

Notice of the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (Code Review Programme) 2018

1. Under sections 38(3)(b) and 39(3)(a) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (“Act”), and having complied with section 39 of that Act, the Electricity Authority (“Authority”) gives notice of making the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (Code Review Programme) 2018 (“amendment”).
2. The amendment comes into force on **1 November 2018**, except for:
 - a. clauses 4(4), 4(7), 48(1), 57, 61(1), 62(2), 62(3), and 119, which come into force on **1 February 2019**; and
 - b. clauses 49(2) and 49(3), which come into force on **1 August 2019**.
3. The amendments make a variety of improvements to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (“Code”) that the Authority had identified either in the course of its work or as a result of suggestions received through the Authority’s Code amendment proposal process. The amendment comprises changes to the Code that would be beneficial, but that do not (of themselves) warrant a separate Code amendment.
4. This amendment amends Parts 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14A, and 15 of the Code. The changes include:
 - a. clarifying the requirement for a metering equipment provider to update registry metering records;
 - b. clarifying when a losing trader must respond to a switch move request;
 - c. removing the requirement for a generator to give written notice to the system operator when the generator enters into, or amends, a block dispatch agreement;
 - d. various changes to the process for amending or rescinding approved shorter post-default exit periods under Part 14A of the Code;
 - e. clarifying the requirements for a distributor to enter chargeable capacity information into the registry;
 - f. amending the timeframe for the clearing manager to calculate constrained off amounts and constrained on amounts;
 - g. amending the process for determining switching event dates;
 - h. adding a requirement that a trader must have an arrangement with a customer or embedded generator at an ICP before the trader commences switching at the ICP;
 - i. clarifying the requirements for providing submission information to the reconciliation manager;
 - j. removing repeated obligations to report breaches of the Code and then to publish those reports;
 - k. removing the definition of “customer” from Part 1 of the Code, and making all consequential changes;
 - l. updating the security forms set out in Schedules 14A.2 to 14A.5 of the Code;
 - m. clarifying when a reconciliation participant may connect or electrically connect certain points of connection; and
 - n. various editorial changes to the Code, to make it easier for participants to understand and comply with the obligations under the Code.
5. Where the amendment makes a change to the Code under section 39(3)(a) of the Act, the Authority has not prepared and publicised a regulatory statement, or consulted on a regulatory statement, because it is satisfied that the relevant change is technical and non-controversial.
6. A copy of the amendment and the Code is available on the Authority’s website www.ea.govt.nz/code-and-compliance/the-code/.
7. A copy of the amendment and the Code may also be inspected free of charge or purchased from the Electricity Authority, Level 7, Harbour Tower, 2 Hunter Street, Wellington.

Dated at Wellington this 24th day of September 2018.

DR THOMAS BRENT LAYTON, Chairperson, Electricity Authority.