



Major Electricity Users' Group

MEUG near-term calendar from 20 October 2025 – public version

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a robust
electricity
market

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		28 Tu		11 Tu		25 Tu		9 Tu
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised	TBA							
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for Sept ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – October 2025 report	Ongoing							
TP	Grid on shoulder ratings from 20 Oct to 1 Dec (see CAN 13 Oct)	20 M						1 M	
TP	Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final 2025 SoSA published here	Ongoing							
TP	Review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP): Consultation on draft amendment proposal for SOSFIP, subs due 4 Nov, cross subs due 11 Nov			4 Tu	11 Tu				
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: Final 2025/26 plan published here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Part 8 Code Amendment – Connected Asset Commissioning, Testing and Information Standard (CACTIS), subs closed, MEUG provided comments via email, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Ancillary Services tender 2025 now open, information here , tender response due 5 Nov			5 W					
EA	Consultation on Review of urgent Code amendment to the System Operator's information gathering powers, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Decision on Part 8 Code amendments here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply – Code amendment proposal on common quality-related information, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBC	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Future system operation project - Distribution system operation, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Frequency-related Code amendment proposals, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	Consultation on Battery energy storage systems roadmap, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Promoting reliable electricity supply: A voltage-related Code amendment proposal, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : Decision paper released here , EA to progress six solutions	Ongoing							
EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : Generation investment dashboard published here ; Consultation on Improving visibility of significant distributed generation and load projects: clause 2.16 information notice, subs due 3 Nov			3 M					
EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : onboarding form for new intermittent generators or site here	Ongoing							
Spot / hedge markets									
ComCom	Authorisation for Huntly Strategic Energy Reserve : Consultation on draft determination, subs and cross subs closed, MEUG sub here , all subs and cross subs here , decision by 16 Feb 2026	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Evolving market resource co-ordination: Tiebreaker provisions, subs and cross 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 Dec	Ongoing							
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Decision to introduce new info disclosure requirements for OTC – see here ; workshop held 23 Sept (recording here); first sub made 14 Oct	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released latest quarterly update (April to June 2025) on progress with MDAG recommendations here	Ongoing							
Energy Competition Task Force and 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	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1C: Prepare for virtual disaggregation of the flexible generation base</i> : Outline published in Feb 2025	TBA							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1D: Investigate level playing field measures such as non-discrimination rules as a regulatory backstop</i> : Announcements of next steps to level the playing field here , Consultation on Level playing field proposed Code amendments, subs due 25 Nov, Consultation on a review of market making - Nov						25 Tu		

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EA / ComCom	Action 2A: Requiring distributors to pay a rebate when consumers export electricity at peak times: Decision paper published here ; guidance resources available	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	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	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility: Consultation on Emergency Reserve Scheme Code amendment proposal. Subs due 14 Nov, decision expected by end of year, taking effect May 2026				14 F				
MBIE	Review of Electricity Market Performance : Government announcements on 1 Oct – see detail here ; ROI for LPG here – closing date 17 Nov, RFI for leveraging Govt energy demand here – closing date 12 Nov				12 W	17 M			
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: EA priority initiatives calendar out to March 2026 here , EA Pro-competition policy reform roadmap here ; SRC meeting papers – 26 August 2025	Ongoing							
EA	Quarterly update held 21 Aug, recording here , next update TBC	TBC							
EA	Power Innovation Pathway – regulatory support to be provided to 8 high-value initiatives; EA open second priority round of Pathway, application open till 31 Oct		31 F						
EA	Consultation on Maximising benefits from local electricity generation, subs due 19 Nov, webinar on proposals – 30 October, register here		30 Th			19 W			
EA	Consultation on Our future is digital, subs closed, all subs published here , EA ran workshops on digitalisation project on 8/11/12/15 Sept, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Green Paper , subs closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Evolving multiple retailing and switching, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : EA will begin publishing aggregated data and insights end of 2025, retail market monitoring notice amended here	Ongoing							

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EA	Consumer Care Obligations : Next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving consumer choice : decision paper released here , updated guidelines on saves and win-backs here Consultation on Improving electricity billing in New Zealand, subs due 5 Nov; Consultation on Proposed Code amendments to improve access to product data, subs due 18 Nov; Consultation on Improving prudential security arrangements, subs due 28 Nov; Consultation on Requiring the use of half-hourly data for reconciliation, subs due 21 Nov			5 W		18, 21	28 F		
EA	Consultation on Enabling consumer mobility by improving access to electricity product data, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA								
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting, MEUG Executive Director on leave 18 – 19 Nov	20, 24		7 F		18 – 19, 21		5 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: Next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 29 Oct (online) and 10 Dec		29 W						10 W
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Distribution pricing : Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Distribution connection pricing : technical consultation closed on Distribution connection pricing fast-track measures; online Q&A sessions on 11 Sept, 9 Oct and 13 Nov (register here), Code amendments finalised here				13 Th				
EA	Network connections project : decision paper released here , technical consultation on Network connections project (stage one) Code drafting, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Default distributor agreements (DDA) : Current DDA came into effect 25 Nov 2024	Ongoing							
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : consultation on TPM technical amendments: subs closed and subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Exploring network visibility, subs closed, Wellington workshop held 18 Sept – material from workshop available on website here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Ōtāhuhu–Whakamaru A and B Lines reconductoring project, subs closed, summary of subs here , preparing application for ComCom to submit later in 2025	TBA							
TP	Te Kanapu : Te Kanapu Workshop – 29 Oct (Wellington); Consultation on phase 2: potential scenarios, subs due 14 Nov		29 W		14 F				

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TP	Consultation on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, TP submitted major capex proposal to ComCom on 12 June, application here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	HVDC Link upgrade programme : subs closed on short list, subs published here , webinar held 9 Sept to discuss proposal, major capex proposal submitted to ComCom	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	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : TP have applied to ComCom for approval of USI project (see here)	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology (TPM): Transpower ran a TPM post implementation survey, webinars held in July	Ongoing							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision – reconsideration of DPP3 DPP – CPI error in reopeners, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	DPP5: Consultation on Open letter seeking feedback on approach to DPP5 for EDBs, , next steps TBA	TBA							
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision paper for Aurora Energy's transition to the 2025 2030 default price-quality path, subs closed, cross subs closed, MEUG did not submit, subs and cross 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; Published Wellington Electricity unforeseeable large project reopener; Final reopener guidance published here	TBA							
ComCom	Innovation Allowances for EDBs (INTSA): Final INTSA guidance and feedback on draft here ; current applications from Vector (2) and Horizon	Ongoing							
TP & EDB	Consultation on Energizing Queenstown – joint project between TP, Aurora and PowerNet, feedback closed, MEUG did not submit, next steps TBA	TBA							
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	TBA							
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand's energy transition : Energy strategy expected before end of this year	TBA							
MBIE	Consultation on Regulatory proposals for natural and orange hydrogen development, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
MfE:	NZ ETS Key dates, events and announcements here	TBA							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : ERP2 released here	Ongoing							
MfE	NZUs at \$55.25 (Jarden, 17 Oct),2025 auction calendar published – next auction 3 Dec 2025; ETS 2026 auction dates confirmed here	Ongoing						3 W	

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MfE / EA	Industrial allocation : 2025 EAF released here	Ongoing							
Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	Consultation on Improving the transparency of the gas market, subs due 7 Nov			7 F					
MBIE	Consultation on draft Geothermal Strategy for NZ, subs closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly: Jan to March 2025 quarterly report here , June quarter update here , next update 11 Dec	Ongoing							11 Th
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime : Offshore Renewable Energy Bill introduced into Parliament (see here), at second reading; Cabinet making changes to legislation – see here	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on Unlocking the potential of demand flexibility in homes, subs due 10 Nov				10 M				
EECA	Consultation on regulatory policy options for increasing the energy efficiency of heat pump water heaters (HPWH), subs due 31 Oct		31 F						
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , 2025 sitting calendar here	21 – 23		4 – 6	11- 13	18- 20			9 – 11
	Training : Energy Link online training 2025 dates here ; Brightstar course - The Fundamentals of Renewable Energy & Energy Transition 19/20 Nov; EA Reconciliation Manager user forum – 23 Oct (register here)	21 – 22, 23				19/20			
	Sector conferences / events : Green Energy Engineering Seminar – Auckland Uni 22 Oct , Energy Trader Forum – 17 Oct , NZ Geothermal workshop – 11 – 13 Nov , Seminar on Germany Energy Policies - Auckland Uni 12 Nov , NZ Power Summit (Auckland) – 18/19 Nov , Energy Trader Forum – 3 Dec (Wellington)	22 W			11 – 13	18/19		3 W	
	Public holidays : Term 4 start 6 Oct, Labour Day – 27 Oct		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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