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Electricity Industry Participation Code (Automatic Under-Frequency Load Shedding Compliance) Amendment 2026

This amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code) is made under section 38 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (Act) by the Electricity Authority having complied with section 39 of the Act.

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Amendment

1 Title
This is the Electricity Industry Participation Code (Automatic Under-Frequency Load Shedding Compliance) Amendment 2026.

2 Commencement
This amendment comes into force on 1 February 2027.

3 Code amended
This amendment amends the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

4 New clause 8.28A inserted (Annual director certification of compliance with specified obligations under this Part)

After clause 8.28, insert:

8.28A Annual director certification of compliance with specified obligations under this Part

(1) This clause applies to—
- (a) **connected asset owners** with obligations to provide **automatic under-frequency load shedding** under this Part; and
- (b) South Island **grid owners**.

(2) Each **participant** referred to in subclause (1) must certify to the **Authority**, on an annual basis, whether the **participant** has complied with the requirements in the following clauses, to the extend they applied to the **participant** and relate to **automatic under-frequency load shedding**, during the preceding calendar year:
- (a) clause 8.19(5):
- (b) clause 8.28(1):
- (c) clause 8.37(1) and (3):
- (d) Schedule 8.3, **Technical Code** A, clause 8(1) and (2):
- (e) Schedule 8.3, **Technical Code** B, clause 7(1), (2), (3), (4), (6AB), (7), (9), and (18).

(3) Each certification must be—
- (a) submitted by 1 June of each year for the preceding calendar year; and
- (b) in the **prescribed** form **published** by the **Authority**; and
- (c) signed by a director of the **participant**.

(4) The **Authority** may share certifications provided to it under subclause (2) with the **system operator**.

Made at Wellington on 25 November 2026

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Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the amendment but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (the Code) comes into force on 1 February 2027.

The amendment amends Part 8 of the Code to require connected asset owners with obligations to provide automatic under-frequency load shedding (AUFLS), and South Island grid owners, to provide annual director certification to the Authority of their compliance with requirements in Part 8 that relate to the provision of AUFLS and maintenance of AUFLS systems. The objective of the amendment is to strengthen accountability and provide greater assurance that participants with AUFLS obligations are meeting their Code obligations.

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