

Additional information on Electricity Industry (Levy of Industry Participants) Amendment Regulations 2015

The Electricity Industry (Levy of Industry Participants) Amendment Regulations 2015 were made on 2 June 2015. These amendment regulations amend the Electricity Industry (Levy of Industry Participants) Regulations 2010 by:

- 1) Revising the definition of Market Operations activities to remove the references to specific parts of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010. This is to ensure the new Part 14A falls within the definition of Market Operations and to provide flexibility within the levy regulations to allow for any future changes to the Code structure.
- 2) Replacing the Customer Switching Fund levy activity that was payable by retailers, and that was limited to costs incurred by the Crown from 1 November 2010 to 30 April 2014, with a new Consumer Participation Operations levy activity, effective from 1 July 2015. This new levy activity will also be payable by retailers. It applies to costs incurred by the Authority of promoting to consumers the benefits of comparing and switching retailers, and other activities that seek to facilitate consumer participation in electricity markets. The change thereby re-establishes, on a more enduring basis, a consumer specific levy activity that is payable by retailers.