



MEUG near-term calendar from 19 May 2025 – public version

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		27 Tu		10 Tu		24 Tu		8 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 91% (SI total) of average as at 19 May	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised.	TBA							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for April 2025 ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – May 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 on winter ratings ill 20 October (see CAN 3 May)	Ongoing							
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2024 SoSA here ; Consultation on draft SOSA 2025, subs due 3 June			3 Tu					
TP	Review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP) : Expect to consult on a draft SOSFIP amendment proposal in Sept 2025 and submit a final proposal to the Authority late 2025	Ongoing							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan published here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Draft Ancillary Services Procurement Plan 2025, subs and cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Credible Event - Review of groups of generating units, subs due 11 June				11 W				
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Decision on Part 8 Code amendments here – came into effect 1 May, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs due 17 June	Ongoing				17 Tu			
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	Ongoing							

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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 31 July 2025	Ongoing							
Spot / hedge markets									
EA	Consultation on Expiry of Urgent Code for market making under high stress conditions, 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 end June							30 M	
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Improvements to hedge disclosure obligations went live 30 Oct 2024 (here)	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Improving visibility of competition in the OTC contract market, subs due 26 May		26 M						
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	Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports , latest trading conduct report –4 May 2025	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and Market review									
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 , will publish an update paper in May; 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> : Consultation paper on level playing field measures , webinar held 13 March (recording here), workshops held in March, subs closed, MEUG sub here and NZIER report here , next steps TBA	TBA							
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	TBA							

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EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility</i> : Will publish an issues and options paper in May, Code change decision in June 2025 (if required)	Ongoing							
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Frontier selected as lead consultation, Ministers expecting draft report in May	Ongoing							
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: next EAAG meeting 11 June, last SRC meeting held 27 Feb (papers here); third consumer-focused wānanga on 21 May	21 W			11 W				
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 6 high-value initiatives (see here); power innovation pathway day held 7 May (see here)	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on Green Paper - Working together to meet the needs of New Zealanders, subs due 4 June			4 W					
EA	Quarterly online updates: change of date next quarterly update on 28 May (register here)		28 W						
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated retail data and insights on website end of 2025; extension application form and updated FAQ posted on site.	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 26 July 2024 under-frequency event, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
	Consultation on 14 Jan 2025 under under-frequency event, subs due 29 May		29 Th						
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting –EA scheduled to attend 23 May meeting	23 F		6 F		19 Th		4 Fr	
	Monthly MEC meeting: AGM on 25 June – in person meeting					25 W			
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs and cross subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Distribution connection pricing proposed Code amendment, webinar here , subs and cross-sub closed, all subs published here , all cross subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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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 published here , all 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 project here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, subs closed, will be a major capex proposal submitted to Commerce Commission	TBA							
TP	Consultation on short list for HVDC Link upgrade programme, subs due 20 June, ran a webinar on proposal on 21 May – click here	21 W				20 F			
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 : Further consultation on short list options for SI upgrades, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Published updated TPM assumptions book version 2.0 here ; Transpower running a TPM post implementation survey (here), responses due 21 May	21 W							
ComCom	Received and published Transpower's major capex proposal for Western Bay of Plenty, published draft decision here , subs closed, cross subs closed, final decision due early June 2025.	TBA							
ComCom	Reopeners for EDBs: consultation on draft reopener guidance for EDBs, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA; Published Unison Network Limited's application for a catastrophic event DPP3 reopener; draft decision for consultation in due course	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on open letter on proposed approach to Aurora's transition to DPP4, subs closed, draft decision expected in July.	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision on the Firstlight (Cyclone Gabrielle catastrophic event) reopener, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Application received from Powerco – see here ; Consultation on draft Innovation and Non-Traditional Solutions Allowance (INTSA) guidance, feedback due 6 June	Ongoing		6 F					

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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							
MfE	ETS: NZUs at \$56.00 (Jarden, 16 May 2025 auction calendar published – next auction 18 June 2025	Ongoing				18 W			
MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : EA held webinar on EAF on 4 April	TBA							
MPI	Consultation on proposed changes to forestry in the Emissions Trading Scheme, subs now due 23 May	23 F							
Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Oct to Dec 2024 quarterly report here , next update on 12 June 2025	Ongoing			12 Th				
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament on 19 Dec (see here), report due 17 June					17 Tu			
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							
NEMA	Consultation on the Emergency Management Bill, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
	Term of Parliament (Enabling 4-year Term) Legislation Amendment Bill , with Select Committee, subs closed, report back due 5 Sept	TBA							
XRB	Request for Information on Climate Reporting 2025, feedback closes 13 June				13 F				
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2025 sitting calendar here	20 – 22		3 – 5			24 – 26		
	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)	22/23			12 – 13				8 – 9
	Sector conferences / events: H2 2 Zero summit – 28/29 May in Wellington; CEP2025 Conference – 27 & 28 May in Auckland; Transpower stakeholder event – 29 May, NZ Climate Change Impacts on Extreme Weather event– 30 May , Taranaki Energy Forum – 18 June, Transpower customer webinar – 18 June		28 – 29, 30			18 W			
	Public holidays: Kings Birthday – 2 June, Matariki 20 June, school holidays from 28 June – 13 July			2 M		20 F	28 Sa		13 Su

 Decision / Holiday  Meeting / Event  10 Deadline (# = possible MEUG sub)



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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