

**Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment  
(Access to Retail Tariff Information) 2015**

Under section 38 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010, and having complied with section 39 of that Act, I make the following amendment to the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.

At Wellington on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2015



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**Amendment**

- 1 Title**  
This is the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (Access to Retail Tariff Information) 2015.

**2 Commencement**

This amendment comes into force on 1 February 2016.

**3 Code amended**

This amendment amends the Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010, as amended by the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (Access to Retail Data) 2014.

**4 Clause 1.1 amended (Interpretation)**

In clause 1.1(1), insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

**"generally available retail tariff plan—**

**"(a)** means a retail tariff plan that a **retailer** will make available to any **consumer** (subject to credit requirements) if the **consumer** satisfies the requirements specified for the retail tariff plan relating to:

**"(i)** physical location:

**"(ii)** **metering** configuration:

**"(iii)** **price category** code; but

**"(b)** does not include a retail tariff plan made available by a **retailer** only under an agreement reached as a result of the **retailer** directly contacting a **consumer** to offer a retail tariff plan that provides the **consumer** with a financial discount or other benefit when compared with any other of the **retailer's** tariff plans to which paragraph (a) applies that are available to that **consumer**".

**5 Clause 11.1 amended (Contents of this Part)**

(1) In clause 11.1(f), after "**electricity**", insert "; and".

(2) After clause 11.1(f), insert:

**"(g)** requires **retailers** to give information about their **generally available retail tariff plans** to any person on request."

**6 New clause 11.32G inserted (Retailers must provide information about generally available retail tariff plans)**

After clause 11.32F, insert:

**"11.32G Retailers must provide information about generally available retail tariff plans**

**"(1)** If any person asks a **retailer** to provide information about 1 or more of the **retailer's** current **generally available retail tariff plans**, the **retailer** must give the requested information to the person no later than 5 **business days** after receiving the request.

**"(2)** If the person requests that information be provided under subclause (1) in a manner or format that differs from the manner or format the **retailer** typically uses to provide such information, the **retailer** may impose a reasonable charge for providing the information in the manner or form requested."

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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 February 2016.

The amendment amends Parts 1 and 11 of the Code, as amended by the Electricity Industry Participation Code Amendment (Access to Retail Data) 2014, to:

- (a) give effect to the Electricity Authority's decision to require all retailers to provide information about their generally available retail tariff plans to any person that requests it; and
- (b) enable a retailer to impose a reasonable charge for providing the information, if a person requests that information be provided in a manner or format that is different from the manner or format typically used by the retailer for providing such information.

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