

Exemption Under Section 11(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 to Exemption No. 356 (Meridian Energy Limited)

In accordance with section 11(1) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 ("Act"), the Electricity Authority ("Authority") gives the following notice.

Notice

1. Exemption—The following persons are exempted from the requirement in clause 20(1) of the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 ("Code") to comply with the Retail Market Monitoring Notice ("RMM Notice") published by the Authority

- a. Meridian Energy Limited ("Meridian")

2. Conditions—

- a. this exemption applies to FLCK participant code customer data only
- b. Meridian will comply with all requirements of the RMM Notice for FLCK participant code customer data with the exception of the following:
 - i. T 3.7, T 3.20 and T 3.21 of Table 3 of the RMM Notice for data covering the period 1 January to 31 July 2025 and the month of August 2025;
 - ii. Tables 1 to 7 of the RMM Notice for data from 1 September 2025 subject to the condition the transitional services agreement (TSA) between Meridian and Flick Electric Limited ("Flick") is not extended beyond 30 September 2025
- c. This exemption expires when the RMM Notice ceases to be in effect or if the requirements in (i) and (ii) are earlier removed from the RMM Notice.

3. The reasons for granting exemption on 11 August 2025 under section 11(2) of the Act are:

- a. Meridian purchased the FLCK participant code from Flick on 22 July 2025 and intends to transfer all FLCK participant code installation connection points (ICPs) to existing Meridian participation codes by the end of September 2025. Under the TSA, Flick is responsible for meeting the RMM Notice obligations for FLCK participation code customer data and migrating the FLCK participation code customers to Meridian.
- b. The Authority is satisfied that it is not necessary for the purpose of achieving the Authority's objectives under section 15 of the Act for Meridian to comply with clause 20(1) in respect of the parts of the RMM Notice referred to in paragraph 2(b)i and ii above because granting the exemption will:
 - i. improve efficiency
 - ii. have a small positive impact on protection of domestic consumers and small businesses
 - iii. have a minimal negative impact on competition
 - iv. reliability is not expected to be affected by granting of the amendment.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of August 2025.

For and on behalf of the Authority:

ANNA KOMINIK, Chair, Electricity Authority.