Commerce Commission Infrastructure Regulation (IR) Branch electricity lines and gas pipelines work programme - 2026 calendar year

Timing for these projects is indicative and subject to change (updated 5 March 2026)

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Initiatives	Detail	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4		
		Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26
Efficient investment in non-network solutions	Working with the EA and EECA to ensure distributors are leveraging non-network solutions effectively and efficiently		**Publication of joint Open Letter with EA and EECA**										
Gas Default Price-Quality Path four (DPP4)	Statutory reset of the Default Price-Quality Path (DPP) for gas pipeline businesses.					**Final decision**							
Orion CPP	Assessment of Orion's application for a Customised Price-Quality Path (CPP).						**Orion CPP proposal and Independent Verification report submitted**					**Draft decision**	
Network Tasman/Nelson Electricity Merger - revised DPP4 PQ Path	Consideration of the revised price-quality path parameters for the combined entity resulting from the merger of Network Tasman and Network Electricity.	**Draft decision**	**Final decision**										
Cost of capital determinations (WACC)	The IMs require us to determine estimates of the cost of capital for regulated suppliers. We provide estimates of the cost of capital for ID purposes annually and when we determiane the Default Price Paths (DPP).			**GPB DPP WACC**	**EDB ID WACC**			**Transpower ID WACC and GasNet and Vector (GDB) ID WACC**			**Powerco and First Gas ID (GDB) WACC, First Gas (GTB) ID WACC**		
Electricity Distribution Business (EDB) reopeners	Assessment of applications for reconsideration of default price-quality path for EDBs.			**Final decision published for Wellington Electricity DPP4 reopener application**	*Ongoing assessment of applications as received, the current list is available here: https://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/electricity-lines-price-quality-paths/reopening-the-price-quality-path/dpp4-and-dpp3-reopeners/*								
Transpower Major Capex Proposals (MCPs)	Assessment of Transpower's MCPs.			**Final decision on Redclyffe MCP; Draft decision on HVDC MCP**	**Final decision on Upper South Island MCP**	**Final decision on Otahuhu-Whakamaru Listed project**	**Final decision on HVDC MCP**						
EDB INTSA applications	Assessment of Innovation and Non-Traditional Solutions Allowance (INTSA) applications for EDBs.	*Ongoing assessment of applications as received, the current list of INTSA applications is available here: https://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/electricity-lines-price-quality-paths/innovation-and-non-traditional-solutions-allowance-intsa/*											
Infrastructure Resilience Framework development	Development of a framework to assess infrastructure resilience initiatives and requested increase levels of expenditure.					**Draft Commission Infrastructure Resilience Framework**				**Final Commission Infrastructure Resilience Framework**			
Amendment to EDB Input Methodologies (IMs)	We have proposed amending the EDB IMs to provide EDBs an avenue to recover revenue deferred under a DPP when they move to a CPP.				**Final decision**								
Cost of capital IM amendments for EDBs, Gas and Transpower	We are reviewing our overall methodology for estimating the WACC, including our approach to the risk-free rate of interest for debt and equity and the debt premium, as well as the tax-adjusted market risk premium.			**Draft decision**					**Final decision**				
Transpower Capex IM amendment	We are considering making changes to the Transpower Capex IM to better give effect of the policy decisions on the MCP incentive scheme from the 2023 IM Review.		**Draft decision**	**Final decision**									
EDB Information Disclosure (ID) (Related party threshold)	We are considering making changes to the EDB ID - Related party transaction threshold - determination.		**Final decision**										
EDB ID (Aurora)	We are considering making changes to the EDB ID in regards to enduring reporting applying to Aurora (established as part of their move to a Customised Price Path).											**Draft decision**	
EDB performance reports	Summary and analysis of EDB revenue, profitability and quality trends.		**EDBs performance summaries**					**Performance Accessibility Tool update (year beginning data)**				**Performance Accessibility Tool update (year end data)**	**Aurora CPP monitoring report (Year 5)**
Gas performance reports	Summary and analysis of gas pipeline businesses revenue, profitability and quality trends.								**Gas Performance Summaries**				
EDB ID disclosures	ID due dates. The Commission generally publishes ID database updates within 3 months of the ID disclosures being received.			**EDB ID disclosures due (year beginning)**					**EDB ID disclosures due (year end)**				
Transpower ID disclosures	ID due dates. The Commission generally publishes a database update within 6 months of the ID disclosures being received.										**Transpower ID disclosures due**		
Gas ID disclosures	ID due dates. The Commission generally publishes a database update within 6 months of the ID disclosures being received.			**FirstGas and Powerco ID disclosures due (year end)**			**GasNet and Vector ID disclosures due (year beginning)**			**FirstGas and Powerco ID disclosures due (year beginning)**			**GasNet and Vector ID disclosures due (year end)**
EDB and Gas ID exemptions	Assessment of ID exemption requests.	*Ongoing assessment of applications as received. Exemption guidance and approved exemptions can be found here: https://www.comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/information-disclosure-requirements-for-electricity-distributors/exemptions-to-information-disclosure-requirements/*											