



## MEUG near-term calendar from 24 March 2025 – public version

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electricity  
market

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<b>Security of Supply</b>									
TP	Fortnightly <a href="#">System Operator informal forum</a>		1 Tu		15 Tu		29 Tu		13 Tu
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now a 75% (SI total) of average as at 24 March	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: None advised.	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Simulated storage trajectories</a> No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for Feb 2025 ERC update	Ongoing							
TP	<a href="#">New Zealand Generation Balance</a> (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update <a href="#">here</a> – March 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 moves to shoulder ratings from 15 March 2025 to 10 May (see <a href="#">CAN 8 March</a> )							10 Sa	
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, all subs and response document published <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	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on review of the System Operator Security of Supply Forecasting and Information Policy (SOSFIP), subs closed, all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , cross subs due 31 March		31 M						
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: proposed outage plan for 2025/26 published <a href="#">here</a> , webinar held 20 March ( <a href="#">here</a> ), final approved plan to be published by 19 May	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on improving access to thermal fuel information, subs closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , all subs published; Urgent code change made to enhance info gathering power for Transpower (SO) – see <a href="#">here</a> , effective from 14 March	TBA							

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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 from 1 Jan 2025	Ongoing							
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, Code amendments finalised for hybrid forecasting arrangement – decision paper <a href="#">here</a> , amendments take effect 1 July 2025	Ongoing							
<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 closed, subs published <a href="#">here</a> , extended decision date to 31 March 2025		31 M						
EA	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Expiry of Urgent Code for market making under high stress conditions, subs due 14 April				14 M				
EA	<a href="#">Stress test disclosures</a> : applies to consumers grid connected or who buy from Clearing Manager; next disclosure due end March		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 released 14 March – will amend Code to revise scarcity prices – see <a href="#">here</a> , changes effective 17 April				17 Th				
EA	<a href="#">Risk management review</a> : Published <a href="#">issues paper</a> with preliminary findings, all submissions published <a href="#">here</a> , published summary of review findings <a href="#">here</a> – provides evidence base for Level playing field work	TBA							
EA	Understanding <a href="#">Market monitoring weekly reports</a> , latest trading conduct <a href="#">report</a> – 9 March 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 closed and published <a href="#">here</a> , EA webinar held 18 Feb (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), 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 <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							

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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 <a href="#">on level playing field measures</a> , webinar held 13 March (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), workshops held on 24, 26 & 27 March (see <a href="#">here</a> ), subs due 23 April	24, 26, 27				23 W			
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, subs due , 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 options, subs due 26 March, subs due 26 March, cross-subs by 9 April, webinar held 12 Feb (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), Code change decision in June 2025	26 W		9 W					
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility:</i> 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 2 April, last SRC meeting held 27 Feb (papers <a href="#">here</a> )		2 W						
EA	<a href="#">Power Innovation Pathway</a> – regulatory support to be provided to 6 high-value initiatives (see <a href="#">here</a> )	Ongoing							
EA	Quarterly online updates: update held 20 Feb (recording <a href="#">here</a> ), next update TBC	TBA							
EA	<a href="#">Improving retail market monitoring:</a> <a href="#">Consultation</a> closed on Amended information notice and updated analysis, all subs published, decision paper published <a href="#">here</a> – EA will begin publishing aggregated retail data and insights on website end of 2025; published an <a href="#">open letter</a> to retailers and distributors introducing updated <a href="#">Guidelines</a> for communicating price changes.	Ongoing							
EA	<a href="#">Consumer Care Obligations:</a> published updated guidance <a href="#">here</a> to support retailers with obligations from 1 April.		1 Tu						
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 closed, MEUG sub <a href="#">here</a> , met with Authority to discuss on 10 March, all subs published, next steps TBA	TBA							
<b>MEUG meetings / events</b>									
	MEUG fortnightly opt-in meeting – next meeting 28 March (Concept consulting attending); James Kilty attending 9 April meeting	28 F		11 F		24 Th		9 F	
	Monthly MEC meeting: Online meeting on 30 April						30 W		
<b>Transmission and distribution services</b>									
EA	<a href="#">Distribution pricing:</a> Consultation on distribution generation pricing principles, subs due 3 April (extension) with cross subs by 16 April		3 Th		16 W				

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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 <a href="#">here</a> and all cross subs <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> : decision paper <a href="#">here</a> on changes to TPM, with 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							
TP	<a href="#">Consultation</a> on Resilience at Redclyffe substation, subs closed, will be a major capex proposal submitted to Commerce Commission	TBA							
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 all subs published <a href="#">here</a> , reviewing demand forecasts and looking at NTS following submissions, consultation on shortlist in late 2025, submit application to ComCom in first half of 2026	TBA							
TP	<a href="#">Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan</a> : <a href="#">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, subs published, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Transmission pricing methodology ( <a href="#">TPM</a> ): 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, will be publishing draft decision on 3 April, followed by a 6 week consultation period, then final decision due early June 2025.		3 Th						
ComCom	Transpower RCP4: final decision <a href="#">here</a> , effective 1 April 2025		1 Tu						
ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path ( <a href="#">DPP4</a> ): Final decision <a href="#">here</a> , effective 1 April 2025		1 Tu						
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, final decision by 31 March		31 M						

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<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, Govt announced decisions on key elements of CCUS framework ( <a href="#">here</a> ) and published all subs <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						
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 \$58.50 (Jarden, 21 March), on 19 March, the Q1 auction declined with no bids, 2025 auction calendar <a href="#">published</a> – next auction 18 June 2025	Ongoing							
MfE / EA	<a href="#">Industrial allocation</a> : EA holding webinar on EAF methodology on 4 April (register <a href="#">here</a> ), final 2024 allocative baselines published <a href="#">here</a>		4 F						
<b>Additional events and government workstreams</b>									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly Oct to Dec 2024 quarterly report <a href="#">here</a> , next update on 12 June 2025	Ongoing							
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 ( <a href="#">here</a> ), 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							
	<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, second reading held 6 March, with committee of whole house	TBA							
	<a href="#">Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue)</a> , 2025 sitting calendar <a href="#">here</a>	25 – 27	1 – 3	8 – 10				6 – 8	13 – 15
	<b>Training</b> : <a href="#">Energy Link online training</a> 2025 dates <a href="#">here</a> , Transpower / Electricity Authority Industry Exercise – 9 April, Registry Manager users' course on 22/23 May in Christchurch and 12/13 June in Wellington (see <a href="#">here</a> )			9 W			29 – 30		
	<b>Sector conferences / events</b> : NZGA Powering our Future <a href="#">event</a> – 27 March, BEC event on fission/fusion – <a href="#">27 March</a> , Offshore renewable energy <a href="#">forum</a> – 1 – 2 April, Energy Trader Forum – 2 April ( <a href="#">register</a> ), UDL annual forum – 3 April (register <a href="#">here</a> ), Young Energy Professionals Network Auckland event - 9 April, New Zealand Energy Conference – <a href="#">14/15 March</a> , ERANZ & ENA function – 29 April	27 Th	1 – 3	9 W	14 – 15		29 Tu		
	<b>Public holidays</b> : Daylight savings ends – 6 April, End of term 1 – 11 April, Good Friday – 18 April, Easter Monday - 21 April, Anzac Day – 25 April		6 S	11 F	18 F	21, 25			

**XX** Decision / Holiday    **XX** Meeting / Event    **9** Deadline (# = possible MEUG sub)



<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

\*CALENDAR ENDS\*