

Notification of the Electricity Authority's decision under regulation 29 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010

Under regulation 29(1) of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 (Regulations), the Electricity Authority (Authority) must publicise every decision made under regulation 23(3) together with the reasons for the Authority's decision.

Investigation

On 28 April 2016, the Authority's Compliance Committee (Committee) met and considered the investigator's report on the self-reported breaches of clause 2(1)(b) of Technical Code A of Schedule 8.3 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 by Transpower New Zealand Limited as the grid owner.

The grid owner breached clause 2(1)(b) of Technical Code A of Schedule 8.3 of the Code by not ensuring that Takapu Road transformer T1 was capable of operating up to the limit of 115 MW stated in its asset capability statement.

There was a loss of 64 MW of supply to Wellington Electricity Limited from Takapu Road substation for 12 minutes from 07:12 and again for 10 minutes from 07:47 on 25 May 2015.

The investigator recommended that the Committee discontinue the investigation and issue a warning letter.

The Committee's decision

The Committee decided, under regulation 23(3)(a) of the Regulations, to discontinue the investigation. This means that the Authority will not lay a formal complaint with the Rulings Panel.

Reasons for the Authority's decision

The reasons for the Committee's decision to discontinue the investigation were that:

- No affected parties joined the investigation
- The grid owner has taken steps to prevent recurrence.

The Committee also decided to issue a warning letter because the loss of load was significant and it happened twice during peak time.