

Distribution pricing workshop

Date: 12 October 2009
Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm
Venue: James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, 147 the Terrace, Wellington

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8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration and coffee</i>
9.00 – 9.20	Welcoming address David Caygill, Chair, Electricity Commission
9.20 – 10.30	<p>Standardisation of "lower level" elements of distribution pricing Opening presentation by Peter Smith (Electricity Commission).</p> <p>Rob Jamieson (Orion) and Nigel Williams (Mercury Energy) facilitating discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem definition • Regulatory barriers to pricing rationalisation and innovation • Proposed common terminology and definitions • Proposed single presentation format • Suggested desirable number of maximum tariffs • Reduction in and standardisation of customer categories (including minimum number of customers in a customer category) • Proposed standardisation of invoice information and supporting information
10.30 - 10.45	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.45 – 12.00	Standardisation of "lower level" elements of distribution pricing - cont.
12.00 - 1.00	<i>Lunch</i>
1.00 – 3.30	<p>Draft pricing principles and methodological requirements Presentation by Peter Smith (Electricity Commission) and Robert Reilly (Strata Energy) and discussion with stakeholders on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed principles • Proposed methodological requirements • Proposed implementation and reporting process

3.30 – 3.45	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.45 – 4.15	<p data-bbox="467 342 647 371">Other Issues</p> <p data-bbox="467 376 1414 439">Presentation by Peter Smith (Electricity Commission) and Karen Bradley (Electricity Commission) on:</p> <ul data-bbox="517 479 1442 757" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="517 479 911 508">• Dispute resolution process <li data-bbox="517 512 831 542">• Embedded networks <li data-bbox="517 546 1406 609">• Impact of the Low Fixed Charge Regulations on the allocation of costs <li data-bbox="517 613 1442 676">• Requirement that distribution companies keep changes to rural line charges in line with changes to urban line charges <li data-bbox="517 680 1321 710">• Large number of distribution businesses in a small market <li data-bbox="517 714 986 743">• Model use of system agreement
4.15 – 4.30	<p data-bbox="467 792 699 822">Closing remarks</p> <p data-bbox="467 826 1042 855">David Caygill, Chair, Electricity Commission</p>
4.30	<i>Workshop end</i>