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Electricity Industry Participation Code (Connection Pricing Related Amendments) Amendment 2026

This amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 (Code) is made under sections 38 and 39(3) 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 (Connection Pricing Related Amendments) Amendment 2026.

2 Commencement

This amendment comes into force immediately after the commencement of the Electricity Industry Participation Code (Connection Pricing Requirements) Amendment 2025.

3 Code amended

This amendment amends the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

Part 1

Amendments to Part 1 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code

4 Clause 1.1 amended (Interpretation)

- (1) In clause 1.1(1), definition of **connection applicant**, insert “for the purposes of Part 6B” before “means”.
- (2) In clause 1.1(1), definition of **minimum scheme**, insert “and network connection standards as defined in the **distributor’s distributor agreement**” after “**distributor’s connection and operation standards**”.
- (3) In clause 1.1(1), definition of **pioneering connection works**, paragraph (a), insert “, excluding the cost of any **connection enhancement**, but including the costs incurred by the **connection applicant** under any other **pioneer scheme** covering any part of the **distributor’s network** that the **pioneering connection works** directly **connect** to,” after “**connection applicant**”.

Part 2

Amendments to Part 6B of the Electricity Industry Participation Code

5 Clause 6B.8 amended (Determining connection charges, contributions and rebates for pioneer schemes)

- (1) In clause 6B.8(4)(a)(iii), replace “:” with “;”.
- (2) After clause 6B.8(4)(iii), insert:
 - (iv) the **distributor** must exclude the costs of any **connection enhancement** or equivalent costs in respect of **vested pioneering works**;
 - (v) the **distributor** must include the costs incurred by a **pioneer** under any other **pioneer scheme** covering any part of the **distributor’s network** that the **pioneering connection works** or **vested pioneering works** directly **connect** to:
- (3) After clause 6B.8(5), insert:
 - (5A) If a rebate is unable to be paid to a **pioneer** because the **pioneer** cannot be located after a reasonable attempt has been made by the **distributor** do so—
 - (a) the **distributor** must take reasonable steps to repay the corresponding amount of **pioneer scheme contributions** already collected to those that paid it, in proportion to their contribution; and
 - (b) the **distributor** may retain any amount that cannot be repaid in accordance with paragraph (a); and

- (c) **pioneer scheme contributions** that would have been paid to the missing **pioneer** under the **pioneer scheme** must no longer be collected.

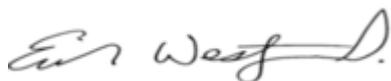
6 Clause 6B.10 amended (Distributor must provide connection charge reconciliation on request)

- (1) In clause 6B.10(3)(a), delete “within the timeframe specified by the **Authority**”.
- (2) In clause 6B.10(3)(b), replace “.” with “; and”.
- (3) After clause 6B.10(3)(b), insert:
- (c) provide the information requested under this subclause in the form, manner, and at the time and/or frequency specified by the **Authority**.

7 Clause 6B.11 amended (Connection charge reconciliation requirements)

- (1) In clause 6B.11(4)(c)(ii), insert “at the time of that mid-point estimate of vanilla WACC” after “Reserve Bank of New Zealand”.
- (2) In clause 6B.11(4)(d), delete “not”.
- (3) In clause 6B.11(5), definition of ASO, paragraph (d), insert “, other than an amount or charge payable to **Transpower**,” after “costs”

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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 (Code) comes into force on 1 April 2026 immediately after the commencement of the Electricity Industry Participation Code (Connection Pricing Requirements) Amendment 2025.

The amendment makes several minor changes to provisions in the Code (as amended by the Electricity Industry Participation Code (Connection Pricing Requirements) Amendment 2025) relating to the connection pricing requirements in Part 6B to clarify those requirements and ensure they better achieve the objectives of the Authority.

Electricity Industry Participation Code (Connection Pricing Related Amendments)
Amendment 2026

This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019 .	
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