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Memo

To Participants

From Ron Beatty

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Subject ISO 9001:2008 as deemed equivalent to AS/NZS ISO 9001:2000

For your information

Background

Schedule J1 of part J of the Electricity Governance Rules (Rules) sets out the processes and requirements for reconciliation participants to be certified to perform certain tasks. Applicants for certification must have either AS/NZS ISO 9001:2000 or an alternative quality certification that the Electricity Commission (Commission) Board (Board) deems to be equivalent in accordance with rule 7 of that schedule.

Board deemed equivalent

The Board has determined that ISO 9001:2008 is an equivalent quality certification alternative to ISO 9001:2000, but only for reconciliation participants and test houses.

ISO 9001:2008 does not contain any requirements additional to those in ISO 9001:2000. There are a number of clauses which have been clarified with the addition of notes and some re-wording. The Commission has been informed that there is a transition period for all existing ISO 9001:2000 registrations to be updated to ISO 9001:2008. This transition is expected to be completed over the next 12 months.

More information with regard to the transition of ISO 9001:2000 to ISO 9001:2008 can be found on the 'Joint accreditation system of Australia & New Zealand' (JAS-ANZ) website at http://www.jas-anz.com.au/.

How to rely upon the equivalent

If you intend to use the ISO 9001:2008 equivalent, when you apply for certification please ensure that your application notes that this is the quality certification you will be using.

Irrespective of which quality certification a participant uses, all other obligations under the Rules for certification as a reconciliation participant still apply, which include, but are not limited to:

- applying for certification using the prescribed application form on the Commission's website (http://www.electricitycommission.govt.nz/forms);
- obtaining and maintaining current quality certification; and
- obtaining an annual Rules audit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to retailoperations@electricitycommission.govt.nz.

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