Outlook for 2025 <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing						
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on 2025 Security of Supply Assessment: Reference Case Assumptions and Sensitivities, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA						
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Draft Policy Statement, subs closed, only one sub received, proposed policy provided to Authority	TBA						
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: proposed outage plan for 2025/26 published <a href="#">here</a> , webinar on proposed plan on 20 March, final approved plan to be published by 19 May					20 Th		
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on improving access to thermal fuel information, subs closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA						
EA	<a href="#">Future security and resilience (FSR) project</a> . <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on addressing common quality requirements and <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Part 8 Code amendment, next steps TBA	TBA						
EA	<a href="#">Managing peak electricity demand</a> : Decision paper released <a href="#">here</a> , EA to progress six solutions, new outage rules effective 1 Jan 2025	Ongoing						

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EA	<a href="#">Improving visibility of generation investment</a> : EA has issued <a href="#">decision paper</a> - issuing two information gathering notices to collect more data	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Review of forecasting provisions, next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>Spot / hedge markets</b>									
ComCom	Contact seeks clearance to acquire Manawa ( <a href="#">here</a> ), <a href="#">Statement of Preliminary Issues</a> released for, all subs <a href="#">here</a> , Commission issue a Statement of Issues for comment <a href="#">here</a> , subs due 21 Feb, cross subs 28 Feb, extended decision date to 31 March 2025	21 F	28 F					31 M	
EA	<a href="#">Stress test disclosures</a> : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end March	Ongoing						31 M	
EA	Hedge market and <a href="#">over the counter (OTC) market</a> : Improvements to hedge disclosure obligations went live 30 Oct 2024 ( <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Pricing in a renewables-based system</a> : Authority released second quarterly update on progress with MDAG recommendations <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on updates to scarcity pricing settings, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , final decision by April 2025	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Risk management review</a> : Published <a href="#">issues paper</a> with preliminary findings, all submissions published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Understanding <a href="#">Market monitoring weekly reports</a> , latest trading conduct <a href="#">report</a> –2 Feb 2025 EA energy margin dashboard, see <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
<b>Energy Competition Task Force</b>									
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Working paper published <a href="#">here</a> , subs due 28 Feb, EA held a webinar on 18 Feb (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), consultation paper in April 2025; Code change decision in June 2025	18 Tu	28 F						
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 <a href="#">here</a> , auction logs of results available <a href="#">here</a>	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, Initial views in Dec 2024, Options published in Feb 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times</i> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Requiring distributors to pay a rebate, webinar held 12 Feb (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), subs due 26 March, cross-subs by 9 April, Code change decision in June 2025						26 W		9 W
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> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on Improving pricing plan						26 W		9 W

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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							
<b>Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme</b>									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: priority work programme <a href="#">here</a> ; next EAAG meeting 20 Feb, next SRC meeting 27 Feb (see new members <a href="#">here</a> ), calling for nominations for vacancy on EAAG – due 6 March.	20 Th	27 Th	6 Th					
EA	<a href="#">Power Innovation Pathway</a> –44 applications received <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	Quarterly online updates: next update 20 Feb (register <a href="#">here</a> )	20 Th							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on new protocol for EIEP4A Medically dependent consumer information, subs due 28 Jan, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Improving retail market monitoring</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Amended information notice and updated analysis, all subs published, next steps TBA; published an <a href="#">open letter</a> to retailers and distributors introducing updated <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for communicating price changes.	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Improving consumer choice</a> : decision paper released <a href="#">here</a> , updated guidelines on saves and win-backs <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Code amendment omnibus #5, subs due 4 March			4 Tu					
<b>MEUG meetings / events</b>									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting – next meeting 14 March				14 F		18 F		11 F
	Monthly MEC meeting: Online meeting on 19 March					19 W			
<b>Transmission and distribution services</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Distribution pricing</a> : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs due 26 March, with <b>cross subs by 16 April</b>						26 W		
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Distribution connection pricing proposed Code amendment, webinar <a href="#">here</a> , subs and cross-sub closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , MEUG cross-sub <a href="#">here</a> , all cross subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks</a> : Indicative work programme published <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Network connections project – stage one, webinar <a href="#">here</a> subs and cross subs closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , MEUG cross sub <a href="#">here</a> , all cross subs published <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Default distributor agreements (DDA)</a> : Decision paper on changes to DDA <a href="#">here</a> , changes came into effect 25 Nov 2024	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Transmission Pricing Methodology</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed changes to the TPM closed, decision paper <a href="#">here</a> , changes effective 1 April 2026	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							

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TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on HVDC submarine cable replacement and enhancement investigation, all subs and summary <a href="#">here</a> . Transpower entered a formal agreement with a supplier, next consultation in Feb/April 2025	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on long list of options for Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBC	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan: Consultation</a> closed on short list of options, summary of subs <a href="#">here</a> , proposal submitted to ComCom on 20 Dec 2024 ( <a href="#">summary doc</a> ), next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Upper South Island Upgrade Project</a> : Now <a href="#">consulting</a> on short list of options, subs closed, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Published updated TPM assumptions book version 2.0 <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
ComCom	Received and <a href="#">published</a> Transpower's major capex proposal for Western Bay of Plenty, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	<a href="#">Transpower RCP4: final decision here</a> , effective 1 April 2025	Ongoing							
ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path (DPP4): Final decision <a href="#">here</a> , effective 1 April 2025	Ongoing							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision - Potential amendments to IMs for EDBs and Transpower for reopeners and other matters, subs closed, 5 subs received <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs closed, MEUG did not submit, final decision by 31 March							31 M	
<b>Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy</b>									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): <a href="#">Consultation</a> on proposed regulatory regime closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">Advancing New Zealand's energy transition</a> : Status / timing of energy strategy TBC	TBA							
MfE	<a href="#">Emissions reduction plans</a> : ERP2 released <a href="#">here</a>	Ongoing							
CCC	Call for evidence: next National Climate Change Risk Assessment (see <a href="#">here</a> ), evidence welcome up until 31 March 2025							31 M	
MfE	ETS: NZUs at \$63.40 (Jarden, 14 Feb) 2025 auction calendar <a href="#">published</a> – next auction 19 March 2025	Ongoing				19 W			
MfE	<a href="#">Industrial allocation</a> : MEUG engaging with Electricity Authority to discuss EAF – webinar and workshop likely to be held Q1 2025; final 2024 allocative baselines published <a href="#">here</a>	TBA							

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<b>Additional events and government workstreams</b>									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly July to Sept 2024 quarterly report <a href="#">here</a> , next update on 13 March 2025	Ongoing			13 Th				
MBIE	<a href="#">Offshore renewable energy regime</a> : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament on Tues 19 Dec (see <a href="#">here</a> ), Select committee received subs (detail <a href="#">here</a> ), MEUG did not submit, report due on 17 Jun	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">Announcement</a> to reverse oil and gas exploration ban, Crown Minerals Amendment Bill with select committee, <a href="#">subs</a> closed, report back released 25 Oct ( <a href="#">here</a> ), <a href="#">at third reading</a>	TBA							
MBIE	<a href="#">Review</a> of the Commerce Act 1986 to ensure competition settings remain fit for purpose, subs closed, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA.	TBA							
NZPAM	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on draft minerals programme for minerals and draft minerals programme for petroleum, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
	<a href="#">Consumer and Product Data Bill</a> : <a href="#">Consultation</a> with select committee closed, <a href="#">final report</a> made 23 Dec 2024, awaiting second reading	TBA							
	<a href="#">Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue)</a> , 2025 sitting calendar <a href="#">here</a>	18 – 20		4 – 6	11 – 13		25 – 27	1 – 3	8 – 10
	<b>Training:</b> <a href="#">Energy Link online training</a> –first course 4/5 March & 2025 dates <a href="#">here</a> , Uni of Auckland Summer School in energy economics, <a href="#">17 – 19 Feb</a> Authority & Transpower <a href="#">workshop</a> on conservation campaigns & rolling outages – 27 Feb, <a href="#">Brightstar</a> Fundamentals of NZ Electricity Industry course – 12/13 March, Transpower / Electricity Authority Industry Exercise – 4/18 March and 9 April	17 – 19	27 Th	4 – 5	11 – 13	18- 19			
	<b>Sector conferences / events</b> Launch of Northern Infrastructure Action Plan – 19 Feb, Transpower customer webinar – 26 Feb, Infrastructure resilience conference in Auckland – <a href="#">18/19 March</a> , Downstream conference - .20 / 21 March, Energy Trader Forum – 2 April ( <a href="#">register</a> ), UDL annual forum – 3 April ( <a href="#">register here</a> )	19 W	26 W			18 – 21		2, 3	
	<b>Public holidays:</b> Daylight savings ends – 6 April							6 S	

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| <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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