

2012/13 Work Programme

Report to 30 September 2012

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides a report on progress against the 2012/13 work programme. The work programme is available on the Authority's website at: <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/documents-publications/work-programme/>. The published work programme includes more details about the projects reported against including project descriptions, initial assessment of project size and initial assessment of net public benefit.
- 1.2 The 'traffic lights' used in the report relate to overall progress against the project milestones, which may go beyond the end of the 30 June 2013 financial year. These traffic lights are not the same as reporting against the SOI targets in the Annual Report, which are reports as at 30 June 2013.

Key to "traffic light" symbols used in this report

Symbol	Interpretation.
	Project milestones achieved or on track to be achieved.
	Project milestone are at risk.
	Project milestones not achieved or not able to be achieved.

2 The work programme is flexible

- 2.1 The work programme is an internal planning document. It provides indicative information about projects as at June 2012 and the progress intended by 30 June 2013. This work programme represents a full commitment of Authority staff resources and the available budget. Any changes to projects will therefore be carefully managed. In the normal course of events it is anticipated that reprioritisation will be required during the year, for example as the information available about specific project develops, and new risks or issues come to the Authority's attention. The Authority reviews and updates its work programme on a regular basis.

3 Overall performance standards for 2012/13

- 3.1 The project tables below include key milestones or deliverables for the 2012/13 year. It should be noted that for all relevant projects the milestones have been set out as if a Code amendment is required. Projects may be ended or a different path decided upon (such as market facilitation measures) at a number of points in the process, in particular after an initial investigation and cost benefit analysis (CBA) has been completed. It is not practical to set out the range of possible alternative paths for each project in the following tables. The Authority has therefore set out the potential process and timetable as if Code amendment is required. All Code amendment milestones should be read as if "if required" were included in the text. All milestones are for the end of the financial year (30 June 2013) unless otherwise stated.

4 Summary of key implementation and market development projects

4.1 This section includes summary tables for the work programme. Details are provided in the sections that follow (section 5 to 10).

#	Project name	Existing or new project for 2012/13	Status as at 30 Sept 2012
Table A: Key systems implementation projects			
A1	Scarcity pricing - implementation	Existing	
A2	Demand side bidding and forecasting (DSBF) – implementation ¹	Existing	Completed
A3	Locational price risk management - implementation	Existing	
A4	Metering (Part 10) – implementation	Existing	
Table B: Top priority market development projects			
B1	Under-frequency management: AUFLS exemptions	Existing	
B2	Frequency regulation: multiple frequency keepers (MFK)	Existing	
B3	Under-frequency management project including AUFLS technical review	Existing	
B4	Settlement and prudential security review	Existing	
B5	Wholesale market information	Existing	
B6	Retailer default provisions	Existing	
B7	Consumer switching fund	Existing	
B8	Transmission pricing investigation	Existing	
B9	Review of UTS provisions	Existing	On hold ²
B10	Hedge market development	Existing	
B11	Improving pricing efficiency when a generator is pivotal	New	

¹ Dispatchable demand implementation is being progressed following completion of the DSBF project.

² Pending the Court of Appeal process.

5 Key system implementation projects

5.1 The table below addresses key existing projects that are at the implementation stage in 2012/13.

Table A: Information about key system implementation projects

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
A1	Scarcity pricing-implementation	Implementation of s42 changes. Capital project.	- Complete go-live by 30 June 2013.		Two design options were considered by the Board in October and a decision was made to proceed with one of the options. The system operator and pricing manager teams are preparing project plans and detailed design has started
A2	Demand side bidding and forecasting (DSBF) - implementation	Section 42 implementation project. Capital project.	- Should be finished by 30 June 2012, but potentially some post completion actions required.		Completed. Go live took place on 28 June 2012.
A3	Locational price risk management - implementation	Section 42 implementation project. Capital project.	- Go-live date: 1 May 2013.		The 'go-live' date set for the first FTR auction is May 2013. Energy Market Services (EMS), a division of Transpower, was selected as FTR manager. The Authority approved the FTR manager's FTR allocation plan in June 2012, which sets out the auction rules, and EMS has started to engage with potential FTR participants. The clearing manager, NZX, is undertaking a major system enhancement to integrate FTR prudentials assessments and settlement of FTRs into its system. Both service providers' functional specifications are being reviewed for completeness and quality. Both providers are currently behind schedule partly due to the flow-on consequences of the longer than expected time to finalise the clearing manager system enhancement agreement. The Authority expects that this timetable risk can be managed.
A4	Metering (Part 10) - implementation	Operating costs include some Registry costs, data clean-up, and testing. Capital project.	- Complete implementation by June 2013.		The Authority is managing some risks in this project, including the readiness of one participant, and some timetable, scope and cost risks within the implementation project. The management of these risks means that the project is still considered achievable by year end.

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
A5	Dispatchable demand – implementation NB not being completed in 2012/13.	Section s42 implementation project. Capital project.	- A go-live date of 30 June 2013 was adopted in the Code amendment pending detailed planning by the system operator. The system operator had indicated at the time that the go-live date may be as late as 30 June 2015.	TBD	The system operator has assessed and estimated the work required for the software changes needed to meet the Code requirements. The work assessment indicates a longer timetable and considerably higher cost than previously estimated in the cost benefit assessment. The work assessment concludes that the 'placeholder' date of 30 June 2013 implementation is not achievable. The system operator has proposed alternative design options. The Authority is working through these with the system operator, to assess their merits and those of the original design. ³ A recommendation on a refined proposal is due to go to the Authority's Board on 6 November 2012. Input from a sample of demand-side participants will be sought to finalise the recommendation. Full industry consultation will take place in the usual manner as part of the development of any new Code amendments.

6 Top priority market development projects

- 6.1 Top priority is being given to addressing key pieces of work where there is a strong case for proceeding as quickly as possible, including a compelling net public benefit. These are projects where Code or market facilitation deliverables are expected to be completed in 2012/13. These include completion of key existing projects and new priorities identified through development of the Statement of Intent.

Table B: Information about top priority market development projects

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
B1	Under-frequency management: automatic under-frequency load shedding (AUFLS) exemptions	Project to clarify AUFLS requirements for exemptions and alternatives (ie dispensations, equivalence). Also includes processing exemption applications, if required.	SOI 1. - Complete clarification Code amendments for exemptions dispensations, and equivalence codes. - Implementation to follow.		Completed: Exemptions Gazetted 13 September 2012.

³ The system operator's report on the options, together with the Authority's response, is published on the Authority's website at: <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/programmes/priority-projects/dispatchable-demand/>

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
B2	Frequency regulation: multiple frequency keepers (MFK)	Develop a system to coordinate multiple frequency keepers, along the lines of an automatic governor control (AGC) system but tailored to New Zealand requirements (e.g. block dispatch). NB currently can only be provided by one generator in each half hour period in each island.	SOI 2. - Complete Code amendment by June 2013. - Multiple frequency keeper Code in place by June 2013. - 1-2 year implementation period to enable all current FK parties to put systems in place to participate.		The system operator is designing software. The target for completion of the software is December 2012. Installation and testing of software is targeted for the 1st quarter of the 2013 calendar year. Work is progressing through incumbent providers to interface to the new software. Providers in the North Island (except Mighty River Power) are expected to be ready by June 2013. A target date for the South Island is yet to be determined.
B3	Under-frequency management (UFM) project including AUFLS technical review	Review of all under frequency management tools, including verifying modelling formats. ⁴	SOI 3. - Complete collective review of AUFLS and published by system operator by June 2012. - Code amendment proposals to be provided by the system operator by September 2012. - Code amendments - timetable to be determined by October 2012.		Project initiated: the UFM project includes multiple components. Completed: - instantaneous reserves: report published August 2011; - AUFLS Stage II: report published Aug 2011; - AUFLS stage 3 (relay testing): completed. - Asset owner performance obligations (AOPOs) and principal performance obligations (PPOs): report published November 2011. - Phase 1 UFM collective review: report finalised May 2012. The report recommended Code amendments for early implementation and a roadmap to future improvements over the next 3 to 5 years. - An AUFLS information paper (May 2012) and an AUFLS future direction paper (April 2012) have been published on the Authority website. Underway: - Phase 2 UFM collective review: a Code amendment proposal is due from the system operator by the end of October 2012.

⁴ Overall event management comment: some components i.e. AUFLS block sizing and trigger points, will be progressed in conjunction with the AUFLS review work carried out by the system operator.

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
B4	Settlement and prudential security review	On-going improvements to clearing and settlement parts of the Code. May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - variable prudential security; - review of acceptable forms of security; - review of clearing and settlement process; and - settlement of islanded embedded generation. 	SOI 4. 2012/13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalise WAG recommendations to the Board. - Publish any subsequent WAG discussion paper, summary of submissions, etc. - Publish consultation paper on Code amendments and CBA. - Possibly second round of Authority consultation. 2013/14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Code amendment. 		The WAG provided its recommendations to the Board's September 2012 meeting. The Authority is to publish a Code amendment consultation paper by 30 June 2013 (but is targeting 31 March 2013). The Settlement and Prudential Security Technical Group (SPSTG) has been formed to assist with Code development.
B5	Wholesale market information	Amendments to the Code (or other initiatives) to improve information available to market participants, eg access to snow pack data, improved access to WITS for wider range of participants.	SOI 5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalise WAG recommendations to the Board. - Publish any subsequent WAG discussion paper, summary of submissions, etc. - Publish consultation paper on Code amendments and CBA. - Complete Code amendment. - Transfer to Operations Development for implementation. 		The WAG provided its recommendations to the Board's September 2012 meeting. The Authority is aiming to publish a Code amendment consultation paper (on clause 13.2) by 30 November 2012. The Authority is progressing other initiatives, such as facilitated disclosure, and planning outage co-ordination protocol improvements. Meridian has started publishing snowpack information. A large generator is expected to start publishing information shortly on fossil fuel storage and supply arrangement quantities. Discussions are underway with Transpower on ways to improve the planning and outage protocol (POCP) system.
B6	Retailer default provisions (RAG project)	Identify arrangements to ensure an orderly resolution of a retailer default situation when a retailer becomes insolvent or discontinues service (e.g. exits the market).	SOI 6. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Code amendment, if necessary. - No implementation project expected. 		The RAG is considering submissions to its second discussion paper. The RAG is working towards presenting its recommendations to the Board following its 28 November 2012 meeting.

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
B7	Consumer switching fund	On-going delivery of consumer switching output class (continues into 2013/14).	SOI 7. - SOI pages 25–26: impact measures and output performance measures.		2012 What's My Number campaign runs from April to November 2012. The Authority's tool for small to medium enterprises (SME) was made available on 20 August and formally launched on 1 October. The campaign to promote the SME tool runs until December 2012. In November the Board will review the results from 2012 and consider the approach for 2013.
B8	Transmission pricing investigation	Completion of review of transmission pricing - involves changes to schedule 12.4. A need to review subpart 4 of part 12 has been identified.	SOI 8. - Complete transmission pricing methodology Code amendment. - Handover to BAU for on-going monitoring.		The Authority published the issues paper on 10 October. Submissions close on 30 November. Cross submissions close on 21 December. Public fora are being held to present and discuss the TPM paper.
B9	Review of UTS provisions	Project to review Parts 1 and 5 of the Code: UTS provisions and remedies. The review covers: - the definition of a UTS; - the processes set out in the Code in regard to a potential or actual UTS; and - the remedies available to the Authority when a UTS has occurred.	SOI 9. - Consultation completed. - Code amendments made.	On hold	On hold pending court of appeal process. This review is now expected to restart in the 2013/14 financial year.

#	Name	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
B10	Hedge market development	Monitoring industry progress and developing further initiatives to improve the hedge market. Includes education material on the hedge market.	SOI 10. - Continue to undertake information paper reports analysing market performance and outlining revised initiatives. - Performing CBA of proposed market facilitation measures or Code amendments. - Hedge market booklet—information on spot price risk and mechanisms for managing that risk.		The Authority is working on on-going improvements that will improve the hedge market, including: Information papers were published in April and June 2012 that reviewed hedge market performance. The next Information paper is due to be published early December 2012. Hedge market booklet— <i>Managing Electricity Price Risk Guide</i> and flyer were published in October 2012. NZICA is considering promotion of hedge valuations based on ASX prices. NZX is considering earlier release of unrequired prudential security held as cash, allowing cash to be more quickly transferred..... An ASX product development report was published in October 2012.
B11	Improving pricing efficiency when a generator is pivotal	New for 2012/13: consider options to bring more confidence that prices during pivotal situations are consistent with prices in a workably competitive market.	- Initial report - investigation, issues/options paper to Board. - Further steps to be determined based on initial report.		The WAG has added this project to its 2012/13 work plan as a high priority. A clear problem definition is being developed. Publication of a WAG discussion paper is expected in the third quarter of the financial year.

7 Other priority projects for completion in 2012/13

7.1 The table below sets out second and third priority projects where Code or market facilitation deliverables are expected to be completed in 2012/13. This includes completion of existing projects and new priorities identified through development of the Statement of Intent and work programme.

Table C: Information about second and third priority projects for completion in 2012/13

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C1	Allocation of constrained-on costs	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Review the calculation and allocation of constrained-on costs to ensure efficiency (Code amendment proposal from the system operator).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete investigation of problem. - Prepare consultation paper on preferred option, with CBA and any required Code amendments. - Transition to Operations Development team for implementation. 		<p>A problem definition has been prepared and a proposal has been received from the system operator.</p> <p>Consultation paper to be prepared in the third quarter of the financial year.</p>
C2	Distribution pricing review	2 - High priority	Review of distributors' alignment with <i>Distribution pricing principles and information disclosure guidelines</i> - to start following a decision on an economic and decision-making framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete review (project will end). 		<p>Progress delayed due to focus on TPM but should still be completed this financial year.</p> <p>The next step is to consider and respond to submissions on the proposed economic framework.</p> <p>The Authority will begin a review of the extent that distributors' pricing methodologies align with the pricing principles and information disclosure guidelines following a decision on the economic framework.</p>
C3	Grid configuration arrangements	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: assess efficient grid configuration arrangements. Involves changes to subpart 6 of part 12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete Code amendment follow up process (confirm/not confirm). 		<p>Timetable risk. Consultation paper being drafted and is expected to be considered by the Board in December 2012.</p>
C4	Research project - scarcity pricing	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: carry out research into the potential for model-based approaches to scarcity pricing, for example the setting and application of price floors during public conservation campaigns (PCCs) (consideration of price floors that are dynamic rather than fixed).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research project completed. - Key findings passed on to improving real-time spot pricing project and sensitive prices review 		<p>Request for proposal being prepared in October for ideas to use market clearing engine to adjust prices during a public conservation campaign.</p>

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C5	Value of lost load (VoLL)	2 - High priority	Completion of review of value of lost load. Output will be useful for transmission and distribution purposes - involves changes to subpart 3 of part 12. This work has implications for scarcity pricing and AUFLS.	- Complete project - Code amendment.		Further surveys taking place. Consultation paper planned for March 2013.
C6	Wholesale information trading system (WITS) strategy	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Preparing a medium-to long-term strategy to develop the wholesale information trading system (WITS). Specifically with a view to capturing the needs of smaller and new entrant market participants such as demand aggregators, financial intermediaries, and non-participants.	- Prepare WITS strategy document and obtain Board approval to progress. - Transition to Operations Development team for implementation. - Develop project plan for implementation.		The Board approved the strategy on 29 June 2012. The work has now transitioned to the Operations Development team for implementation. Implementation project plan to be prepared.
C7	Asset owner performance obligations (AOPOs): fault ride-through	2 - High priority	Review of low voltage fault ride-through AOPOs to determine if fit for purpose with changing generation mix (ie significant wind generation).	- Decision on whether re-consultation is required August/September 2012. - Completion by June 2013.		Further work is being carried out on the fault ride-through standard by the system operator following review of the submissions received by the Authority. Development of Code amendments has been delayed, but completion targets are not currently considered at risk.
C8	Definition of trader under the Act	2 - High priority	Address the issue of the introduction of financial traders and a review of type 2 retailers.	- Project to be scoped and costed - ASAP. - New definition in place by June 2013.		Timetable delay - not yet started.
C9	Domestic contracting arrangements – 2012 alignment assessment	2 - High priority	Review of retailer alignment with standard terms and conditions. Second (and final) review at two years after implementation. Results to be used in reviewing retail contracting arrangements over July-August.	- Publish report by December 2012.		Final (2012) review of contracts being completed over July - September 2012. Consolidated report expected to be published before the end of the 2012 calendar year. Individual reports will also be sent to retailers.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C10	Electronic information exchange protocols (EIEPs)	2 - High priority	Review and update of EIEPs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Results of consultation reported to Board on 1 August 2012. - Second consultation for mandating EIEPs - to take place in August. Final recommendation to the Board by January 2013. - Implementation target 1 April 2013 (prior to Part 10 go-live). 		Timetable delay. A consultation paper to mandate the use of EIEPs 1, 2, and 3 (Code amendment) is now expected to be released early in the 2013 calendar year.
C11	Frequency regulation: frequency keeping (FK) constrained on/off	2 - High priority	Removal of constrained on/off from the FK selection methodology and from the FK cost allocation. Includes initial investigation.	- Complete Code amendment by June 2013.		Project has been initiated. Investigation being started.
C12	Frequency regulation: review normal frequency band and AOPOs	2 - High priority	Review of the frequency keeping Hz band, MW band and related AOPO's to determine if fit for purpose. Investigation reports produced by the system operator in 2011. Further system operator investigation may be required - implications for software.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigation reports produced by the system operator in 2011. - Develop Code amendment proposal for (1) frequency deviation targets, (2) time error standard, (3) minimum governor response, and (4) cost allocation related to (3). 		<p>Timetable delay. This project has been delayed in order to give priority to the HVDC Pole 3 Code amendments.</p> <p>A consultation paper is being drafted. It is expected that this will be released in February 2013.</p> <p>At present it is still considered that Code amendment could follow before the end of the financial year.</p>
C13	Metering - advanced metering policy implementation project	2 - High priority	Publication of guidelines as necessary to facilitate advanced meters. Scope of this project is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - complete review of advanced metering interface (AMI) guidelines; and - consult on industry-agreed formats for exchanging AMI information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete review of guidelines (post Part 10 review), consult on them and publish update. <p>NB Current initiatives will be completed but there is the potential for on-going improvement initiatives - outside of scope of this project.</p>		Alignment with Part 10 underway.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C14	Review of service provider agreement (excluding the system operator service provider agreement (SOSPA))	2 - High priority	Decision on renewal of market operation service provider agreements for next three year term.	SOI page 40: - completing an analysis of market operation service provider performance reviews over the current term of the contracts and make a decision on whether to re-tender; and - if re-tendering of market operation services is required, carry out a best practice tender and selection process, including ensuring seamless handovers if new providers are selected.		A review of the existing service providers has been completed and the next steps of the decision making process are underway. The review will be concluded in October 2012.
C15	System operation alignment review	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: a wide ranging review of the SOSPA arrangements, including: - alignment of SOSPA objectives with s15 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010; - development of a wider range of performance measures; - addressing capital plan and spending arrangements; and - addressing the impact of fee changes on levy payers.	- Complete review and update SOSPA, if required.		Initial meetings held with the system operator to initiate project. Investigation into reform history complete. Gap analysis completed by the system operator. Consideration underway of reasonable and prudent operator (RPO) performance standard.
C16	Review of security standards – Part 7	2 - High priority	Review of the security standard in Part 7 of the Code. Review of winter energy and capacity standards and the creation of a summer security standard.	- Analysis of winter security standards will be complete in 2011/12 period. - Code amendment proposal will cross over into the 2012/13 period. - Analysis for the new summer capacity standard will cross over into the 2012/13 period and a code amendment proposal will be consulted on in September/October 2012.		Consultation has been completed on the winter security of supply standard. A report is scheduled for the November Board meeting on Code amendments. A report on direction for the summer security of supply standard is also scheduled for the November Board meeting.
C17	System operator monthly reporting	2 - High priority	A review of the value of system operator monthly reporting.	- Complete minor Code amendment, if required.		Low priority. The Authority expects to survey participants in December 2012 - January 2013.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C18	Under-frequency management: AUFLS standard review	2 - High priority	A project in which the system operator will determine what events AUFLS are actually covering (part of the security policy review). Potential amendment to system operator policy statement and technical Codes. Linked to collective review project.	- Potential Code amendments to system operator policy statement, security policy section, completed by 30 June 2013.		AUFLS standard draft investigation report due from the system operator by the end of November 2012.
C19	Demand side bidding and forecasting - impact review	2 - High priority	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.	- Complete report.	NA	Not yet started.
C20	2012 winter review	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: review of winter 2012.	- Complete report.		Review underway.
C21	Review of the Consultation Charter	2 - High priority	Statement of Intent signals a move to six weeks of consultation.	- Amend the <i>Consultation Charter</i> to increase the standard consultation period from four to six weeks. - Complete review of <i>Consultation Charter</i> by 30 November 2012.		On track for completion in late 2012 or early in the 2013 calendar year.
C22	Review of advisory group terms of reference	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: specifically addresses SOI strategic priority 5: Embedding and enhancing the effectiveness of advisory groups.	- SOI page 41: Complete a review of current Advisory Group arrangements and work to date, and assess opportunities for improvement in supporting the work of the Advisory Groups.		Review underway. Will be discussed with advisory groups.
C23	Asset owner performance obligations (AOPOs): under-frequency rules	3 - Important	Review of under-frequency AOPO's to determine if fit for purpose with changing generation mix (ie significant wind generation).	- Initiate investigation into better Code clarity, with Code amendments to follow if required. - Code amendments consulted on. - Completion by June 2013.		There is a risk of timetable delay for this project as it is dependent on other project work being completed. However, at this stage it is still considered that the project can be completed by the end of the financial year.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
C24	Operational review of Part 6	3 - Important	A review of Part 6 of the Code to address perceived low notification rates of DG, and approximately 40 operational issues identified since inception of the legislation in August 2007. This review excludes the pricing principles of Part 6, which is to be covered by the review of distribution pricing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete consultation August 2012. - Code amendment recommendation to Board Oct 2012. - Target effective date 1 April 2013. 		Currently out for consultation.
C25	Closure review of the Reserve Energy Scheme	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: complete a review of the Reserve Energy Scheme.	- Complete review.		Not started, awaiting completion of winter 2012 review.
C26	Technical year in review	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: technical document (separate from annual assessment).	- Technical document completed.		Development of year in review is underway combined with annual assessment of market performance.
C27	Compliance framework review project	3 - Important	First principles review of the compliance framework - covers Act, Code and regulations. Excludes review of compliance philosophy.	- Complete the review.		Review underway.
C28	Force majeure Code provisions review	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: initiated in 2011/12. To be completed in 2012/13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft consultation paper to 6 June Board meeting. - Consultation June/July. - Code amendment to Board September/October 2012. 		Completed. Code amendments approved at 4 September 2012 Board meeting and come into force on 1 November 2012.

8 Other priority projects for completion in 2013/14 and out-years

8.1 The table below sets out key projects in line with the Authority's statutory objective and Path to CRE priority areas, where Code amendments or market facilitation measures are not expected to be completed in 2012/13.

Table D: Information about second and third priority projects for completion in 2013/14 and out-years

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D1	More standardisation programme - impact review	2 - High priority	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiate review - Complete report in 2013/14. 		Scheduled to be started later in the financial year.
D2	Research project - efficiency of system operator arrangements	2 - High priority	<p>New for 2012/13: review service provider arrangements relating to system coordination and related market services.</p> <p>Links to SOSPA review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete report. 		Will commence when SOSPA review completed.
D3	Alternative funding arrangements investigation	2 - High priority	<p>A review to consider possible alternative funding arrangements to determine whether there are more efficient means of funding specific Authority operations (eg service providers).</p> <p>NB if change is required, legislation will be required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initial deliverable is a report on the merits of alternative means of funding the Authority's operational functions. - Further steps to be determined. 		<p>Project commenced to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amendment to Electricity Industry Act to enable alternative funding arrangements; and - Review Electricity (Levy of Industry Participants) Regulations.
D4	Dispatchable demand (DD): phase 2 – conforming load	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Facilitating greater demand-side participation in the wholesale market – for nodes where centralised load forecasts are used rather than bids (conforming nodes).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete investigation and cost benefit assessment. - Complete options analysis and design. - Consultation paper. 		Discussions underway concerning the best approach to implementing dispatchable demand phase 1. Approach and timetable to be addressed at November 2012 Board meeting.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D5	Improving forecast and settlement prices	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Review of options to improve forecast and settlement prices, especially during periods of system stress. Related/ prerequisite work to do: eg address RAF to zero, infeasibilities, reserve shortage pricing. (Previously named: Ex-ante/real-time spot pricing.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake initial cost benefit assessment to consider whether to pursue. - Dependent upon outcome of analysis, prepare detailed project plan, and scope of work for the system operator. - Potentially develop pilot programmes, publishing alternative real-time prices that could be used for settlement. 		<p>The WAG has added this project to its 2012/13 work plan as a high priority.</p> <p>Initial paper on CBA considered at WAG October meeting.</p> <p>WAG discussion paper on target to be released in the last quarter of the financial year.</p>
D6	Improvements to existing spot pricing process	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: changes to the existing spot pricing process, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improved modelling of constraints in scheduling, pricing and dispatch software; - wind generation inputs into final pricing; - infeasibility resolution improvement process; - time limit on the republication of final prices; and - interim pricing period deadline changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of constraint softening concepts. - Locational Price Risk Technical Group (LPRTG) advice on practicable options and preferred option. - Prepare consultation on Code amendments and cost benefit assessment. 		<p>Current components of work include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High spring washer work split into two components, both of which are underway/completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - specific improvement to address the change in constraint inputs caused by the introduction of simultaneous feasibility test (SFT) in 2011—Code amendment completed under urgency, and follow up consultation and Code amendment now completed. - fundamental review of inputs into final pricing and considering suggestions such as constraints softening (high level concepts tested with the LPRTG, on target to release information paper this financial year); and 2. Improving wind generation information inputs into final prices. Lowest priority element of this project, likely to start in the fourth quarter of the financial year. 3. Review the timeframe allowed for republishing final prices (possible consultation on issues and options early 2013 but may be delayed pending restarting the UTS provisions review).

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D7	Locational price risk management: phase 2 – within-island basis risk (WIBR)	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: introduction of a solution to assist parties to manage spot price risks within an island. Review allocation of any residual FTR and loss and constraint excess (LCE) revenue. Potential to also address any Code amendments for inter-island FTRs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalise cost benefit assessment on residual LCE, and possibly picking work up again near the end of the financial year (depending upon the timing of TPM progress). - Prepare and release consultation paper on preferred option and any required Code amendments for intra-island price risk. - Transition intra-island price risk solution to Operations Development team for eventual implementation. 		Information paper outlining CBA for residual LCE published. Feedback reviewed. LCE Code amendments is now being considered as part of the TPM process. On target to release consultation on within island basis risk solution in the fourth quarter of the financial year.
D8	Research project - distribution company arrangements	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Research project to review the efficiency of distribution network company arrangements. Commitment made to consult on scope.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft scope and project outline. - Further deliverables to be determined. 		Schedule is to start in 2013.
D9	Potential research project - low fixed charges (TBC)	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: A potential research project looking into the effects on efficiency and competition of the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004. Scope to be discussed with the Ministry of Economic Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft scope and project outline. - Further deliverables to be determined. 	On hold	Project put on hold in July.
D10	Review of half hour switching rules	2 - High priority	Review of half hour switching rules - consideration of Trustpower rule change proposal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code amendments consulted on. - Completion in June 2013/14. 		There are two separate projects involved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary fix to allow AMI switching to continue by 6 June 2013. To be consulted on before the end of the 2012 calendar year. On track for completion in 2012/13. 2. Re-engineer all ICP switching. This is dependent on completion of Part 10 implementation. This is now likely to take place in 2013/14.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D11	Frequency Regulation: National market for frequency keeping	2 - High priority	Initial consideration of a national market for frequency keeping. Resource provided for national market Code / investigation of how to develop a national market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prerequisite is access to HVDC bi-pole control system and potentially round-power (Grid Owner). - Timetable to be developed. - Target is to have market set up and ready to go when control system is made available by Grid Owner. 		Project has been initiated. Investigation started.
D12	Review of UTS provisions-implementation	2 - High priority	Implementation work to review and updated internal Authority procedures for management of UTS claims. Dependent on review of UTS provisions project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliverables to be determined - dependent on review of UTS Code, which is on hold pending Genesis appeal. 	On hold	<p>No progress due to Genesis appeal of UTS decision to the Court of Appeal. The appeal is being heard in April 2013.</p> <p>The review of UTS provisions is now expected to restart in the 2013/14 financial year.</p> <p>The update of the procedures / guidelines will commence this year.</p>
D13	Efficient procurement of extended reserves (Previously named: Under-frequency management - AUFLS market development)	2 - High priority	Investigate options for a move over time towards developing an AUFLS market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues and options report to Board August/September 2012. - Further steps dependent on issues and options report. 		Consultation paper published and submissions close on 14 November.
D14	Participant education	2 - High priority	<p>New for 2012/13: Educate participants on the operation of the Code, with specific focus on new areas of Code development.</p> <p>Coordination / alignment / look and feel by Corporate with most input coming from teams.</p> <p>Includes: refresh existing and complete new Guidelines to facilitate market operational knowledge; subject specific industry fora; and alignment with compliance conference.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOI Page 41: completing implementation of the communication strategy developed in 2011/12. - Implementation completed and content for Annual Report provided. 		The Authority has been undertaking public and stakeholder briefings for relevant subjects, eg it held four TPM fora during October.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D15	Consumer education	2 - High priority	New for 2012/13: Educate the general public about trade-offs (e.g. reliability vs. cost) and benefits that are delivered through a competitive market and resilience of the industry to adverse events. Led by Corporate with input from other teams.	- SOI Page 41: completing implementation of the communication strategy developed in 2011/12. - Implementation completed and content for Annual Report provided.		The Authority has produced one fact sheet this year. A guide to managing spot price risk was published in October.
D16	Breakdown of customer billings (RAG project)	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: Review whether there should be mandatory disclosure of the component parts of customer electricity bills.	- Provide a recommendation to the Board on whether MFM or Code changes are required to give effect to more transparency.		This is a RAG project and is scheduled to start in 2013.
D17	Domestic contracting arrangements (RAG project)	3 - Important	Consideration of suite of arrangements for consumer and distributor/retailer relationship, including MDC and VDC.	- Scope completed. - Further deliverables to be to be determined.		Scope agreed by RAG in August. Draft issues paper considered at 24 October meeting. The RAG is aiming to release the issues paper in December 2012.
D18	Review: extending the Consumer Guarantees Act indemnity to Transpower	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: Review whether the Consumer Guarantees Act indemnity obligations on lines companies should be extended to Transpower.	- Scope and project outline being developed. - Complete Code amendment, if necessary (2013/14). - No implementation for the Authority.	On hold	Not yet started. Release of Consumer Guarantees Bill in September may mean this work may not be required.
D19	Improved market modelling of losses	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: improve the representation of losses in the system operator's scheduling, pricing and dispatch model (SPD) – provides for a lower cost market solution.	- Complete investigation of problem. - Prepare consultation paper on preferred option, with cost benefit assessment and any required Code amendments. - Transition to Operations Development for implementation.		Project commenced early October. On target to release consultation paper this financial year, dependent on system operator availability.
D20	Instantaneous reserve cost allocation methodology	3 - Important	Review of the instantaneous reserve cost allocation methodology.	- To be determined.	On hold	Project not yet commenced and may be put on into the future projects list (see table E).

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
D21	Instantaneous reserve national market (WAG project)	3 - Important	New for 2012/13: Instantaneous reserve national market (HVDC transfer). Allows transfer of reserves from one island to the other via the HVDC. Dependent on HVDC bi-pole control systems being fully in service.	Project to start late in the 2012/13 year: - Cost estimate for implementation provided by system operator. - Cost benefit assessment prepared. - Consultation paper prepared.		Due to start project in the second quarter. Included on WAG's work plan for completion as a high priority. Consultation will be in the form of a WAG discussion paper.
D22	Offer and dispatch Code development	3 - Important	Improve the offer and dispatch rules to improve operational efficiency, eg: - review of gate closure - potential further work; - reserve offers; and - other Code amendment proposals.	- Complete gate closure feasibility study.		Gate closure review underway. The next step is to involve the system operator to carry out some testing of systems and processes on the effect of a reduced gate closure.
D23	Review of use of profiles	3 - Important	Review of the extent of use of profiles and whether they are being efficiently applied. Initial work will be required to investigate extent of the issue.	- Complete initial investigation.		Not yet started.
D24	Under-frequency management - instantaneous reserve	3 - Important	Review of instantaneous reserve cost allocation methodology.	- If resources available, initiate a first principles review of instantaneous reserves. - Code to follow, if required - timetable to be determined by review.		To be started.

9 Future projects

9.1 The table below lists projects that have had an initial assessment as having merit but are scheduled for initiation after the 2012/13 year.

Table E: Information about proposed future projects

#	Team	Name	Project description
E1	Operations Development	Asset owner performance obligations: voltage rules	Review of voltage AOPO's to determine if fit for purpose with changing generation mix (ie significant wind generation).
E2	Operations Development	CQ development plan - further items	Extensive list of possible initiatives as listed in the Common Quality Development Plan that have not yet been prioritised or costed.
E3	Operations Development	Credible event management: under voltage management	Review appropriateness of the Code for under-voltages during events.
E4	Market Performance	Dispatchable demand - post implementation review	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.
E5	Operations Development	Frequency regulation: frequency keeping cost allocation	Project purpose is to allow anticipated wind generation to be successfully integrated into the New Zealand electricity system over the next five-10 years. Phase 3: Frequency keeping cost allocations, AOPO/dispensation/equivalence review.
E6	Operations Development	Guidelines for secondary networks - network extensions & customer networks	Development of arrangements for network extensions and the establishment of compliance requirements.
E7	Market Performance	Locational price risk management-impact review	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.
E8	Market Performance	Metering - Part 10 -impact review	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.

#	Team	Name	Project description
E10	Operations Development	Optimisation of non-technical distribution losses	Develop recommendations for the management, minimisation and allocation of non-technical distribution losses, and monitor uptake of recommendations. Production of a discussion document for consultation that includes: (a) establishing the current and likely 'business as usual' position; (b) research the technology and techniques that can be adopted; (c) identifying the potential improvements that could be achieved; (d) identifying the options available to the EC for providing appropriate incentives for improved losses management; and (e) identifying and proposing performance benchmarks, measurement systems and reporting.
E11	Operations development	Pre-certification stage investigation	Board requested project to facilitate new entrant retailers - look at Board discretion around period for new retailers to gain certification. Potentially able to be addressed as a minor code amendment.
E12	Operations Development	Responsibility for maintenance of consumer service lines	Scope the work that may be required to establish a project to investigate options resolve the consumer service line ownership issue. The Commission published an information paper providing some guidance on how to determine ownership on a case by case basis, however there is a need to look at the issues and possible long term solutions. There is a question about whether this is a broader policy issue that needs to be dealt with by MED.
E13	Market Design	Review of Part 12	This picks up connection process, (subpart 2 of part 12), benchmark agreements, GRS, and other areas.
E14	Market Performance	Scarcity pricing-impact review	Post implementation review of impacts and outcomes.
E15	Market Design	Short-term hedge instruments	Consider the need for a short-term market for hedge instruments (e.g. day-ahead).
E16	Operations Development	TPM: monitoring issues and audit, if required	BAU follow up and Authority-commissioned external audit of Transpower's application of the TPM. NB no Authority-commissioned external audit planned until new TPM in place and operating.
E17	Market Design	Trading arrangements (Part 13) review	Review the Code relating to trading. Includes scheduling, dispatch, pricing, information and information disclosure.

10 Organisational development projects

10.1 The table below addresses existing and planned projects that are being carried out for organisation development purposes. These projects do not have a direct net public benefit and are included in the work programme as they are key projects to enable the effective and efficient operation of the Authority.

Table G: Information about organisational development projects

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
G1	Implementation of Operations Development process review	2 - High priority	Implementation of the review carried out in 2011/12. Initial step is workflow tool.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOI Page 42: completing implementation of the review of operational development systems and processes. - Implementation programme will flow out of the review to be completed by the end of the 2011/12 year. - Request for proposal (RFP), including specification, being developed for workflow tool - to be released July, closing end of July. - Further steps dependent on RFP results. 		On track to be completed in 2012/13.
G2	Service provider (NZX) hardware refresh	2 - High priority	Capital project - to update and replace NZX service provider hardware (owned by the Authority).	- To be completed by 14 October 2013.		On track.
G3	Path to World Class	2 - High priority	Completing the organisational development strategy.	- SOI page 41: completing the Authority's organisational development strategy to improve organisational performance to achieve the vision of being a world class electricity regulator.		A number of specific areas of work to improve Authority performance have commenced. These include the communications strategy, development of an information systems strategic plan, review of the values statements, and an action plan for improving project management practice.
G4	Data warehouse	2 - High priority	Project to enable market monitoring and analysis function. Data strategy document developed re publication of data in accessible formats for participants via a web based database server encompassing query and visualisation facilities.	- Measured by each data source being migrated to the data warehouse and being accessible to staff.		Data warehouse and portal in production (Main development completed). Ongoing development (adding new data sources).

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
G5	Programme Management Office	2 - High priority	Establishment of Virtual PMO. Development of project management policy, tools and practice.	- Set out roadmap to achieving desired future state (best practice).		On track. Draft Project Management Policy prepared for consideration at the November Audit and Finance Committee meeting.
G6	Website review and refresh	2 - High priority	Review to ensure website is fit for purpose.	- Project plan and budget approved - July 2012. - Complete and launch new website - June 2013.		Digital Communications Strategy approved by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Final delivery of new website now expected in October 2013.
G7	Non-Financial performance information	2 - High priority	Ensuring system and processes in place for reporting against non-financial performance information in the SOI. Includes ensuring OAG and Audit NZ requirements are met (e.g. AG4 standard).	- Documented support for all non-financial reporting for 2012/13 Annual Report.		This project is underway and several initiatives have been completed, including an update of the Planning and Reporting Policy, prepared for consideration at the November Audit and Finance Committee meeting. Other improvement initiatives are underway.
G8	Enhancements to work programme reporting	2 - High priority	Work with business units to refine work programme development and reporting process and systems. Specifically to ensure streamlined / aligned reporting tools.	- Improved internal planning and reporting tools - enable meeting Audit NZ requirements for non-financial performance information - rating of "good" or "very good".		Enhanced work programme reporting has been implemented. Other improvement initiatives are being developed.
G9	Improvements to Code Amendment Register	3 - Important	Improving the register tool and processes. Improving knowledge of and compliance with processes to support the register. Ensuring that proposals are assessed and acted upon appropriately.	- Quarterly update rounds completed. - Six monthly updates published that are accurate.		Improvement work completed. Refresh and publication of the register completed. On-going business as usual maintenance and quarterly updates taking place.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
G10	Improvements to Contracts Register	3 – Important	Improving the register tool and processes. Improving knowledge of and compliance with processes to support the register. Improving the accuracy and timeliness of data in the register.	- Register is up to date and accurate reports are available on demand.		Completed in July 2012.
G11	Knowledge and Records management enhancements	3 - Important	Project work to ensure that the Authority moves towards required practice for knowledge management, record keeping and archiving.	- Achieve at least minimum compliance with Public Records Act requirements as measured by audit process. - Classification tidy up completed and implemented.		Public Records Act compliance being met. Classification tidy up completed and implemented. Further enhancements taking place in line with the all of government records management initiative.
G12	Information systems strategic plan	2 - High priority	Part of organisational development strategy (Path to world class): complete "roadmap" plan of information technology requirements for "future state" (5 years). Includes systems and hardware for the Authority and service providers (excluding system operator).	- Information systems strategic plan completed.		Development underway.
G13	Communications Strategy Implementation	2 - High priority	Implementation of the strategy completed in 2011/12. Aligns with consumer and participant education programmes (see table D: D14 and D15).	- SOI Page 41: completing implementation of the communication strategy developed in 2011/12. - Implementation completed and content for Annual Report provided.		On track. Digital Communications Strategy approved by the Senior Leadership Team.
G14	2013/14 appropriations consultation	2 - High priority	Business as usual consultation process plus address ensuring all appropriate inputs are assessed prior to consultation - specifically addressing the system operator capital-related costs identified in 2012–2015 Statement of Intent.	- Appropriations consultation completed and report provided to the Minister by 31 December 2012.		Appropriations consultation published 24 September and closes on 2 November 2012. A supporting information paper on system operator capital related costs was released on 9 October.

#	Name	Priority 2012/13	Project description	Overall performance standard for 2012/13	Status	Progress statement
G15	Refresh participants register	2 - High priority	A project to refresh contents of register to ensure it is up to date and accurate. NB is not business as usual maintenance of register or a review of the format and scope of the register.	- Refresh of register completed.		Refresh underway.

Glossary of abbreviations and terms

AGC	Automatic governor control
AMI	Advanced metering interface
AOPOs	Asset owner performance obligations
AUFLS	Automatic under-frequency load shedding
Authority	Electricity Authority
Act	Electricity Industry Act 2010
AGC	Automatic governor control
CBA	Cost benefit analysis
Code	Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010
EIEPs	Electronic information exchange protocols
FK	Frequency keeping
MFK	Multiple frequency keepers
PCC	Public conservation campaign
MFM	Market facilitation measures
Regulations	Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010
RAG	Retail Advisory Group
RFP	Request for proposal
SOSPA	System operator service provider agreement
UFM	Under-frequency management
VoLL	Value of lost load
WAG	Wholesale Advisory Group
WITS	Wholesale information trading system