Notice Under Regulation 16 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010

Date	27 November 2026
Addressee	Meridian Energy Limited
Subject	West Wind farm failed to ride through grid faults on 1 October and 3 December 2025
Investigator	Investigator appointed under Regulation 12 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 (Regulations)

Notifying industry participant
Meridian Energy Limited

Clauses allegedly breached
Part 8 clause 8.25A(1) of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code).

Circumstances of alleged breaches

1 October 2025 event (case 2511MERI1)

On 1 October 2025 at 3.53.01am there were three grid voltage events within a 40 second period that affected West Wind. The wind farm was generating approximately 97MW at the time and successfully rode through the first event.

During the second event at 3.53.35am, a number of turbines tripped reducing generation from 97MW to 9MW.

The third event which was approximately three seconds later did not cause any additional tripping.

The wind farm recovered with the tripped turbines back generating by 3:59am, 6 minutes after the tripping occurred.

3 December 2025 event (case 2601MERI2)

On 3 of December 2025, at 5.31pm there was a grid voltage event with a number of West Wind turbines tripping reducing generation from 111 MW to 38 MW.

The wind farm recovered with the tripped turbines back generating by 5.38pm, approximately seven minutes after the tripping occurred.

Date and time of alleged breaches
from 1/10/2025 3.53am - 1/10/2025 3.59am and 3/12/2025 5:31pm - 3/12/2025 5:38pm

Please note, under Regulation 16 of the Regulations, you are obliged to respond to this allegation, in writing, to the investigator within 10 working days of receipt of this notice (unless the investigator allows, in writing, a longer period).
Please provide your response to this allegation, or request a longer period to respond, via the Authority's Compliance portal by clicking here .

Include the following in your response:

- Whether you believe you have breached the Code
- Whether there is another provision you consider more accurately describes the nature of the event
- A full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the alleged breaches
- Identification of any information provided in your response that you consider confidential and that should not be included in the investigator's report under Regulation 19 of the Regulations (Regulation 15(2) of the Regulations). If your response includes confidential information, please provide a second copy where the confidential information has been redacted in case your response needs to be shared with any other parties.

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Notice Under Regulation 17 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010

Investigation of alleged breach of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 by Meridian Energy Limited

On 12 November 2025 and 15 January 2026, Meridian Energy Limited reported to the Authority that it had breached Part 8 clause 8.25A(1) of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code).

On 20 November 2026, the Authority appointed an investigator to investigate the alleged breach under Regulation 12 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 (Regulations).

Under Regulation 16, the investigator must promptly notify the industry participant alleged to have breached the Code of the allegation that is being investigated. On 27 November 2026, the investigator gave Meridian Energy Limited such notice.

Under Regulation 17, at the same time as the investigator sends a notice under Regulation 16, the investigator must publicise the information about the matter under investigation, including the content of the notice given under that regulation. This notice publicises the information about the matter under investigation, and a copy of the notice given under Regulation 16 is attached.

Any participant that considers it is affected by the matter being investigated and that wishes to become a party to this investigation, should notify the investigator within 10 working days after the date on which this notice is published (by 5pm, 11 December 2026).

The investigator can be contacted, citing the reference **2601MERI2** in the subject line, by email at compliance@ea.govt.nz, or at:

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