



MEUG near-term calendar from 11 Nov 2024 – public version

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Security of Supply									
TP	Fortnightly System Operator informal forum		19 Tu		3 Tu		17 Tu		
TP	Lower South Island (LSI) security issues (very low lake levels) being monitored: now at 147% (SI total) of average as at 11 November	Ongoing							
TP	HVDC planned outages: Outages around the HVDC Link mean the DC will run at reduced capacity (150MW less than max North / 100MW less than max South) between 12 and 19 Nov.	12 – 17	18 – 19						
TP	Simulated storage trajectories No forecasts cross the Watch curve, commentary up for Oct 2024	Ongoing							
TP	New Zealand Generation Balance (NZGB): forecast over next 200 days; latest update here – October 2024 report	Ongoing							
TP	Automated Under Frequency Load Shedding (AUFLS) Project : Phase 4 commenced in Jan 2024; project expected to be completed end June 2025	TBA							
TP	Grid on shoulder ratings from 20 Oct to 1 Dec (see CAN 13 Oct)			1 Su					
TP	2024 Security of Supply Assessment (SOSA): Final SoSA here ; published Security of Supply Outlook for 2025 here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on Draft Policy Statement, subs due 23 Oct, only one sub received, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	System Operator Rolling Outage Plan: current plan here , took effect on 1 Sept 2024	Ongoing							
TP	Review of credible power system events , scope of review published here , will consult with industry participants	TBA							
TP	Consultation on HVDC Single Pole Risk Classification & Cable Discharge Modelling Reviews, subs closed, 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							31 Tu
EA	Managing peak electricity demand : Decision paper released here , EA to progress six solutions	TBA							
EA	Consultation on First steps in improving outage coordination, subs closed, all subs published here , next steps – aim to implement by Jan 2025	TBA							

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EA	Improving visibility of generation investment : consultation closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Future security and resilience (FSR) project . Consultation on addressing common quality information requirements, subs due 12 Nov	12 Tu							
EA	Consultation on Part 8 Code amendment – Part 1, subs due 12 Nov	12 Tu							
EA	Consultation on The future operation of New Zealand's power system , submissions closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Draft determination of causer: 27 June 2024 underfrequency event, subs due 15 Nov	15 F							
EA	Instantaneous reserve cost allocation : consultation closed, MEUG did not submit, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Gas Security Response Group : Terms of reference available here , report back to Cabinet here and here , next steps – report back in Oct 2024	TBA							
Spot / hedge markets									
ComCom	Contact seeks clearance to acquire Manawa, detail here , Statement of Preliminary Issues released for Contact's proposed acquisition of Manawa here , subs closed, MEUG sub here , decision due by 26 Nov			26 Tu					
EA	Hedge market and over the counter (OTC) market : Decision paper on improvements to hedge disclosure obligations here –went live from 30 Oct	Ongoing							
EA	Pricing in a renewables-based system : Authority released second quarterly update on progress with MDAG recommendations – see here	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation on updates to scarcity pricing settings, subs due 29 Nov, with final decision by April 2025			29 F					
EA	Risk management review : Published issues paper with preliminary findings and seek feedback by 18 Dec						18 W		
EA	Understanding Market monitoring weekly reports , latest trading conduct report – 27 Oct 2024 EA energy margin dashboard, see here (from 7 July to 27 Oct)	Ongoing							
EA	Financial transmission rights : Decision paper released 6 June 2023 showed FTR market fit for purpose	Ongoing							
EA	Improving the accuracy of intermittent generation forecasts : Consultation paper : Review of forecasting provisions for intermittent generators – proposed Code amendments, subs due 15 Nov	15 F							
Energy Competition Task Force									
EA / ComCom	Hosting two online Q&A forums – 5 & 20 November (register here and here)		20 W						
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1A: Consider requiring gentailers to offer firming for Power Purchase Agreements</i> : Working paper published in Jan 2025, consultation paper in April 2025; Code change decision in June 2025	Ongoing							

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EA / ComCom	<i>Action 1B: Introduce standardised flexibility products:</i> Co-design group appointed (see here), industry co-design Sept – Nov 2024, Market testing Dec 2024, initial voluntary trading from Jan 2025	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> Called for early input from stakeholders (see here), 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> EEAG input in Sept/Oct 2024, Consultation paper published in Feb 2025, Code change decision in June 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>2B Require all retailers to offer time-of-use pricing:</i> Consultation paper published in Feb 2025, Code change decision in June 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2C: Require retailers to better reward consumers for supplying power:</i> EEAG input in Sept/Oct 2024, Consultation paper published in Feb 2025, Code change decision in June 2025	Ongoing							
EA / ComCom	<i>Action 2D: Reward industrial consumers for providing short-term demand flexibility:</i> Consultation (if required), Code change decision in June 2025 (if required), MEUG workshop with EA staff scheduled for 22 Nov	Ongoing	22 F						
Electricity Authority meetings / corporate work programme									
EA	Advisory groups and SRC: priority work programme here ; EAAG meeting held 11 Nov	11 M							
EA	Launched Power Innovation Pathway (here) – applications now closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation on Authority's 2025/26 levy-funded appropriations opens on Friday 15 November, with subs due 13 Dec	15 F				13 F			
EA	Consumer care guidelines : Consultation closed, subs published here , 2 key protections of the Consumer Care Guidelines – prohibiting retailers from disconnecting customers they know to be medically dependent for non-payment and requiring any fees or charges to be reasonable - will apply from 1 Jan 2025. Remaining obligations will take effect 1 April 2025 (see here)								1 W
EA	Published Internal Transfer Price and Retail Gross Margin post implementation review, Authority intends to reconsider the role of ITPs and the ITP/RGM disclosure regime	Ongoing							
EA	Improving retail market monitoring : Consultation on Amended information notice and updated analysis, subs closed, all subs published, next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Improving consumer choice : decision paper released here – 4 key areas of focus including procuring a comparison/switching service	Ongoing							
EA	Consultation – Code review programme #6, subs closed, subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
EA	Consultation - Code amendment omnibus #4, subs due 15 Oct, MEUG made short sub (see here), all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							

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EA	Quarterly online updates: update held 10 October 2024 (recording here), next update scheduled for 11 Dec					11 W			
MEUG meetings / events									
	MEUG weekly 45" opt-in, Executive Director on Xmas leave from 24 Dec – 5 Jan	15 F	22 F	29 F		13 F			
	Monthly meeting: MEUG MEC meeting on 5 Dec, short MEC meeting on 18 Dec				5 Th		18 W		
Transmission and distribution services									
EA	Updating regulatory settings for distribution networks : Indicative work programme published here ; webinar held on 11 Nov on proposals to improve connections	11 M							
EA	Consultation on Network connections project – stage one, subs due 6 Dec				6 F				
EA	Consultation on Distribution connection pricing proposed Code amendment, subs due 6 Dec				6 F				
EA	Distribution pricing : Update on pricing reform released on 7 May, see update paper here , open letter to distributors published here .	TBA							
EA	Default distributor agreements (DDA) : Consultation on proposed changes to improve the DDA, all subs published here , released decision paper on changes here , changes come into effect on 25 Nov			25 M					
EA	Transmission Pricing Methodology : Consultation on proposed changes to the TPM closed, all subs published here , next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Final customer webinar for year to be held on 27 November			27 W					
TP	Regulatory Control Period four (RCP4) proposal for 2025 – 2030: Proposal lodged with ComCom on 21 Nov , Transpower's expenditure allowance and quality standards approved, final decisions on 20 November		20 W						
TP	Net Zero Grid Pathways : phase 1 approved by ComCom, Decision to proceed with HVDC stage 1 enhancement project here	Ongoing							
TP	Consultation on HVDC submarine cable replacement and enhancement investigation, all subs and summary published here , next formal consultation in Feb/April 2025	TBA							
TP	Consultation on long list of options for Waikato Regional Interconnection Capacity Project, MEUG sub here , next steps TBC	TBA							
TP	Western Bay of Plenty Development Plan : Consultation closed on short list of options, summary of subs here , next steps – developing a Major Capex Proposal	TBA							
TP	Murihiku Southland Electrification Development Plan : Transpower and PowerNet published Development plan on 20 Dec 2023	Ongoing							
TP	Upper South Island Upgrade Project : Now in stage 2 of project, will consult on short-list of options in 2024, next steps TBA	TBA							
TP	Consultation on Proposed updates to TPM assumptions book v2.0, no subs received, so no cross-sub period; updated assumptions book will be published by end of Nov	TBA							
ComCom	Transpower RCP4 : Transpower's expenditure allowance and quality standards - final decision published on 29 Aug; final decisions announced on 20 Nov (register here)		20 W						

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ComCom	Information disclosure review for EDBs: Consultation on draft decision for Information Disclosure (Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2024, subs closed, all published here , Publication of final decision by 30 Nov			30 Sa					
ComCom	Consultation on Amendments to Transpower information disclosure requirements 2024, subs closed, MEUG sub here , Publication of final decision by 30 Nov 2024.			30 Sa					
ComCom	Consultation : Proposed amendments to input methodologies for electricity distribution businesses – wash-up amounts, subs closed, cross subs by 13 Nov	13 W							
ComCom	Consultation on proposed amendments to the IMs for EDBs, gas pipeline businesses and Transpower relating to insurance entitlements, other compensatory entitlements, and other regulated income, subs published here & cross subs published here , final decision published in December 2024	TBA							
ComCom	2025 reset of the electricity default price-quality path (DPP4): Draft decision here , all subs here , published 6 submissions from INTSA workshop, final decisions announced 20 Nov (register here)		20 W						
ComCom	Consultation on draft decision on Aurora’s Capacity Event Reopener application, subs closed, final decision expected in Dec	TBA							
ComCom	EDBs Asset Management Plans : Follow-up work related to the AMPs is currently on hold and there are no immediate plans to consult on changes to the determinations related to AMPs.	TBA							
Greenhouse gas topics relevant to electricity policy									
MBIE	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Consultation on proposed regulatory regime closed, MEUG sub here , next steps TBA	TBA							
MBIE	Advancing New Zealand’s energy transition : The Minister for Energy confirmed that the Government has committed to delivering an energy strategy – likely short and action focussed. Timing TBC	TBA							
MfE	Emissions reduction plans : Consultation closed on ERP2, MEUG sub here , Minister for Climate Change and other Ministers are considering feedback, plan will go through Cabinet before it is released publicly in Dec	TBA							
CCC	Decisions expected on fourth emissions budget, review of the 2050 emissions target and whether emissions from international shipping and aviation should be included in the 2050 target – Dec 2024	TBA							
CCC	Consultation : Review of the 2050 emissions target, subs closed, results expected 31 Dec	TBA							
CCC	Consultation : Review on whether emissions from international shipping and aviation should be included in the 2050 target, subs closed, results expected 31 Dec 2024	TBA							
CCC	Release of Report on the potential domestic contribution to Aotearoa New Zealand’s second nationally determined contribution.	Ongoing							
MfE	Next ETS auction – 4 December 2024, NZUs at \$63.90 (Jarden, 8 Nov 2024) auction calendar published	Ongoing			4 W				
MfE	Industrial allocation : final 2024 allocative baselines published here , Cabinet paper and supporting regulatory documents published here	Ongoing							

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Additional events and government workstreams									
MBIE	NZ Energy Quarterly April to June 2024 quarterly report released here , next update on 12 Dec 2024	Ongoing				12 Th			
MBIE	Mid-point review of the phase out of the Low Fixed Charge (LFC) regulations, final report expected by Oct 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	Offshore renewable energy regime: Indicative timeline published – Govt has made key decisions on design of an offshore renewable regulatory regime, update provided here -progressing legislation, introduction of Bill by end of 2024	Ongoing							
MBIE	Consultation on Proposals to expand the permitted voltage range for electrical supply, subs due 29 Nov			29 F					
MBIE	Announcement to reverse oil and gas exploration ban, Crown Minerals Amendment Bill with select committee, subs closed, report back released on 25 Oct (here), with Committee of Whole House	TBA							
MBIE	Consultation on options for improving our diesel resilience, subs due 6 Dec				6 F				
MBIE	Consultation on applying consumer data right to banking and electricity, subs closed, next steps TBA	TBA							
EECA	Consultation on Minimum Energy Performance Standards, subs extended to 31 Jan 2025	Ongoing							
MBIE / EECA	Cabinet authorised the drafting of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Amendment Bill; expected to go to Parliament next year and come into effect in early 2026	Ongoing							
MPI	Consultation on resetting the Emissions Trading Scheme annual charge for post-1989 forestry participants (see here), subs due 13 Nov	13 W							
NZ Infra Com	Consultation on Developing an enduring National Infrastructure Plan, subs due 10 Dec					10 Tu			
	Consumer and Product Data Bill : Consultation with select committee closed, report back due 23 Jan 2025	TBA							
	Fast-track Approvals Bill : report back released 18 Oct (here), awaiting second reading, Govt announced projects to be included in Schedule 2 of Fast-track Approvals Bill here .	TBA							
	FlexForum – October newsletter published	Ongoing							
	Parliament sitting weeks (3-days beginning Tue) , parliament resumed	12 – 14	19 – 21			10 – 12	17 – 19		
	Training: Energy Link online training –dates TBA, Registry Manager training course – 26 / 27 Nov			26 – 27					
	Sector conferences / events: Mana wahine event – 12 Nov, ENA – Future Networks Forum – 12/13 Nov, UDL forum – 14 Nov (register here), Powerco function – 20 Nov, Energy Resources Taranaki forum – 27 Nov, GIC co-regulatory forum – 28 Nov, Auckland Business Chamber event – UNI energy challenges and opportunities – 4 Dec, Energy Trader Forum – 5 Dec (register here)	12 – 13	20 W	27, 28	4, 5				
	Public holidays: Term 4 underway, Xmas Day 25 Dec, Boxing Day 26 Dec, New Years Day and 2 Jan							25, 26	1 – 2

XX Decision / Holiday **XX** Meeting / Event **14** 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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