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Submissions
Electricity Authority

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Transmission pricing methodology (TPM) amendments 2026

Meridian appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Authority's consultation paper on seven targeted amendments that are proposed for the TPM.

Meridian supports the Authority's proposed change to the benefit-based charge simple method treatment of batteries. Meridian agrees that the existing application of a 1.67 scaling factor for demand should not apply to offtake by batteries. Meridian agrees that the simple method materially overestimates the value of offtake by battery storage and that the value of lost load for a battery is less than that for end users, making batteries more like generation.

Meridian also agrees that the existing treatment of batteries could discourage otherwise efficient investment in battery storage, potentially leading to an inefficient mix of energy generation sources, higher electricity prices, and security of supply issues.

Meridian does not have strong views on the remaining TPM changes proposed in the consultation paper. Meridian broadly supports the Authority's objectives to better align transmission charges with benefits, reduce volatility and uncertainty in charges, and lower administrative and compliance costs.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission.

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