

Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 177 (Contact Energy Limited)) Exemption Notice 2013

Pursuant to section 11 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (“Act”), the Electricity Authority gives the following notice.

Notice

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice is the Electricity Industry (Exemption No. 177 (Contact Energy Limited)) Exemption Notice 2013.

(2) This notice comes into force on the day after the date it is notified in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

2. Exemption—Contact Energy Limited (“Contact”) is exempted from compliance with clause 8(g) of Schedule 15.3 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (“Code”) in respect of providing half-hour (“HHR”) submission information instead of non half-hour (“NHH”) submission information for distributed unmetred load (“DUML”).

3. Term—This exemption expires at the close of **31 October 2023**.

4. Reasons for granting the exemption—The reasons for granting this exemption are:

- (a) granting the requested exemption meets the requirements in section 11(2) of the Act for granting exemptions;
- (b) without the exemption, Contact would incur significant administration and compliance costs changing its internal system to provide submission information for DUML in NHH format, instead of in the HHR format it currently provides;
- (c) DUML is reasonably static and predictable, and any changes are accurately tracked within Contact’s DUML database;
- (d) Contact’s internal system replicates the profiling process used in the reconciliation manager’s system by converting NHH quantities into an HHR “shape” using on and off switch times recorded by a certified data logger and provides a similar level of accuracy;
- (e) Contact will still submit the full consumption to the reconciliation manager for the DUML but this will be HHR consumption for each trading period in the month, rather than bulk consumption data for an entire month; and
- (f) the exemption will have little or no impact on other participants and service providers, and will not affect any other Code provisions.

Dated at Wellington this 21st day of October 2013.

For and on behalf of the Electricity Authority:

DR THOMAS BRENT LAYTON, Chairperson, Electricity Authority.

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