

**Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012
Consolidated determination as of 18 May 2023**

**Schedules 1–10
excluding 5f–5g**

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Disclosure Template Instructions

This document forms Schedules 1–10 to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (Consolidated determination as of 18 May 2023)

The Schedules take the form of templates for use by EDBs when making disclosures under clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1, and 2.5.2 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012.

Company Name and Dates

To prepare the templates for disclosure, the supplier's company name should be entered in cell C8, the date of the last day of the current (disclosure) year should be entered in cell C12, and the date on which the information is disclosed should be entered in cell C10 of the CoverSheet worksheet.

The cell C12 entry (current year) is used to calculate disclosure years in the column headings that show above some of the tables and in labels adjacent to some entry cells. It is also used to calculate the 'For year ended' date in the template title blocks (the title blocks are the light green shaded areas at the top of each template).

The cell C8 entry (company name) is used in the template title blocks.

Dates should be entered in day/month/year order (Example -"1 April 2013").

Data Entry Cells and Calculated Cells

Data entered into this workbook may be entered only into the data entry cells. Data entry cells are the bordered, unshaded areas (white cells) in each template. Under no circumstances should data be entered into the workbook outside a data entry cell.

In some cases, where the information for disclosure is able to be ascertained from disclosures elsewhere in the workbook, such information is disclosed in a calculated cell.

Validation Settings on Data Entry Cells

To maintain a consistency of format and to help guard against errors in data entry, some data entry cells test keyboard entries for validity and accept only a limited range of values. For example, entries may be limited to a list of category names, to values between 0% and 100%, or either a numeric entry or the text entry "N/A". Where this occurs, a validation message will appear when data is being entered. These checks are applied to keyboard entries only and not, for example, to entries made using Excel's copy and paste facility.

Conditional Formatting Settings on Data Entry Cells

Schedule 2 cells G79 and I79:L79 will change colour if the total cashflows do not equal the corresponding values in table 2(ii).

Schedule 4 cells P99:P105 and P107 will change colour if the RAB values do not equal the corresponding values in table 4(ii).

Schedule 9b columns AA to AE (2013 to 2017) contain conditional formatting. The data entry cells for future years are hidden (are changed from white to yellow).

Schedule 9b cells AG10 to AG60 will change colour if the total assets at year end for each asset class does not equal the corresponding values in column I in Schedule 9a.

Schedule 9c cell G30 will change colour if G30 (overhead circuit length by terrain) does not equal G18 (overhead circuit length by operating voltage).

Inserting Additional Rows and Columns

The schedule 4, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 6a, 8, 9d, and 9e templates may require additional rows to be inserted in tables marked 'include additional rows if needed' or similar. Column A schedule references should not be entered in additional rows, and should be deleted from additional rows that are created by copying and pasting rows that have schedule references.

Additional rows in the schedule 5c, 6a, and 9e templates must not be inserted directly above the first row or below the last row of a table. This is to ensure that entries made in the new row are included in the totals.

The schedule 5d and 5e templates may require new cost or asset category rows to be inserted in allocation change tables 5d(iii) and 5e(ii). Accordingly, cell protection has been removed from rows 77 and 78 of the respective templates to allow blocks of rows to be copied. The four steps to add new cost category rows to table 5d(iii) are: Select Excel rows 69:77, copy, select Excel row 78, insert copied cells. Similarly, for table 5e(ii): Select Excel rows 70:78, copy, select Excel row 79, then insert copied cells.

The template for schedule 8 may require additional columns to be inserted between column P and U. To avoid interfering with the title block entries, these should be inserted to the left of column S. If inserting additional columns, the formulas for standard consumers total, non-standard consumers totals and total for all consumers will need to be copied into the cells of the added columns. The formulas can be found in the equivalent cells of the existing columns.

Disclosures by Sub-Network

If the supplier has sub-networks, schedules 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9e, and 10 must be completed for the network and for each sub-network. A copy of the schedule worksheet(s) must be made for each sub-network and named accordingly.

Description of Calculation References

Calculation cell formulas contain links to other cells within the same template or elsewhere in the workbook. Key cell references are described in a column to the right of each template. These descriptions are provided to assist data entry. Cell references refer to the row of the template and not the schedule reference.

Worksheet Completion Sequence

Calculation cells may show an incorrect value until precedent cell entries have been completed. Data entry may be assisted by completing the schedules in the following order:

1. Coversheet
2. Schedules 5a–5e
3. Schedules 6a–6b
4. Schedule 8
5. Schedule 3
6. Schedule 4
7. Schedule 2
8. Schedule 7
9. Schedules 9a–9e
10. Schedule 10

Changes Since Previous Version

Refer to the Targeted Information Disclosure Review - Electricity Distribution Businesses Final reasons paper - Tranche 1, for the details of changes made. A summary is provided in Chapter 2.

SCHEDULE 1: ANALYTICAL RATIOS

This schedule calculates expenditure, revenue and service ratios from the information disclosed. The disclosed ratios may vary for reasons that are company specific and, as a result, must be interpreted with care. The Commerce Commission will publish a summary and analysis of information disclosed in accordance with this ID determination. This will include information disclosed in accordance with this and other schedules, and information disclosed under the other requirements of this determination.

This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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1(i): Expenditure metrics

| | Expenditure per GWh energy delivered to ICPs (\$/GWh) | Expenditure per average no. of ICPs (\$/ICP) | Expenditure per MW maximum coincident system demand (\$/MW) | Expenditure per km circuit length (\$/km) | Expenditure per MVA of capacity from EDB-owned distribution transformers (\$/MVA) |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Operational expenditure | 46,125 | 580 | 231,939 | 5,901 | 60,925 |
| Network | 24,179 | 304 | 121,583 | 3,093 | 31,937 |
| Non-network | 21,946 | 276 | 110,356 | 2,808 | 28,988 |
| Expenditure on assets | 36,917 | 464 | 185,637 | 4,723 | 48,763 |
| Network | 35,892 | 451 | 180,482 | 4,592 | 47,408 |
| Non-network | 1,025 | 13 | 5,155 | 131 | 1,354 |

1(ii): Revenue metrics

| | Revenue per GWh energy delivered to ICPs (\$/GWh) | Revenue per average no. of ICPs (\$/ICP) |
|---|---|--|
| Total consumer line charge revenue | 83,042 | 1,044 |
| Standard consumer line charge revenue | 95,717 | 881 |
| Non-standard consumer line charge revenue | 48,400 | 1,283,451 |

1(iii): Service intensity measures

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Demand density | 25 | Maximum coincident system demand per km of circuit length (for supply) (kW/km) |
| Volume density | 128 | Total energy delivered to ICPs per km of circuit length (for supply) (MWh/km) |
| Connection point density | 10 | Average number of ICPs per km of circuit length (for supply) (ICPs/km) |
| Energy intensity | 12,570 | Total energy delivered to ICPs per average number of ICPs (kWh/ICP) |

1(iv): Composition of regulatory income

| | (\$000) | % of revenue |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Operational expenditure | 36,529 | 54.95% |
| Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups | 18,819 | 28.31% |
| Total depreciation | 12,204 | 18.36% |
| Total revaluations | 21,787 | 32.77% |
| Regulatory tax allowance | 35 | 0.05% |
| Regulatory profit/(loss) including financial incentives and wash-ups | 20,680 | 31.11% |
| Total regulatory income | 66,479 | |

1(v): Reliability

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| Interruption rate | 21.18 | Interruptions per 100 circuit km |
|-------------------|-------|----------------------------------|

SCHEDULE 2: REPORT ON RETURN ON INVESTMENT

This schedule requires information on the Return on Investment (ROI) for the EDB relative to the Commerce Commission's estimates of post tax WACC and vanilla WACC. EDBs must calculate their ROI based on a monthly basis if required by clause 2.3.3 of this ID Determination or if they elect to. If an EDB makes this election, information supporting this calculation must be provided in 2(iii).

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their ROI in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes).

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2(iii): Information Supporting the Monthly ROI

Opening RIV N/A

| | Line charge revenue | Expenses cash outflow | Assets commissioned | Asset disposals | Other regulated income | Monthly net cash outflows |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| April | | | | | | - |
| May | | | | | | - |
| June | | | | | | - |
| July | | | | | | - |
| August | | | | | | - |
| September | | | | | | - |
| October | | | | | | - |
| November | | | | | | - |
| December | | | | | | - |
| January | | | | | | - |
| February | | | | | | - |
| March | | | | | | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Tax payments N/A

Term credit spread differential allowance N/A

Closing RIV N/A

Monthly ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC N/A

Monthly ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC N/A

2(iv): Year-End ROI Rates for Comparison Purposes

Year-end ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC 6.42%

Year-end ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC 5.91%

** these year-end ROI values are comparable to the ROI reported in pre 2012 disclosures by EDBs and do not represent the Commission's current view on ROI.*

2(v): Financial Incentives and Wash-Ups

| | |
|--|---|
| Net recoverable costs allowed under incremental rolling incentive scheme | - |
| Purchased assets – avoided transmission charge | |
| Energy efficiency and demand incentive allowance | |
| Quality incentive adjustment | |
| Other financial incentives | |
| Financial incentives | - |

Impact of financial incentives on ROI -

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Input methodology claw-back | |
| CPP application recoverable costs | |
| Catastrophic event allowance | |
| Capex wash-up adjustment | |
| Transmission asset wash-up adjustment | |
| 2013–15 NPV wash-up allowance | |
| Reconsideration event allowance | |
| Other wash-ups | |
| Wash-up costs | - |

Impact of wash-up costs on ROI -

SCHEDULE 3: REPORT ON REGULATORY PROFIT

This schedule requires information on the calculation of regulatory profit for the EDB for the disclosure year. All EDBs must complete all sections and provide explanatory comment on their regulatory profit in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes).
This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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| | | (\$000) |
|----|---|---|
| 7 | 3(i): Regulatory Profit | |
| 8 | Income | |
| 9 | Line charge revenue | 65,767 |
| 10 | plus Gains / (losses) on asset disposals | |
| 11 | plus Other regulated income (other than gains / (losses) on asset disposals) | 713 |
| 12 | | |
| 13 | Total regulatory income | 66,479 |
| 14 | Expenses | |
| 15 | less Operational expenditure | 36,529 |
| 16 | | |
| 17 | less Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups | 18,819 |
| 18 | | |
| 19 | Operating surplus / (deficit) | 11,131 |
| 20 | | |
| 21 | less Total depreciation | 12,204 |
| 22 | | |
| 23 | plus Total revaluations | 21,787 |
| 24 | | |
| 25 | Regulatory profit / (loss) before tax | 20,714 |
| 26 | | |
| 27 | less Term credit spread differential allowance | - |
| 28 | | |
| 29 | less Regulatory tax allowance | 35 |
| 30 | | |
| 31 | Regulatory profit/(loss) including financial incentives and wash-ups | 20,680 |
| 32 | | |
| 33 | 3(ii): Pass-through and Recoverable Costs excluding Financial Incentives and Wash-Ups | (\$000) |
| 34 | Pass through costs | |
| 35 | Rates | 111 |
| 36 | Commerce Act levies | 164 |
| 37 | Industry levies | 202 |
| 38 | CPP specified pass through costs | |
| 39 | Recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups | |
| 40 | Electricity lines service charge payable to Transpower | 17,929 |
| 41 | Transpower new investment contract charges | |
| 42 | System operator services | |
| 43 | Distributed generation allowance | 413 |
| 44 | Extended reserves allowance | |
| 45 | Other recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups | |
| 46 | Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups | 18,819 |
| 47 | | |
| 48 | 3(iii): Incremental Rolling Incentive Scheme | (\$000) |
| 49 | | CY-1 CY |
| 50 | | 31 Mar 23 |
| 51 | Allowed controllable opex | |
| 52 | Actual controllable opex | |
| 53 | | |
| 54 | Incremental change in year | |
| 55 | | |
| 56 | | Previous years' Previous years' |
| 57 | | incremental incremental |
| 58 | | change change adjusted |
| 59 | | for inflation |
| 60 | CY-5 [year] | |
| 61 | CY-4 [year] | |
| 62 | CY-3 [year] | |
| 63 | CY-2 [year] | |
| 64 | CY-1 [year] | |
| 65 | Net incremental rolling incentive scheme | - |
| 66 | | |
| 67 | Net recoverable costs allowed under incremental rolling incentive scheme | - |
| 68 | | |
| 69 | 3(iv): Merger and Acquisition Expenditure | (\$000) |
| 70 | Merger and acquisition expenditure | |
| 71 | | |
| 72 | <i>Provide commentary on the benefits of merger and acquisition expenditure to the electricity distribution business, including required disclosures in accordance with section 2.7, in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes)</i> | |
| 73 | | |
| 74 | 3(v): Other Disclosures | (\$000) |
| 75 | Self-insurance allowance | |

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SCHEDULE 4: REPORT ON VALUE OF THE REGULATORY ASSET BASE (ROLLED FORWARD)

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) value to the end of this disclosure year. This informs the ROI calculation in Schedule 2. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on the value of their RAB in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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| | RAB CY-4 (\$000) | RAB CY-3 (\$000) | RAB CY-2 (\$000) | RAB CY-1 (\$000) | RAB CY (\$000) |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 4(i): Regulatory Asset Base Value (Rolled Forward) | | | | | |
| Total opening RAB value | 262,813 | 267,167 | 279,361 | 298,438 | 328,448 |
| less Total depreciation | 10,169 | 9,962 | 10,574 | 11,454 | 12,204 |
| plus Total revaluations | 3,897 | 6,765 | 4,241 | 20,647 | 21,787 |
| plus Assets commissioned | 12,121 | 16,089 | 24,903 | 20,879 | 15,667 |
| less Asset disposals | 42 | 57 | 29 | 453 | 151 |
| plus Lost and found assets adjustment | - | - | - | - | - |
| plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation | (1,453) | (642) | 536 | 392 | (379) |
| Total closing RAB value | 267,167 | 279,361 | 298,438 | 328,448 | 353,169 |

| | Unallocated RAB * | | RAB | |
|---|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 4(ii): Unallocated Regulatory Asset Base | | | | |
| Total opening RAB value | | 330,768 | | 328,448 |
| less Total depreciation | | 12,320 | | 12,204 |
| plus Total revaluations | | 21,941 | | 21,787 |
| plus Assets commissioned (other than below) | 2,295 | | 2,295 | |
| Assets acquired from a regulated supplier | - | | - | |
| Assets acquired from a related party | 13,372 | | 13,372 | |
| Assets commissioned | | 15,667 | | 15,667 |
| less Asset disposals (other than below) | 151 | | 151 | |
| Asset disposals to a regulated supplier | | | | |
| Asset disposals to a related party | | | | |
| Asset disposals | | 151 | | 151 |
| plus Lost and found assets adjustment | | | | |
| plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation | | | | (379) |
| Total closing RAB value | | 355,905 | | 353,169 |

* The 'unallocated RAB' is the total value of those assets used wholly or partially to provide electricity distribution services without any allowance being made for the allocation of costs to services provided by the supplier that are not electricity distribution services. The RAB value represents the value of these assets after applying this cost allocation. Neither value includes works under construction.

SCHEDULE 4: REPORT ON VALUE OF THE REGULATORY ASSET BASE (ROLLED FORWARD)

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) value to the end of this disclosure year. This informs the ROI calculation in Schedule 2. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on the value of their RAB in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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4(iii): Calculation of Revaluation Rate and Revaluation of Assets

| | | | | | |
|----|---|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 54 | CPI _t | | | | 1,218 |
| 55 | CPI _{t-4} | | | | 1,142 |
| 56 | Revaluation rate (%) | | | | 6.65% |
| | | | | | |
| | | Unallocated RAB * | | RAB | |
| | | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 60 | Total opening RAB value | 330,768 | | 328,448 | |
| 61 | less Opening value of fully depreciated, disposed and lost assets | 1,069 | | 1,069 | |
| 63 | Total opening RAB value subject to revaluation | 329,698 | | 327,379 | |
| 64 | Total revaluations | | 21,941 | | 21,787 |

4(iv): Roll Forward of Works Under Construction

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--------|---|--------|
| Works under construction—preceding disclosure year | | Unallocated works under construction | | Allocated works under construction | |
| 68 | plus Capital expenditure | 25,141 | 8,297 | 22,478 | 8,375 |
| 69 | less Assets commissioned | 15,667 | | 15,667 | |
| 71 | plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation | | | | |
| 72 | Works under construction - current disclosure year | | 17,771 | | 15,186 |
| 74 | Highest rate of capitalised finance applied | | | | 6.21% |

4(v): Regulatory Depreciation

| | | | | | |
|----|--|--------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | | Unallocated RAB * | | RAB | |
| | | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 79 | Depreciation - standard | 11,695 | | 11,584 | |
| 80 | Depreciation - no standard life assets | 625 | | 620 | |
| 81 | Depreciation - modified life assets | | | | |
| 82 | Depreciation - alternative depreciation in accordance with CPP | | | | |
| 83 | Total depreciation | | 12,320 | | 12,204 |

4(vi): Disclosure of Changes to Depreciation Profiles

(\$000 unless otherwise specified)

| 86 | Asset or assets with changes to depreciation* | Reason for non-standard depreciation (text entry) | Closing RAB value | | |
|----|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | 87 | 88 | |
| 89 | | | Depreciation charge for the period (RAB) | under 'non-standard' depreciation | Closing RAB value under 'standard' depreciation |
| 90 | | | | | |
| 91 | | | | | |
| 92 | | | | | |
| 93 | | | | | |
| 94 | | | | | |

* include additional rows if needed

SCHEDULE 5a: REPORT ON REGULATORY TAX ALLOWANCE

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the regulatory tax allowance. This information is used to calculate regulatory profit/loss in Schedule 3 (regulatory profit). EDBs must provide explanatory commentary on the information disclosed in this schedule, in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section

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| 7 5a(i): Regulatory Tax Allowance | | | (\$000) |
|--|--|--------|---------|
| 8 | Regulatory profit / (loss) before tax | | 20,714 |
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | <i>plus</i> Income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable | | * |
| 11 | Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible | 22 | * |
| 12 | Amortisation of initial differences in asset values | 4,532 | |
| 13 | Amortisation of revaluations | 2,302 | |
| 14 | | | 6,856 |
| 15 | | | |
| 16 | <i>less</i> Total revaluations | 21,787 | |
| 17 | Income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable | | * |
| 18 | Discretionary discounts and customer rebates | | |
| 19 | Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax | | * |
| 20 | Notional deductible interest | 5,658 | |
| 21 | | | 27,445 |
| 22 | | | |
| 23 | Regulatory taxable income | | 125 |
| 24 | | | |
| 25 | <i>less</i> Utilised tax losses | | |
| 26 | Regulatory net taxable income | | 125 |
| 27 | | | |
| 28 | Corporate tax rate (%) | 28% | |
| 29 | Regulatory tax allowance | | 35 |

* Workings to be provided in Schedule 14

5a(ii): Disclosure of Permanent Differences

In Schedule 14, Box 5, provide descriptions and workings of items recorded in the asterisked categories in Schedule 5a(i).

5a(iii): Amortisation of Initial Difference in Asset Values

| 34 5a(iii): Amortisation of Initial Difference in Asset Values | | | (\$000) |
|---|---|--------|---------|
| 35 | | | |
| 36 | Opening unamortised initial differences in asset values | 91,999 | |
| 37 | <i>less</i> Amortisation of initial differences in asset values | 4,532 | |
| 38 | <i>plus</i> Adjustment for unamortised initial differences in assets acquired | | |
| 39 | <i>less</i> Adjustment for unamortised initial differences in assets disposed | | |
| 40 | Closing unamortised initial differences in asset values | | 87,467 |
| 41 | | | |
| 42 | Opening weighted average remaining useful life of relevant assets (years) | | 20.3 |

5a(iv): Amortisation of Revaluations

| 44 5a(iv): Amortisation of Revaluations | | | (\$000) |
|--|--|---------|---------|
| 45 | | | |
| 46 | Opening sum of RAB values without revaluations | 274,300 | |
| 47 | | | |
| 48 | Adjusted depreciation | 9,902 | |
| 49 | Total depreciation | 12,204 | |
| 50 | Amortisation of revaluations | | 2,302 |

5a(v): Reconciliation of Tax Losses

| 52 5a(v): Reconciliation of Tax Losses | | | (\$000) |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------|
| 53 | | | |
| 54 | Opening tax losses | | |
| 55 | <i>plus</i> Current period tax losses | | |
| 56 | <i>less</i> Utilised tax losses | | |
| 57 | Closing tax losses | | - |

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SCHEDULE 5a: REPORT ON REGULATORY TAX ALLOWANCE

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the regulatory tax allowance. This information is used to calculate regulatory profit/loss in Schedule 3 (regulatory profit). EDBs must provide explanatory commentary on the information disclosed in this schedule, in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section

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| | | | |
|----|--|----------|----------|
| 58 | 5a(vi): Calculation of Deferred Tax Balance | | (\$000) |
| 59 | | | |
| 60 | Opening deferred tax | (14,210) | |
| 61 | | | |
| 62 | plus Tax effect of adjusted depreciation | 2,773 | |
| 63 | | | |
| 64 | less Tax effect of tax depreciation | 3,450 | |
| 65 | | | |
| 66 | plus Tax effect of other temporary differences* | (21) | |
| 67 | | | |
| 68 | less Tax effect of amortisation of initial differences in asset values | 1,269 | |
| 69 | | | |
| 70 | plus Deferred tax balance relating to assets acquired in the disclosure year | | |
| 71 | | | |
| 72 | less Deferred tax balance relating to assets disposed in the disclosure year | (41) | |
| 73 | | | |
| 74 | plus Deferred tax cost allocation adjustment | 183 | |
| 75 | | | |
| 76 | Closing deferred tax | | (15,954) |
| 77 | | | |
| 78 | 5a(vii): Disclosure of Temporary Differences | | |
| 79 | <i>In Schedule 14, Box 6, provide descriptions and workings of items recorded in the asterisked category in Schedule 5a(vi) (Tax effect of other temporary differences).</i> | | |
| 80 | | | |
| 81 | 5a(viii): Regulatory Tax Asset Base Roll-Forward | | |
| 82 | | | (\$000) |
| 83 | Opening sum of regulatory tax asset values | 132,516 | |
| 84 | less Tax depreciation | 12,321 | |
| 85 | plus Regulatory tax asset value of assets commissioned | 15,512 | |
| 86 | less Regulatory tax asset value of asset disposals | 6 | |
| 87 | plus Lost and found assets adjustment | | |
| 88 | plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation | 273 | |
| 89 | plus Other adjustments to the RAB tax value | - | |
| 90 | Closing sum of regulatory tax asset values | | 135,974 |

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SCHEDULE 5b: REPORT ON RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

This schedule provides information on the valuation of related party transactions, in accordance with clause 2.3.6 of this ID determination.
This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in clause 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by clause 2.8.

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5b(i): Summary—Related Party Transactions

| | (\$000) | (\$000) |
|---|---------|---------|
| Total regulatory income | | |
| Market value of asset disposals | | |
| Service interruptions and emergencies | 6,848 | |
| Vegetation management | 2,738 | |
| Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection | 3,902 | |
| Asset replacement and renewal (opex) | 5,060 | |
| Network opex | | 18,549 |
| Business support | 19 | |
| System operations and network support | 256 | |
| Operational expenditure | | 18,824 |
| Consumer connection | 130 | |
| System growth | 920 | |
| Asset replacement and renewal (capex) | 14,752 | |
| Asset relocations | 8 | |
| Quality of supply | 1 | |
| Legislative and regulatory | – | |
| Other reliability, safety and environment | 530 | |
| Expenditure on non-network assets | | 16 |
| Expenditure on assets | | 16,356 |
| Cost of financing | | |
| Value of capital contributions | | |
| Value of vested assets | | |
| Capital Expenditure | | 16,356 |
| Total expenditure | | 35,180 |
| Other related party transactions | | |

5b(iii): Total Opex and Capex Related Party Transactions

| Name of related party | Nature of opex or capex service provided | Total value of transactions (\$000) |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Northpower Contracting Division | Service interruptions and emergencies | 6,848 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Vegetation management | 2,738 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection | 3,902 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Asset replacement and renewal (opex) | 5,041 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | System operations and network support | 198 |
| Northpower Fibre Ltd | System operations and network support | 58 |
| Electricity Engineers' Association | Business support | 19 |
| Busck Prestressed Concrete | Asset replacement and renewal (opex) | 19 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Asset relocations | 8 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Consumer connection | 130 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Asset replacement and renewal (capex) | 14,749 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Quality of supply | 1 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Other reliability, safety and environment | 530 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | System growth | 920 |
| Northpower Contracting Division | Expenditure on non-network assets | 16 |
| Total value of related party transactions | | 35,180 |

* include additional rows if needed

SCHEDULE 5c: REPORT ON TERM CREDIT SPREAD DIFFERENTIAL ALLOWANCE

This schedule is only to be completed if, as at the date of the most recently published financial statements, the weighted average original tenor of the debt portfolio (both qualifying debt and non-qualifying debt) is greater than five years. This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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5c(i): Qualifying Debt (may be Commission only)

| Issuing party | Issue date | Pricing date | Original tenor (in years) | Coupon rate (%) | Book value at issue date (NZD) | Book value at date of financial statements (NZD) | Term Credit Spread Difference | Debt issue cost readjustment |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
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5c(ii): Attribution of Term Credit Spread Differential

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|---|--|--|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Gross term credit spread differential | | | | | | | | |
| Total book value of interest bearing debt | | | | | | | | |
| Leverage | | | 42% | | | | | |
| Average opening and closing RAB values | | | | | | | | |
| Attribution Rate (%) | | | | | | | | |
| Term credit spread differential allowance | | | | | | | | |

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SCHEDULE 5d: REPORT ON COST ALLOCATIONS

This schedule provides information on the allocation of operational costs. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their cost allocation in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes), including on the impact of any reclassifications. This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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| | | Value allocated (\$000s) | | | OVABAA allocation increase (\$000s) |
|----|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Arm's length deduction | Electricity distribution services | Non-electricity distribution services | |
| 7 | 5d(i): Operating Cost Allocations | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | |
| 10 | Service interruptions and emergencies | | | | |
| 11 | Directly attributable | | 6,971 | | |
| 12 | Not directly attributable | | | | - |
| 13 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 6,971 | | |
| 14 | Vegetation management | | | | |
| 15 | Directly attributable | | 2,874 | | |
| 16 | Not directly attributable | | | | - |
| 17 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 2,874 | | |
| 18 | Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection | | | | |
| 19 | Directly attributable | | 4,001 | | |
| 20 | Not directly attributable | | | | - |
| 21 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 4,001 | | |
| 22 | Asset replacement and renewal | | | | |
| 23 | Directly attributable | | 5,303 | | |
| 24 | Not directly attributable | | | | - |
| 25 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 5,303 | | |
| 26 | System operations and network support | | | | |
| 27 | Directly attributable | | 4,398 | | |
| 28 | Not directly attributable | | | | - |
| 29 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 4,398 | | |
| 30 | Business support | | | | |
| 31 | Directly attributable | | 7,890 | | |
| 32 | Not directly attributable | | 5,093 | 13,645 | 18,738 |
| 33 | Total attributable to regulated service | | 12,983 | | |
| 34 | | | | | |
| 35 | Operating costs directly attributable | | 31,436 | | |
| 36 | Operating costs not directly attributable | - | 5,093 | 13,645 | 18,738 |
| 37 | Operational expenditure | | 36,529 | | |
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39 **5d(ii): Other Cost Allocations**

| 40 Pass through and recoverable costs | | (5000) |
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| 41 Pass through costs | | |
| 42 | Directly attributable | 477 |
| 43 | Not directly attributable | |
| 44 | Total attributable to regulated service | 477 |
| 45 Recoverable costs | | |
| 46 | Directly attributable | 18,342 |
| 47 | Not directly attributable | |
| 48 | Total attributable to regulated service | 18,342 |

50 **5d(iii): Changes in Cost Allocations* †**

| | | (5000) | |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | | CY-1 | Current Year (CY) |
| 52 | Change in cost allocation 1 | | |
| 53 | Cost category | | |
| 54 | Original allocator or line items | | |
| 55 | New allocator or line items | | |
| 56 | | | |
| 57 | Rationale for change | | |
| 58 | | | |

| | | (5000) | |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | | CY-1 | Current Year (CY) |
| 61 | Change in cost allocation 2 | | |
| 62 | Cost category | | |
| 63 | Original allocator or line items | | |
| 64 | New allocator or line items | | |
| 65 | | | |
| 66 | Rationale for change | | |
| 67 | | | |

| | | (5000) | |
|----|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | | CY-1 | Current Year (CY) |
| 70 | Change in cost allocation 3 | | |
| 71 | Cost category | | |
| 72 | Original allocator or line items | | |
| 73 | New allocator or line items | | |
| 74 | | | |
| 75 | Rationale for change | | |
| 76 | | | |

78 * a change in cost allocation must be completed for each cost allocator change that has occurred in the disclosure year. A movement in an allocator metric is not a change in allocator or component.
 79 † include additional rows if needed

SCHEDULE 5e: REPORT ON ASSET ALLOCATIONS

This schedule requires information on the allocation of asset values. This information supports the calculation of the RAB value in Schedule 4. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their cost allocation in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes), including on the impact of any changes in asset allocations. This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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5e(i): Regulated Service Asset Values

| | Value allocated (\$000s) Electricity distribution services |
|--|---|
| Subtransmission lines | |
| Directly attributable | 8,183 |
| Not directly attributable | 276 |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 8,459 |
| Subtransmission cables | |
| Directly attributable | 10,745 |
| Not directly attributable | |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 10,745 |
| Zone substations | |
| Directly attributable | 40,155 |
| Not directly attributable | |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 40,155 |
| Distribution and LV lines | |
| Directly attributable | 135,641 |
| Not directly attributable | 7,553 |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 143,194 |
| Distribution and LV cables | |
| Directly attributable | 53,231 |
| Not directly attributable | 487 |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 53,718 |
| Distribution substations and transformers | |
| Directly attributable | 57,360 |
| Not directly attributable | |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 57,360 |
| Distribution switchgear | |
| Directly attributable | 10,272 |
| Not directly attributable | |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 10,272 |
| Other network assets | |
| Directly attributable | 6,446 |
| Not directly attributable | 1,209 |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 7,655 |
| Non-network assets | |
| Directly attributable | 18,066 |
| Not directly attributable | 3,545 |
| Total attributable to regulated service | 21,611 |
| Regulated service asset value directly attributable | 340,099 |
| Regulated service asset value not directly attributable | 13,070 |
| Total closing RAB value | 353,169 |

5e(ii): Changes in Asset Allocations* †

| | | | (\$000) | |
|---|--|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | | | CY-1 | Current Year (CY) |
| Change in asset value allocation 1 | | | | |
| Asset category | | Original allocation | | |
| Original allocator or line items | | New allocation | | |
| New allocator or line items | | Difference | - | - |
| Rationale for change | | | | |
| Change in asset value allocation 2 | | | | |
| Asset category | | Original allocation | | |
| Original allocator or line items | | New allocation | | |
| New allocator or line items | | Difference | - | - |
| Rationale for change | | | | |
| Change in asset value allocation 3 | | | | |
| Asset category | | Original allocation | | |
| Original allocator or line items | | New allocation | | |
| New allocator or line items | | Difference | - | - |
| Rationale for change | | | | |

* a change in asset allocation must be completed for each allocator or component change that has occurred in the disclosure year. A movement in an allocator metric is not a change in allocator or component.
† include additional rows if needed

SCHEDULE 6a: REPORT ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE DISCLOSURE YEAR

This schedule requires a breakdown of capital expenditure on assets incurred in the disclosure year, including any assets in respect of which capital contributions are received, but excluding assets that are vested assets. Information on expenditure on assets must be provided on an accounting accruals basis and must exclude finance costs. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their expenditure on assets in Schedule 14 (Explanatory Notes to Templates). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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| 68 | | | | |
| 69 | 6a(vi): Quality of Supply | | | |
| 70 | <i>Project or programme*</i> | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 71 | Communications for remote control | | 1 | |
| 72 | Maungaturoto to Mangawhai 33kV | | 93 | |
| 73 | System Growth | | 264 | |
| 74 | | | | |
| 75 | | | | |
| 76 | <i>* include additional rows if needed</i> | | | |
| 77 | All other projects programmes - quality of supply | | | |
| 78 | Quality of supply expenditure | | | 358 |
| 79 | less Capital contributions funding quality of supply | | | |
| 80 | Quality of supply less capital contributions | | | 358 |
| 81 | 6a(vii): Legislative and Regulatory | | | |
| 82 | <i>Project or programme*</i> | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 83 | Zone substation risk mitigation | | 60 | |
| 84 | | | | |
| 85 | | | | |
| 86 | | | | |
| 87 | | | | |
| 88 | <i>* include additional rows if needed</i> | | | |
| 89 | All other projects or programmes - legislative and regulatory | | | |
| 90 | Legislative and regulatory expenditure | | | 60 |
| 91 | less Capital contributions funding legislative and regulatory | | | |
| 92 | Legislative and regulatory less capital contributions | | | 60 |
| 93 | 6a(viii): Other Reliability, Safety and Environment | | | |
| 94 | <i>Project or programme*</i> | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 95 | Dsub MDI Meters | | 1 | |
| | Long & Crawford GMS replacement | | 289 | |
| | Minor capital expenditure R,S&E improvement | | 266 | |
| | Research & Development | | 6 | |
| 96 | Ring main units | | 76 | |
| 97 | SCADA & communications improvements | | 1 | |
| 98 | Zone substation security improvements | | 5 | |
| 99 | Zone substation Transformer upgrade | | 856 | |
| 100 | <i>* include additional rows if needed</i> | | | |
| 101 | All other projects or programmes - other reliability, safety and environment | | | |
| 102 | Other reliability, safety and environment expenditure | | | 1,500 |
| 103 | less Capital contributions funding other reliability, safety and environment | | | |
| 104 | Other reliability, safety and environment less capital contributions | | | 1,500 |
| 105 | | | | |
| 106 | 6a(ix): Non-Network Assets | | | |
| 107 | Routine expenditure | | | |
| 108 | <i>Project or programme*</i> | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 109 | Hiko | | 98 | |
| 110 | Lease vehicles | | 75 | |
| 111 | | | | |
| 112 | | | | |
| 113 | | | | |
| 114 | <i>* include additional rows if needed</i> | | | |
| 115 | All other projects or programmes - routine expenditure | | | |
| 116 | Routine expenditure | | | 174 |
| 117 | Atypical expenditure | | | |
| 118 | <i>Project or programme*</i> | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
| 119 | Asset Data Management System (ADMS) | | 384 | |
| 120 | Faults Management System | | 253 | |
| 121 | G Tech Upgrade | | 2 | |
| 122 | | | | |
| 123 | | | | |
| 124 | <i>* include additional rows if needed</i> | | | |
| 125 | All other projects or programmes - atypical expenditure | | | |
| 126 | Atypical expenditure | | | 638 |
| 127 | | | | |
| 128 | Expenditure on non-network assets | | | 812 |

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SCHEDULE 6b: REPORT ON OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE DISCLOSURE YEAR

This schedule requires a breakdown of operational expenditure incurred in the disclosure year.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their operational expenditure in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). This includes explanatory comment on any atypical operational expenditure and assets replaced or renewed as part of asset replacement and renewal operational expenditure, and additional information on insurance.

This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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| | | (\$000) | (\$000) |
|----|---|---------|---------|
| 7 | 6b(i): Operational Expenditure | | |
| 8 | Service interruptions and emergencies | 6,971 | |
| 9 | Vegetation management | 2,874 | |
| 10 | Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection | 4,001 | |
| 11 | Asset replacement and renewal | 5,303 | |
| 12 | Network opex | | 19,149 |
| 13 | System operations and network support | 4,398 | |
| 14 | Business support | 12,983 | |
| 15 | Non-network opex | | 17,381 |
| 16 | | | |
| 17 | Operational expenditure | | 36,529 |
| 18 | 6b(ii): Subcomponents of Operational Expenditure (where known) | | |
| 19 | <i>EDBs' must disclose both a public version of this Schedule (excluding cybersecurity cost data) and a confidential version of this Schedule (including cybersecurity costs)</i> | | |
| 20 | Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses | | |
| 21 | Direct billing* | | |
| 22 | Research and development | | |
| 23 | Insurance | | |
| 24 | Cybersecurity (Commission only) | | |
| 25 | <i>* Direct billing expenditure by suppliers that directly bill the majority of their consumers</i> | | |

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SCHEDULE 7: COMPARISON OF FORECASTS TO ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

This schedule compares actual revenue and expenditure to the previous forecasts that were made for the disclosure year. Accordingly, this schedule requires the forecast revenue and expenditure information from previous disclosures to be inserted.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on the variance between actual and target revenue and forecast expenditure in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of the audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8. For the purpose of this audit, target revenue and forecast expenditures only need to be verified back to previous disclosures.

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| 7(i): Revenue | | Target (\$000) ¹ | Actual (\$000) | % variance |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | Line charge revenue | 66,600 | 65,767 | (1%) |
| 7(ii): Expenditure on Assets | | Forecast (\$000) ² | Actual (\$000) | % variance |
| 9 | | | | |
| 10 | Consumer connection | 4,238 | 5,821 | 37% |
| 11 | System growth | 10,535 | 2,670 | (75%) |
| 12 | Asset replacement and renewal | 23,055 | 17,501 | (24%) |
| 13 | Asset relocations | 109 | 514 | 372% |
| 14 | Reliability, safety and environment: | | | |
| 15 | Quality of supply | 3,624 | 358 | (90%) |
| 16 | Legislative and regulatory | – | 60 | – |
| 17 | Other reliability, safety and environment | 921 | 1,500 | 63% |
| 18 | Total reliability, safety and environment | 4,545 | 1,918 | (58%) |
| 19 | Expenditure on network assets | 42,482 | 28,425 | (33%) |
| 20 | Expenditure on non-network assets | 2,780 | 812 | (71%) |
| 21 | Expenditure on assets | 45,261 | 29,237 | (35%) |
| 7(iii): Operational Expenditure | | | | |
| 22 | | | | |
| 23 | Service interruptions and emergencies | 2,799 | 6,971 | 149% |
| 24 | Vegetation management | 2,902 | 2,874 | (1%) |
| 25 | Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection | 3,724 | 4,001 | 7% |
| 26 | Asset replacement and renewal | 2,642 | 5,303 | 101% |
| 27 | Network opex | 12,066 | 19,149 | 59% |
| 28 | System operations and network support | 3,673 | 4,398 | 20% |
| 29 | Business support | 14,796 | 12,983 | (12%) |
| 30 | Non-network opex | 18,469 | 17,381 | (6%) |
| 31 | Operational expenditure | 30,535 | 36,529 | 20% |
| 7(iv): Subcomponents of Expenditure on Assets (where known) | | | | |
| 32 | | | | |
| 33 | Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses | | – | – |
| 34 | Overhead to underground conversion | | – | – |
| 35 | Research and development | | – | – |
| 36 | | | | |
| 7(v): Subcomponents of Operational Expenditure (where known) | | | | |
| 37 | | | | |
| 38 | Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses | | – | – |
| 39 | Direct billing | | – | – |
| 40 | Research and development | | – | – |
| 41 | Insurance | | – | – |
| 42 | | | | |
| 43 | <i>1 From the nominal dollar target revenue for the disclosure year disclosed under clause 2.4.3(3) of this determination</i> | | | |
| 44 | <i>2 From the CY+1 nominal dollar expenditure forecasts disclosed in accordance with clause 2.6.6 for the forecast period starting at the beginning of the disclosure year (the second to last disclosure of Schedules 11a and 11b)</i> | | | |

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SCHEDULE 9a: ASSET REGISTER

This schedule requires a summary of the quantity of assets that make up the network, by asset category and asset class. All units relating to cable and line assets, that are expressed in km, refer to circuit lengths.

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| sch ref | Voltage | Asset category | Asset class | Units | Items at start of | Items at end of | Net change | Data accuracy |
|---------|---------|-----------------------------|--|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| | | | | | year (quantity) | year (quantity) | | (1-4) |
| 8 | All | Overhead Line | Concrete poles / steel structure | No. | 53,560 | 53,759 | 199 | 2 |
| 9 | All | Overhead Line | Wood poles | No. | 1,167 | 1,137 | (30) | 2 |
| 10 | All | Overhead Line | Other pole types | No. | 49 | 48 | (1) | 2 |
| 11 | HV | Subtransmission Line | Subtransmission OH up to 66kV conductor | km | 296 | 296 | (1) | 3 |
| 12 | HV | Subtransmission Line | Subtransmission OH 110kV+ conductor | km | 28 | 28 | - | 3 |
| 13 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (XLPE) | km | 12 | 13 | 1 | 3 |
| 14 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (Oil pressurised) | km | 8 | 8 | - | 4 |
| 15 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (Gas pressurised) | km | | | - | 4 |
| 16 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (PILC) | km | 3 | 3 | - | 4 |
| 17 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (XLPE) | km | 0 | 0 | - | 4 |
| 18 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (Oil pressurised) | km | | | - | 4 |
| 19 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (Gas Pressurised) | km | | | - | 4 |
| 20 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (PILC) | km | | | - | 4 |
| 21 | HV | Subtransmission Cable | Subtransmission submarine cable | km | 1 | 1 | - | 4 |
| 22 | HV | Zone substation Buildings | Zone substations up to 66kV | No. | 21 | 21 | - | 4 |
| 23 | HV | Zone substation Buildings | Zone substations 110kV+ | No. | 1 | 1 | - | 4 |
| 24 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 50/66/110kV CB (Indoor) | No. | | | - | 4 |
| 25 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 50/66/110kV CB (Outdoor) | No. | 19 | 19 | - | 2 |
| 26 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 33kV Switch (Ground Mounted) | No. | 29 | 36 | 7 | 2 |
| 27 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 33kV Switch (Pole Mounted) | No. | 175 | 175 | - | 2 |
| 28 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 33kV RMU | No. | 4 | 4 | - | 4 |
| 29 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 22/33kV CB (Indoor) | No. | 37 | 38 | 1 | 4 |
| 30 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 22/33kV CB (Outdoor) | No. | 59 | 59 | - | 4 |
| 31 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (ground mounted) | No. | 157 | 158 | 1 | 4 |
| 32 | HV | Zone substation switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (pole mounted) | No. | | | - | 4 |
| 33 | HV | Zone Substation Transformer | Zone Substation Transformers | No. | 43 | 41 | (2) | 4 |
| 34 | HV | Distribution Line | Distribution OH Open Wire Conductor | km | 3,506 | 3,507 | 2 | 2 |
| 35 | HV | Distribution Line | Distribution OH Aerial Cable Conductor | km | | | - | 4 |
| 36 | HV | Distribution Line | SWER conductor | km | | | - | 4 |
| 37 | HV | Distribution Cable | Distribution UG XLPE or PVC | km | 263 | 272 | 9 | 3 |
| 38 | HV | Distribution Cable | Distribution UG PILC | km | 39 | 38 | (0) | 2 |
| 39 | HV | Distribution Cable | Distribution Submarine Cable | km | 2 | 2 | - | 1 |
| 40 | HV | Distribution switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (pole mounted) - reclosers and sectionalisers | No. | 33 | 33 | - | 4 |
| 41 | HV | Distribution switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (Indoor) | No. | | | - | 4 |
| 42 | HV | Distribution switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV Switches and fuses (pole mounted) | No. | 8,555 | 8,605 | 50 | 2 |
| 43 | HV | Distribution switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV Switch (ground mounted) - except RMU | No. | 16 | 16 | - | 2 |
| 44 | HV | Distribution switchgear | 3.3/6.6/11/22kV RMU | No. | 232 | 234 | 2 | 4 |
| 45 | HV | Distribution Transformer | Pole Mounted Transformer | No. | 6,011 | 6,039 | 28 | 3 |
| 46 | HV | Distribution Transformer | Ground Mounted Transformer | No. | 1,517 | 1,552 | 35 | 3 |
| 47 | HV | Distribution Transformer | Voltage regulators | No. | 12 | 12 | - | 4 |
| 48 | HV | Distribution Substations | Ground Mounted Substation Housing | No. | 119 | 116 | (3) | 4 |
| 49 | LV | LV Line | LV OH Conductor | km | 1,182 | 1,185 | 2 | 2 |
| 50 | LV | LV Cable | LV UG Cable | km | 812 | 837 | 26 | 2 |
| 51 | LV | LV Street lighting | LV OH/UG Streetlight circuit | km | 410 | 418 | 9 | 2 |
| 52 | LV | Connections | OH/UG consumer service connections | No. | 62,537 | 63,445 | 908 | 2 |
| 53 | All | Protection | Protection relays (electromechanical, solid state and numeric) | No. | 359 | 381 | 22 | 2 |
| 54 | All | SCADA and communications | SCADA and communications equipment operating as a single system | Lot | 1 | 1 | - | 4 |
| 55 | All | Capacitor Banks | Capacitors including controls | No. | 23 | 23 | - | 4 |
| 56 | All | Load Control | Centralised plant | Lot | 6 | 6 | - | 4 |
| 57 | All | Load Control | Relays | No. | 39,227 | 39,561 | 334 | 2 |
| 58 | All | Civils | Cable Tunnels | km | - | - | - | N/A |

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| Network / Sub-network Name | |

SCHEDULE 9c: REPORT ON OVERHEAD LINES AND UNDERGROUND CABLES

This schedule requires a summary of the key characteristics of the overhead line and underground cable network. All units relating to cable and line assets, that are expressed in km, refer to circuit lengths.

sch ref

| | | | |
|----|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 | | | |
| 10 | Circuit length by operating voltage (at year end) | Overhead (km) | Underground (km) |
| 11 | > 66kV | 28 | 0 |
| 12 | 50kV & 66kV | 75 | 75 |
| 13 | 33kV | 221 | 25 |
| 14 | SWER (all SWER voltages) | | |
| 15 | 22kV (other than SWER) | | |
| 16 | 6.6kV to 11kV (inclusive—other than SWER) | 3,507 | 312 |
| 17 | Low voltage (< 1kV) | 1,185 | 837 |
| 18 | Total circuit length (for supply) | 5,016 | 1,175 |
| 19 | | | |
| 20 | Dedicated street lighting circuit length (km) | | |
| 21 | Circuit in sensitive areas (conservation areas, iwi territory etc) (km) | | |
| 22 | | | |
| 23 | Overhead circuit length by terrain (at year end) | (% of total) | |
| 24 | Urban | Circuit length (km) | overhead length |
| 25 | Rural | 570 | 11% |
| 26 | Remote only | 4,446 | 89% |
| 27 | Rugged only | | – |
| 28 | Remote and rugged | | – |
| 29 | Unallocated overhead lines | | – |
| 30 | Total overhead length | 5,016 | 100% |
| 31 | | | |
| 32 | | (% of total circuit) | |
| 33 | Length of circuit within 10km of coastline or geothermal areas (where known) | Circuit length (km) | length |
| 34 | | 3,417 | 55% |
| 35 | Overhead circuit requiring vegetation management | (% of total) | |
| | | Circuit length (km) | overhead length |
| | | 5,016 | 100% |

SCHEDULE 9e: REPORT ON NETWORK DEMAND

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network utilisation for the disclosure year (number of new connections including distributed generation, peak demand and electricity volumes conveyed).

sch ref

9e(i): Consumer Connections and Decommissionings

Number of ICPs connected during year by consumer type

Consumer types defined by EDB*

| | |
|--|--|
| Mass Market New ICPs | |
| Large Customer and industrial (ND9) New ICPs | |
| Very Large industrial New ICPs | |
| | |
| | |

* include additional rows if needed

Connections total

| Number of connections (ICPs) |
|------------------------------|
| 779 |
| 2 |
| - |
| |
| |
| 781 |

Number of ICPs decommissioned during year by consumer type

Consumer types defined by EDB*

| | |
|--|--|
| Mass Market ICPs | |
| Large Customer and industrial (ND9) ICPs | |
| Very Large industrial ICPs | |
| | |
| | |

* include additional rows if needed

Decommissionings total

| Number of decommissionings |
|----------------------------|
| 1,422 |
| - |
| - |
| |
| |
| 1,422 |

Distributed generation

Number of connections made in year

Capacity of distributed generation installed in year

| | |
|------|-------------|
| 414 | connections |
| 2.62 | MVA |

9e(ii): System Demand

Maximum coincident system demand

GXP demand
plus Distributed generation output at HV and above

Maximum coincident system demand

less Net transfers to (from) other EDBs at HV and above

Demand on system for supply to consumers' connection points

Demand at time of maximum coincident demand (MW)

| |
|------------|
| 153 |
| 5 |
| 157 |
| |
| 157 |

Electricity volumes carried

Electricity supplied from GXPs

less Electricity exports to GXPs

plus Electricity supplied from distributed generation

less Net electricity supplied to (from) other EDBs

Electricity entering system for supply to consumers' connection points

less Total energy delivered to ICPs

Electricity losses (loss ratio)

Energy (GWh)

| | |
|-------------|------|
| 816 | |
| - | |
| 21 | |
| - | |
| 837 | |
| 792 | |
| 46 | 5.4% |
| 0.61 | |

Load factor

9e(iii): Transformer Capacity

Distribution transformer capacity (EDB owned)

Distribution transformer capacity (Non-EDB owned, estimated)

Total distribution transformer capacity

Zone substation transformer capacity

(MVA)

| |
|------------|
| 600 |
| 5 |
| 605 |
| |
| 354 |

SCHEDULE 10: REPORT ON NETWORK RELIABILITY

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network reliability (interruptions, SAIDI, SAIFI and fault rate) for the disclosure year. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their network reliability for the disclosure year in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). The SAIFI and SAIDI information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

sch ref

8 10(i): Interruptions

9 Interruptions by class

| | Number of interruptions |
|--|-------------------------|
| 10 Class A (planned interruptions by Transpower) | |
| 11 Class B (planned interruptions on the network) | 379 |
| 12 Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network) | 932 |
| 13 Class D (unplanned interruptions by Transpower) | - |
| 14 Class E (unplanned interruptions of EDB owned generation) | |
| 15 Class F (unplanned interruptions of generation owned by others) | |
| 16 Class G (unplanned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity) | |
| 17 Class H (planned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity) | |
| 18 Class I (interruptions caused by parties not included above) | |
| 19 Total | 1,311 |

20 Interruption restoration

| | ≤3Hrs | >3hrs |
|--|-------|-------|
| 21 Class C interruptions restored within | 674 | 258 |

24 SAIFI and SAIDI by class

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|--|-------------|----------------|
| 25 Class A (planned interruptions by Transpower) | | |
| 26 Class B (planned interruptions on the network) | 0.44 | 115.6 |
| 27 Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network) | 7.35 | 1,099.4 |
| 28 Class D (unplanned interruptions by Transpower) | - | - |
| 29 Class E (unplanned interruptions of EDB owned generation) | | |
| 30 Class F (unplanned interruptions of generation owned by others) | | |
| 31 Class G (unplanned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity) | | |
| 32 Class H (planned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity) | | |
| 33 Class I (interruptions caused by parties not included above) | | |
| 34 Total | 7.79 | 1,215.0 |

36 Normalised SAIFI and SAIDI

| | Normalised SAIFI | Normalised SAIDI |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 37 Classes B & C (interruptions on the network) | 5.35 | 334.8 |

39 Transitional SAIDI and SAIDI (previous method)

Where EDBs do not currently record their SAIFI and SAIDI values using the 'multi-count' approach, they shall continue to record their SAIFI and SAIDI values on the same basis that they employed as at 31 March 2023 as 'Transitional SAIFI' and 'Transitional SAIDI' values, in addition to their SAIFI and SAIDI values (Classes B & C) using the 'multi-count approach'. This is a transitional reporting requirement that shall be in place for the 2024, 2025, and 2026 disclosure years.

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|---|-------|-------|
| 40 Class B (planned interruptions on the network) | | |
| 41 Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network) | | |

44 10(ii): Class C Interruptions and Duration by Cause

46 Cause

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| 47 Lightning | 0.03 | 0.5 |
| 48 Vegetation | 0.41 | 21.9 |
| 49 Adverse weather | 4.70 | 992.5 |
| 50 Adverse environment | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 51 Third party interference | 0.37 | 29.9 |
| 52 Wildlife | 0.17 | 7.4 |
| 53 Human error | 0.02 | 0.3 |
| 54 Defective equipment | 0.59 | 27.0 |
| 55 Cause unknown | 1.05 | 19.9 |

57 Breakdown of third party interference

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| 58 Dig-in | | |
| 59 Overhead contact | | |
| 60 Vandalism | | |
| 61 Vehicle damage | | |
| 62 Other | | |

64 10(iii): Class B Interruptions and Duration by Main Equipment Involved

66 Main equipment involved

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 67 Subtransmission lines | 0.01 | 3.4 |
| 68 Subtransmission cables | 0.00 | 0.0 |
| 69 Subtransmission other | | |
| 70 Distribution lines (excluding LV) | 0.38 | 103.0 |
| 71 Distribution cables (excluding LV) | 0.04 | 9.2 |
| 72 Distribution other (excluding LV) | | |

Company Name **Northpower**

For Year Ended **31 March 2023**

Network / Sub-network Name

SCHEDULE 10: REPORT ON NETWORK RELIABILITY

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network reliability (interruptions, SAIDI, SAIFI and fault rate) for the disclosure year. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their network reliability for the disclosure year in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). The SAIFI and SAIDI information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of this ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

10(iv): Class C Interruptions and Duration by Main Equipment Involved

Main equipment involved

- Subtransmission lines
- Subtransmission cables
- Subtransmission other
- Distribution lines (excluding LV)
- Distribution cables (excluding LV)
- Distribution other (excluding LV)

| | SAIFI | SAIDI |
|--|-------|-------|
| | 0.91 | 149.1 |
| | | |
| | 6.35 | 943.8 |
| | 0.10 | 6.5 |

10(v): Fault Rate

Main equipment involved

- Subtransmission lines
- Subtransmission cables
- Subtransmission other
- Distribution lines (excluding LV)
- Distribution cables (excluding LV)
- Distribution other (excluding LV)

| | Number of Faults | Circuit length (km) | Fault rate (faults per 100km) |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 37 | 324 | 11.42 |
| | | 25 | - |
| | 884 | 3,508 | 25.20 |
| | 23 | 313 | 7.34 |
| | | | |
| Total | 944 | | |

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Company Name | <u>Northpower Limited</u> |
| For Year Ended | <u>31 March 2023</u> |

Schedule 14 Mandatory Explanatory Notes

(Guidance Note: This Microsoft Word version of Schedules 14, 14a and 15 is from the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 – as amended and consolidated 3 April 2018. Clause references in this template are to that determination)

1. This schedule requires EDBs to provide explanatory notes to information provided in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, and subclauses 2.5.1(1)(f), and 2.5.2(1)(e).
2. This schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.7.1. Information provided in boxes 1 to 11 of this schedule is part of the audited disclosure information, and so is subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. Schedule 15 (Voluntary Explanatory Notes to Schedules) provides for EDBs to give additional explanation of disclosed information should they elect to do so.

Return on Investment (Schedule 2)

4. In the box below, comment on return on investment as disclosed in Schedule 2. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 1: Explanatory comment on return on investment
The calculated post tax ROI and vanilla ROI for disclosure year were 5.91% and 6.43% respectively. This compares to 8.46% and 8.76% for the previous year.

The reduction in the ROI is a result of increased costs relating to the impact Cyclone Gabrielle had on the Network combined with some significant temporary bypass works required to address geotechnical risks on a key transmission line.

Regulatory Profit (Schedule 3)

5. In the box below, comment on regulatory profit for the disclosure year as disclosed in Schedule 3. This comment must include-
 - 5.1 a description of material items included in other regulated income (other than gains / (losses) on asset disposals), as disclosed in 3(i) of Schedule 3
 - 5.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 2: Explanatory comment on regulatory profit

Other regulatory income of \$713k relates to value added work on charged to customers.

Merger and acquisition expenses (3(iv) of Schedule 3)

6. If the EDB incurred merger and acquisitions expenditure during the disclosure year, provide the following information in the box below-
- 6.1 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2)
- 6.2 any other commentary on the benefits of the merger and acquisition expenditure to the EDB.

Box 3: Explanatory comment on merger and acquisition expenditure

Not applicable – there were no incurred merger and acquisition expenditure during the disclosure year.

Value of the Regulatory Asset Base (Schedule 4)

7. In the box below, comment on the value of the regulatory asset base (rolled forward) in Schedule 4. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 4: Explanatory comment on the value of the regulatory asset based (rolled forward)

- The RAB roll-forward in Schedule 4 is determined in accordance with the IM requirements and is consistent with prior year.
- There were no reclassifications made.
- Disposed assets of \$151k were mainly distribution assets impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Shared assets in the RAB have been allocated with the application of the ABAA approach for this disclosure year. Refer box 8 for details.

Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of permanent differences (5a(i) of Schedule 5a)

8. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of the material items recorded in the following asterisked categories of 5a(i) of Schedule 5a-
- 8.1 Income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable;
- 8.2 Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible;
- 8.3 Income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable;
- 8.4 Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax.

Box 5: Regulatory tax allowance: permanent differences

\$22k expenditure or loss in regulatory profit before tax but not tax deductible relates to non deductible entertainment expenditure.

Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of temporary differences (5a(vi) of Schedule 5a)

9. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of material items recorded in the asterisked category 'Tax effect of other temporary differences' in 5a(vi) of Schedule 5a.

Box 6: Tax effect of other temporary differences (current disclosure year)

The tax effect of other temporary differences of \$21k represents tax on the movement between FY22 and FY23 in the following provisions:

- Holiday leave provisions;
- Long service leave provisions;
- Bonus accrual;
- Doubtful debt provision;
- Cost of financing

Cost allocation (Schedule 5d)

10. In the box below, comment on cost allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5d. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 7: Cost allocation

Cost allocations were calculated using the ABAA methodology as per Part 2.1 of the IM determination for business support.

Business support costs not directly attributable has decreased by \$2,817k from FY22. This was largely driven by:

- The realignment of costs from central allocations to business direct costs for specific costs that are now directly managed by the Electricity business.

There has been a change to the Digital allocation category compared with the prior year, but the other categories remain consistent:

- People and capability costs allocated using headcount as causal allocator consistent with prior year.
- Digital costs allocated using either headcount, licence numbers or time as causal allocators. This is a change from FY23 when all costs were allocated based on a weight average of the number of devices.
- Finance costs allocated using gross margin as a proxy allocator consistent with prior year.
- Facilities costs allocated using floor space as a causal allocator consistent with prior year.
- Corporate costs allocated using non-current assets as a proxy allocator consistent with prior year.

Asset allocation (Schedule 5e)

11. In the box below, comment on asset allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5e. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 8: Commentary on asset allocation

Asset allocations were calculated using the ABAA methodology as per Part 2.1 of the IM determination. A summary of RAB assets that were allocated are as follows:

- Sub transmission line, distribution and LV line assets – Shared pole assets used for fibre and network assets (proxy allocator).
- Distribution and LV cables – 100% of CBD ducts and civils exclusively used for the Fibre business.
- Other network assets – Backhaul fibre assets shared between the Fibre and Network business (causal allocator).
- Land and buildings – Estimated area shared between regulated network and non-network businesses (proxy allocator).

The method of asset allocations is consistent with the prior year. No items were reclassified.

Capital Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6a)

12. In the box below, comment on expenditure on assets for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6a. This comment must include-
- 12.1 a description of the materiality threshold applied to identify material projects and programmes described in Schedule 6a;
 - 12.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 9: Explanation of capital expenditure for the disclosure year

The largest component of capex in FY23 was asset replacement and renewal, followed by consumer connections. This trend is consistent with FY20, FY21 and FY22.

All capex projects or programmes above a \$50k threshold have been described in schedule 6a, and where possible, we have aggregated projects below this threshold.

No items were reclassified.

Operational Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6b)

13. In the box below, comment on operational expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6b. This comment must include-
- 13.1 Commentary on assets replaced or renewed with asset replacement and renewal operational expenditure, as reported in 6b(i) of Schedule 6b;
 - 13.2 Information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2);
 - 13.3 Commentary on any material atypical expenditure included in operational expenditure disclosed in Schedule 6b, a including the value of the expenditure the purpose of the expenditure, and the operational expenditure categories the expenditure relates to.

Box 10: Explanation of operational expenditure for the disclosure year

Asset replacement and renewal operating expenditure relates to work done to make good on defects identified during scheduled preventative maintenance inspections.

- There are no reclassified items to report.
- There is no material atypical expenditure included in the operational expenditure.
- Operational expenditure has increased across all categories, in response to asset condition and risk monitoring as well as the impact of storms and Cyclone Gabrielle. The largest increase in expenditure were:
 - Service interruptions and emergencies
 - Asset replacement and renewal
- Business support – please refer Box 7

Variance between forecast and actual expenditure (Schedule 7)

14. In the box below, comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure for the disclosure year, as reported in Schedule 7. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 11: Explanatory comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure

Asset expenditure was overall 35% lower than the target expenditure. The main underspends were in system growth and asset replacement and renewal which were both impacted by equipment supply delays as well as design resource constraints.

- Network Opex was 59% higher than target mainly as a result of the impact Cyclone Gabrielle had on the Network combined with some significant temporary work required to address geotechnical risks on a key transmission line.
- Non-network Opex was 6% lower than target.

Information relating to revenues and quantities for the disclosure year

15. In the box below provide-

15.1 a comparison of the target revenue disclosed before the start of the disclosure year, in accordance with clause 2.4.1 and subclause 2.4.3(3) to total billed line charge revenue for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 8; and

15.2 explanatory comment on reasons for any material differences between target revenue and total billed line charge revenue.

Box 12: Explanatory comment relating to revenue for the disclosure year

Target revenue disclosed before the start of the year was 1% higher than the total billed line charge revenue for the disclosure year. This was due to slightly lower consumption per ICP and the impact of outages caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Network Reliability for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 10)

16. In the box below, comment on network reliability for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 10.

Box 13: Commentary on network reliability for the disclosure year

The results for FY23 network reliability and performance results were severely impacted by higher than average adverse weather events during FY23, including Cyclone Gabrielle in February. There were six multi-day summer storms in FY23, compared to two in FY22, with these years showing higher than average SAIDI due to vegetation contact.

Targets for unplanned SAIDI, unplanned SAIFI and faults per 100km were not met in FY23 due to these adverse weather events, with vegetation being the major cause of faults during these events. These events included Cyclone Gabrielle in February which was the most severe weather event seen for 20+ years on the network.

Cyclone Gabrielle's impact on network performance was extensive, with raw SAIDI of 934*, with over 90% of network impacts due to vegetation damage.

However, underlying network performance remains stable, with defective equipment SAIDI remaining reasonably static year on year (when excluding the one-off impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, and Kensington regional substation outage the prior year).

Our 2023 AMP included another lift in forecast renewal capital expenditure to continue to lift focus on renewing end of life distribution assets, and we have recently introduced a refreshed risk based vegetation programme – which will help to make the network more resilient to adverse weather events, as these are expected to become more common.

Planned SAIDI remain at similar levels to FY22 with the continuing focus on asset renewal across the network to ensure resilience and reliability. Wet weather events have also affected planned work as access into paddocks have been limited over summer, reflecting the lower than forecast planned SAIDI.

*Cyclone Gabrielle impacted normal SAIDI/SAIFI data recording processes between the period 12 February and 19 February 2023 (eight days). Northpower applied to the Commerce Commission and have been granted an exemption to provide estimated data this period. Unplanned normalised SAIDI and SAIFI was estimated during these eight days using operations captured automatically in SCADA from circuit breakers and reclosers. The normalised SAIDI/SAIFI data for the year remains materially accurate and enables comparison with prior years.

Insurance cover

17. In the box below, provide details of any insurance cover for the assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including-
 - 17.1 The EDB's approaches and practices in regard to the insurance of assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including the level of insurance;
 - 17.2 In respect of any self insurance, the level of reserves, details of how reserves are managed and invested, and details of any reinsurance.

Box 14: Explanation of insurance cover

Significant assets located in one place (e.g. zone substations, control room, other buildings) are insured under a comprehensive replacement insurance policy. Assets that are spread over a large area (e.g. lines, cables and distribution transformers) are uninsured.

Amendments to previously disclosed information

18. In the box below, provide information about amendments to previously disclosed information disclosed in accordance with clause 2.12.1 in the last 7 years, including:

18.1 a description of each error; and

18.2 for each error, reference to the web address where the disclosure made in accordance with clause 2.12.1 is publicly disclosed.

Box 15: Disclosure of amendment to previously disclosed information

No amendments to previously disclosed information.

Company Name Northpower Limited

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Schedule 15 Voluntary Explanatory Notes

(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 – as amended and consolidated 3 April 2018.)

1. This schedule enables EDBs to provide, should they wish to-
 - 1.1 additional explanatory comment to reports prepared in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1 and 2.5.2;
 - 1.2 information on any substantial changes to information disclosed in relation to a prior disclosure year, as a result of final wash-ups.
2. Information in this schedule is not part of the audited disclosure information, and so is not subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.

Provide additional explanatory comment in the box below.

Box 1: Voluntary explanatory comment on disclosed information

S8. Billed Quantities + Revenues – price components

Volume information for price category codes disclosed in schedule 8 is received from retailers at the more detailed price component code level. Some price component codes are used across multiple price category codes and in these instances it is not possible to determine the volume and revenues for each price category code. The volumes and revenue for the price component codes that are shared across multiple price category codes have been treated as being derived from the price category code which is likely to consume the largest proportion.

S8. Billed Quantities + Revenues – ND7 consumption

Excludes consumption by private streetlights as we do not hold this information because we invoice on a wattage basis rather than consumption. Consumers provide voluntary consumption data for public streetlights only. This is consistent with prior years and does not have a significant impact on the disclosures in schedule 8.

S9b. Asset Age Profile

The asset age profile data has been presented by calendar year, which is consistent with prior years. This treatment has been adopted because we do not hold information on the month of installation for historic assets and therefore are not able to align the data to 31 March year ends.

S10. Report on Network Reliability

Reliability measures have been calculated on a consistent basis with previous years, including the treatment of successive interruptions. During the interruption to supply, some customers may be temporarily resorted for a short period due to switching operations carried out in the course of locating a fault (e.g. opening a switch, reclosing a circuit breaker to identify which section has the fault, and repeating this along the circuit until the fault is identified). Northpower treats this activity as one interruption. This is because, until the fault has been located and addressed, supply has not properly been restored along the HV.

This approach has been updated from 1 April 2024 in line with the Commerce Commission requirements outlined Tranche 1 of the Targeted Information Disclosure Review (TIDR) project.

NORTHPOWER NETWORK YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION DISCLOSURE (EDID) FOR RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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Summary of Northpower Network's Related Party Transactions

(Clause 2.3.8 of EDID requirements)

| Related Party | Nature of Relationship | Principal Activity of Related Party | FY23 Expenditure with Related Party |
|--|--|---|---|
| Northpower Contracting Division | Both Northpower Network and Contracting division are part of Northpower Limited | The Contracting division provides maintenance and construction services for the electricity network. | Capital expenditure \$16.4m Operating expenditure (maintenance) \$18.7m |
| Northpower Fibre Limited | Northpower Limited is a shareholder of Northpower Fibre Limited | Northpower Fibre Limited owns and operates an ultra-fast broadband network in the Whangarei area. | Operating expenditure (leased fibre scada circuit for communications) \$58k |
| Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited | Mr Paul Yovich is a Trustee of Northpower Electric Power Trust, the Shareholder of Northpower Limited. Mr Yovich is also a Trustee of a Shareholder of Busck Prestressed Concrete Limited. | Supplier of concrete products to the network, mainly poles (Note: the majority of purchases from this supplier are made by Northpower Contracting division. This related party disclosure is for purchases made directly by Northpower Network.) | Capital expenditure \$3k Operating expenditure \$19k |
| Electricity Engineers' Association (EEA) | Ms Josie Boyd is the COO Network and an Executive Committee Member of the Electricity Engineers' Association. | Professional engineers employed by Northpower Network are members of the EEA and purchase products from EEA. | Operating expenditure \$19k |

Summary of Northpower Network's Policy in Respect of Procurement of Assets or Goods or Services from any Related Party

(Clause 2.3.10 of EDID requirements)

Purpose

This is a summary of the policy that outlines Northpower Network's approach to purchasing goods, services or assets from its related parties, including how those assets are valued.

Introduction

This document outlines Northpower Network's approach to purchasing goods, services or assets from its related parties, including how those assets are valued.

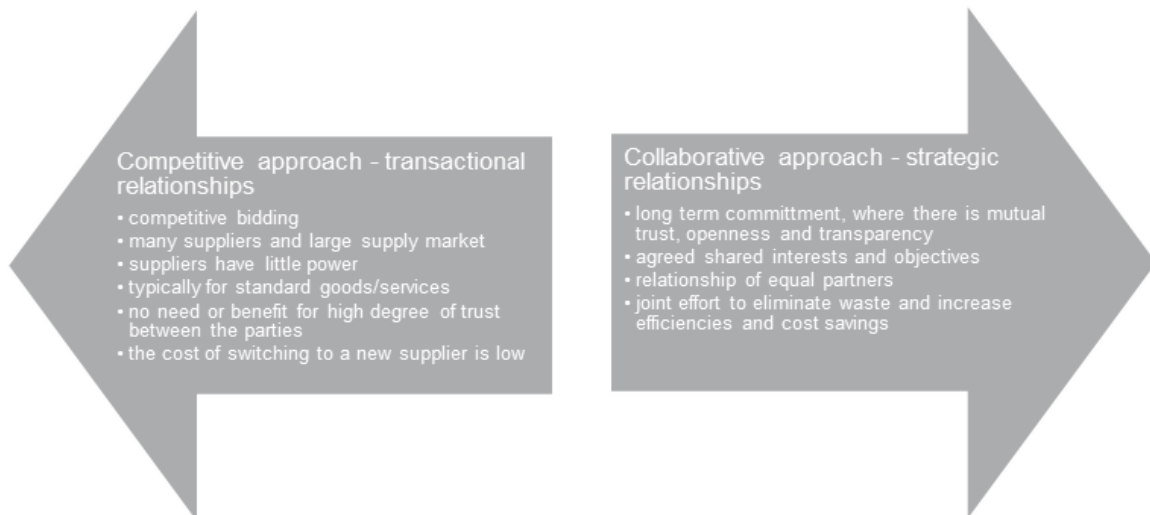
Procurement Objectives

The following objectives will inform Network's decision around the procurement of goods and services:

1. Ensuring that the services delivered meet the requirements and expectations of the consumers of Whangarei and Kaipara.
2. A delivery model that is cost effective and delivers efficiencies for the long-term benefit of consumers.
3. Achieving a high performing HSQE culture across all areas of its business, including staff and contractors.
4. The delivery of works programmes in accordance with Northpower's asset management strategies, including the ability to access resources to meet peak workloads.
5. Achieving innovation and continuous improvement in the areas identified above.

The choice around suppliers and procurement models, including transactions with related parties, will depend on the existing market for the specific goods or services, the strategic importance of the services, and the long-term needs of Network and its consumers.

Goods or services with characteristics that support a transactional relationship are likely to be subject to market contestability. In contrast, strategic supplier relationships are more likely to be based on a collaborative approach, underpinned by long-term relationships.



Where goods or services are not acquired through market contestability, Northpower will ensure that transactions are valued as if they were an arm's-length transaction.

Valuation of Transactions

Transactions between Network and its related parties will be conducted and valued as if it were an arm's-length transaction.

To meet these requirements, the following principles will be applied to all transactions with a related party who is providing goods or services to Network:

1. The value of a good or service acquired by Network must be given a value not greater than if that transaction had the terms of an arm's-length transaction;
2. The value of an asset or good or service sold or supplied to Network must be given a value not less than if that transaction had the terms of an arm's-length transaction;
3. Network will use an objective and independent measure in determining the terms of an arm's-length transaction for the purpose of principles 1 and 2 above.

For the purpose of principle 1, where a good or service is acquired from a third party and then on-sold to a related entity, the value of the subsequent transfer between related entities must reflect the amount charged by the third party.

Objective & Independent Measures of Value

Northpower will ensure that transactions with its related parties are valued on arm's-length terms by utilising independent and objective measures to establish that a related party transaction value is consistent with the value that would have otherwise been charged by an unrelated party commissioned to do the same work.

Methods used may include any or all of the following depending on the nature of the proposed transaction, the information reasonably available and what is practicable in the circumstances given the market for the relevant services.

- Conducting a tendering process for the goods or services.
- Undertaking internal benchmarking of the related party transactions against substantially same goods or services provided by the related party to its other customers.
- Undertaking internal benchmarking of the related party transactions against substantially same goods or services provided by similar external providers.
- Commissioning a third party to undertake market benchmarking of the prices of substantially similar goods or services.
- Engaging an expert to undertake an independent valuation to determine market value of the goods or service.

Procurement processes

External procurement processes will follow the Northpower Group Procurement Policy. Subject to Appendix 2 – Delegated Authority for Related Parties, all transactions, including those with related parties, must follow the Northpower Group Delegated Authorities Policy.

Confidentiality

The Northpower Group will adopt appropriate processes to protect the confidential and commercially sensitive information of its customers, its related parties and suppliers. These provisions include:

- The company will comply with the protocols outlined in Appendix 1 – Tendering involving Related Parties, where a tendering process is used.
- Appropriate protocols include information barriers, confidentiality undertakings and anonymisation of data.

Contractual Arrangements

Contractual arrangements with related parties will replicate good industry practice, be subject to regular review against market benchmarks, and may include an independent review.

Independent Representation

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for Network and its related parties to engage separate legal representation to provide sign off on the respective commercial terms.

Success Measures (Outcomes)

Successful implementation of this Network Policy will achieve the following outcomes:

- The Network Policy principles and objectives are met.
- Related party transactions are valued based on objective customer transactions.
- Network procurement processes are followed.

Tendering Involving Related Parties

The protocols set out below will be implemented by Northpower Network in order to receive and evaluate bids from related parties alongside third party contractors on a fair and compliant basis. These will also enable Northpower to mitigate process risks and enhance the attractiveness of the project for tenderers considering whether or not to submit a response.

- Disclosure that a related party has the capability to perform the project and will be invited to submit a bid.
- Disclosure of Evaluation Criteria in tender documents.
- Information barriers between Network and its related parties.
- Confidentiality undertakings required from Tenderers.
- Undertaking that pre-existing Intellectual Property is retained by Tenderers.
- Documentation of the Procurement Process to demonstrate probity.
- Briefings and de-briefings with successful and unsuccessful Tenderers.

The following two protocols may also be considered for sensitive RFPs

- Paying a stipend to Tenderers
- Appointing a Probity Adviser

A description of how Northpower Network's related party policy is applied in practice

(Clause 2.3.12.1 of EDID requirements)

Large capital projects (typically a defined set of works with a value of over \$1 million) conducted by Northpower Network are generally based on fixed price contracts. EDB management will determine whether these projects should be subject to a competitive tender process or negotiated directly with Northpower Network's contracting partner, Northpower Contracting Division. In assessing whether these projects should be subject to tender, the EDB considers:

- The urgency of the project in terms of network function and safety
- Contractor availability and capability
- Whether the project will be seen as attractive to external contractors. This review involves factors such as the size of the project, the number of crews required, the type of work being undertaken, travel and mobilisation costs.

Competitive tender processes follow established tender processes that are based on industry recognised tendering and contracting frameworks (generally Standard NZS3910). Northpower Contracting Division is given the option to participate in the competitive tender process.

The specialised nature of construction and maintenance services for the EDB, including management of safety risks, dynamic workflow requirements and short response times along with the value of the work offered and efficiency benefits, lends itself to Northpower EDB establishing a preferred supplier relationship for the procurement of these services. Northpower EDB has this relationship with Northpower Contracting, which means that they complete the majority of the EDB's capital (other than tendered) and maintenance work. The Northpower Contracting Division is an established provider of construction and maintenance services for electrical networks for a number of EDB's. This provides the capability and scale to ensure the division is well placed to provide high quality and efficient services.

Work negotiated directly with the Northpower Contracting Division's Northland region is based on negotiated labour, plant and unit rates. With the exception of tendered projects, all work completed by Northpower Contracting's Northland region is governed by a field services agreement (referred to as the Service Level Agreement (SLA)). The SLA outlines how Northpower Network and Contracting's Northland region will work together, specifies the scope of services provided by the Contracting's Northland region, details rates, and includes a set of KPI's. The agreement is negotiated between representatives of the two Northpower divisions and approved by the respective Executives. Work completed by Northpower Contracting's other regions is priced at the project rates offered to their local Network customers.

A description of any Northpower Network policies or procedures that require or have the effect of requiring the consumer to purchase assets or goods or services from a related party

(Clause 2.3.12.2 of EDID requirements)

To work on or near Northpower's electricity distribution network, a contractor must be deemed competent and authorised to complete the work undertaken to satisfactorily meet Network standards.

Network extensions or customer initiated works must be undertaken by a Network approved contractor.

No external contractor is authorised for the following customer chargeable work:

- a) HV network enhancements.
- b) Third party network damage.

Due to risk to people and property and with any delay, no external contractor is authorised to remediate third party network damage. For completeness, the cost of remedying third party network damage, which is generally recovered from the responsible party, remains part of the services provided under the SLA.

Representative examples of how Northpower Network's Related Party Policy has been applied for the procurement of assets or goods or services and how arm's length terms were tested

(Clauses 2.3.12.3 – 2.3.12.5 of EDID requirements)

Capex Projects: Competitive Tender

There were no competitive tenders that involved Northpower Contracting Division and external parties in the 2023 financial year.

Directly negotiated work with Northpower Contracting Division

Work completed by Northpower Contracting Division under direct negotiation is governed by a SLA and negotiated rates. Both the rates and SLA are negotiated between the divisional management teams and final approval is required from the Executive Managers of the respective divisions.

Northpower's Corporate Finance Division has completed industry benchmarking of the related party transactions between Northpower Network and Northpower Contracting Division for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Finance Division operates independently from Northpower Network and Contracting divisions and provides an impartial view. This arm's-length assessment focused on:

- Assessing how the Northpower Contracting Division sets rates charged to Northpower Network, compared to other customers;
- Comparing rates between a selection of customers;
- Comparing margins earned by the Northpower Contracting Division for a selection of customers;
- Comparing year-on year movements in rates by customer, labour type and unit cost type;
- Reviewing the management of the supplier relationship;
- Confirming the approval process of the SLA and agreed rates.

This assessment concluded that the related party transactions between Northpower Network and Northpower Contracting Division meet the valuation requirements outlined in disclosure determination paragraph 2.3.6.

Opex Programme: Vegetation

Vegetation control for Northpower's EDB has been completed by Northpower Contracting Division and a third party. An RFP was undertaken in June 2022 and rates from Northern Contracting and two other external parties from the RFP were compared by Northpower's Corporate Finance Division. This comparison concluded that the vegetation control rates between Northpower Network and Northpower Contracting Division meet the valuation requirements outlined in disclosure determination paragraph 2.3.6.

Procurement Examples

The following provide examples of the procurement process for work completed by Northpower Contracting under the SLA.

Faults Services

On 12th June 2022 at 00.14, the dispatcher received a call from New Zealand Police reporting an incident where a vehicle had hit a pole on State Highway 14, between Snooks Rd and Tatton Rd (Pole no 59775) and requested Northpower's attendance. The Dispatcher recorded this job in the faults management system under reference number 356092 and dispatched a contracting fault crew to the site. Traffic management was also required while the pole was replaced.

Northpower Contracting recorded the labour, plant, equipment and materials used in replacing the pole as detailed on the service request. An invoice was issued to Network (Journal Batch #1170878) along with a copy of the unit rate billing sheet. This was approved for payment by Network.

Planned Maintenance

Northpower Network's maintenance is split between distribution and sub-stations. Each has an annual schedule of maintenance required. The maintenance tasks are created in our maintenance system, and are packaged into a work pack and issued to Northpower Contracting. The current process is that a purchase order (PO) is automatically created in the ERP system (JDE) when the work pack is issued. Work is completed by Northpower Contracting and any defects that require further follow up are recorded. Northpower Contracting raise an invoice, which is matched to the PO in the ERP system. The invoice is automatically approved if it matches the purchase order; otherwise, the invoices are manually reviewed and approved if the charges are appropriate. Invoices that require approval are highlighted in an exceptions report.

Defects identified when Northpower Contracting are completing the preventative maintenance tasks are recorded on a data sheet and Northpower Contracting create 'tasks' in Wasp (the asset maintenance system). These are then planned and packaged into work packs by Northpower Contracting and sent to the Network team for approval before being sent back to Northpower Contracting to carry out the work.

Vegetation

A prioritised annual vegetation maintenance programme is established using a risk-based approach. Specialist inspectors carry out risk-based assessments on sites where vegetation poses a risk to the Network. They prepare a plan to mitigate the risk including an estimate of resource required. Details of any cutting work required is recorded in the maintenance system in a work pack. There is a built-in mechanism to approve and track works variations when there is a change in scope between the assessment and cutting stages. The work is then assigned to vegetation contractors (Northern Contracting or an external contractor) for clearance based on risk and available resource. If Northpower Contracting are carrying out the work they invoice the Network once the work is complete. If the invoice is in line with the purchase orders, they are automatically approved. If there are variances Network management review and once the variance is understood and accepted the invoices are approved.

Capital Project

There are routine sample tests carried out to identify conductors that are end of life. Conductors to include in conductor replacement projects are identified by the condition of the conductors and age. Network issue contracting a Project Job Sheet detailing works required. Northpower Contracting prepare a Project Work Proposal detailing the methodology, timeline and pricing to carry out the works. The Project Work Proposal is reviewed by Network, ensuring the proposal

satisfies the requirements of the Project Job Sheet. If accepted, Network issues a purchase order accepting Northpower Contracting Project Work Proposal. Invoicing is done on a monthly basis as works are completed. Network approves the invoice if it is in line with the purchase order.

CAPEX and OPEX in AMP Planning Period

Kensington
33kV Switchboard Replacement
Renewal \$5.2m 1-2 Years

Kensington
110/33kV Transformer Replacements (70-100MVAx2)
Growth \$7.5m 1-2 Years

Maungatapere
110/33kV Transformer Replacements (50-70MVAx2)
Renewal \$7.3m 1-3 Years

Maungaturoto to Mangawhai
34km 33kV Line
Growth \$7.2m 1-2 Years

| Opex Programme | Type | Budget (\$m) |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Vegetation | Corrective maintenance | 29.0 |
| Overhead lines | Remedial maintenance | 17.6 |
| Overhead lines | Corrective maintenance | 14.4 |
| Overhead lines | Preventative maintenance | 11.8 |
| Distribution earthing | Preventative maintenance | 5.3 |
| Ground mounted substations | Corrective maintenance | 3.9 |
| Ground mounted substations | Preventative maintenance | 3.8 |
| Underground cables | Preventative maintenance | 3.5 |
| Unplanned inspections | Remedial maintenance | 2.8 |
| Pillars | Preventative maintenance | 2.5 |



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Whangarei South
33kV Outdoor-to-Indoor Conversion
Renewal \$5.4m 9-10 Years

Whangarei South
Transformer Replacements (15MVAx2)
Renewal \$5m 3-5 Years

Bream Bay
T2 and 11kV Switchgear Installation
Growth \$6m 1-3 Years

Waipu to Ruakaka
10km 33kV Line & Easements
Growth \$7.2m 6-8 Years

Waipu Zone Substation (New)
(5MVAx1)
Growth \$6.9m 8-10 Years

Mangawhai Central
Zone Substation
Growth \$4.5m 1 Year

Capital Project
Currently not indicated for supply by a related party

Capital Project
To be supplied by a related party

Operating Program
With the exception of a small amount of vegetation management, this program is forecast to require the supply of assets or goods or services by a related party

The project will install a new 15/23 MVA substation to support the emerging load growth. Growth in the Mangawhai area has accelerated since 2020, and now requires an upgrade in network capacity to support further development and security of supply. The design is complete, and project is underway. The \$4.5m is the forward looking AMP budget for FY24. The total budget is \$10.1m.

DIRECTORS' CERTIFICATE

We, Mark Trigg and Kerry Friend, being Directors of Northpower Limited, certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge –

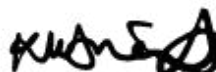
- a) The information prepared for the purposes of clauses 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, and 2.7.1 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 in all material respects complies with that determination; and
- b) The historical information used in the preparation of Schedules 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 10, and 14 has been properly extracted from the Northpower Limited's accounting and other records sourced from its financial and non-financial systems, and that sufficient appropriate records have been retained.
- c) In respect of information concerning assets, costs and revenues valued or disclosed in accordance with clause 2.3.6 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012, we are satisfied that-
 - i. the costs and values of assets or goods or services acquired from a related party comply, in all material respects, with clauses 2.3.6(1) and 2.3.6(3) of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5)(a)-2.2.11(5)(b) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012; and
 - ii. the value of assets or goods or services sold or supplied to a related party comply, in all material respects, with clause 2.3.6(2) of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012.



Director

Mark Trigg

Date 30 August 2023



Director

Kerry Friend

Date 30 August 2023



Independent Assurance Report to the Directors of Northpower Limited and to the Commerce Commission on the Disclosure Information for the Disclosure Year Ended 31 March 2023 as required by the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (Consolidated 6 July 2023)

Northpower Limited (the company) is required to disclose certain information under the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (consolidated 6 July 2023) (the Determination) and to procure an assurance report by an independent auditor in terms of section 2.8.1 of the Determination.

The Auditor-General is the auditor of the company.

The Auditor-General has appointed me, Silvio Bruinsma, using the staff and resources of Deloitte Limited, to undertake a reasonable assurance engagement, on his behalf, on whether the information prepared by the company for the disclosure year ended 31 March 2023 (the Disclosure Information) complies, in all material respects, with the Determination.

The Disclosure Information that falls within the scope of the assurance engagement are:

- Schedules 1 to 4, 5a to 5g, 6a and 6b, 7, 10 and 14 (limited to the explanatory notes in boxes 1 to 11) of the Determination.
- Clause 2.3.6 of the Determination and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012 (consolidated 20 May 2020) (the IM Determination), in respect of the basis for valuation of related party transactions (the Related Party Transaction Information).

This assurance report should be read in conjunction with the following Commerce Commission's Information Disclosure exemption:

- Issued to all electricity distribution businesses on 26 May 2023 under clause 2.11.1 of the Determination. The Commerce Commission granted an exemption from the requirement that the assurance report, in respect of the information in Schedule 10 of the Determination, must take into account any issues arising out of the company's recording of SAIDI, SAIFI, and number of interruptions due to successive interruptions.
- Issued to Northpower Limited on 24 July 2023, in respect of the information in Schedule 10 of the ID Determination, from providing complete SAIDI and SAIFI data for the period covering 12 to 19 February 2023, due to the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. Specifically, the exemption applies to:
 - Schedule 10 (i): Interruptions for Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network) and Normalised SAIFI and SAIDI Classes B & C (interruptions on the network); and
 - Schedule 10 (ii): Class C Interruptions and Duration by Cause for Adverse weather.

Opinion

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- as far as appears from an examination, proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the Disclosure Information have been kept by the company;
- as far as appears from an examination, the information used in the preparation of the Disclosure Information has been properly extracted from the company's accounting and other records, sourced from the company's financial and non-financial systems;
- the Disclosure Information complies, in all material respects, with the Determination; and
- the basis for valuation of related party transactions complies with the Determination and the IM Determination.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Standard on Assurance Engagements (SAE) 3100 (Revised) Compliance Engagements ("SAE 3100 (Revised)"), issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. An engagement conducted in accordance with SAE 3100 (Revised) requires that we comply with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised) Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information.

We have obtained sufficient recorded evidence and explanations that we required to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Assurance Matters

Key assurance matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, required significant attention when carrying out the assurance engagement during the current disclosure year. These matters were addressed in the context of our compliance engagement, and in forming our opinion. We do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

| Key Assurance Matter | How our procedures addressed the key assurance matter |
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| <p>Accuracy and completeness of the quantity and duration of electricity outages and ICP numbers</p> <p>The Information Disclosure Determination defines certain quality measures in relation to the number and duration of interruptions, faults, and causes of faults. These quality measures are expressed in the form of SAIDI and SAIFI values.</p> <p>The accuracy of the data is a key audit matter because information on the frequency and duration of outages is an important measure about the reliability of electricity supply.</p> <p>The completeness of the data is a key audit matter because the details of the faults are entered manually into the fault outage report, which is used to calculate the SAIDI/ SAIFI.</p> <p>The feeder maps capture the Individual Connection Point data that is used in the calculation of the SAIDI and SAIFI values. These Feeder Maps are updated only once every 2 years.</p> | <p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained an understanding of the company’s methods by which electricity outages and their duration are recorded; • Assessed the design and implementation of key controls related to the recording, reconciliation and review of the outage data obtained from the outage report; • For a sample of outages, observed the number of consumers affected from the feeder maps on the date of testing and assessed the reasonability of this number against impacted consumers recorded in the data; • Reviewed the recorded detail for a sample of outages and ensured that the appropriate dates and times were used and the outage was started and ended by an appropriate individual; and • Recalculated the normalised SAIDI and SAIFI using the predetermined boundary limits. |
| <p>Valuation and identification of related party transactions</p> <p>The valuation of transactions with related parties (\$11.3 million of purchases from related parties included in operating expenditures, and \$17.0 million of assets acquired from related parties included into capital expenditure in the period) is a key assurance matter due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the significant judgement in forming a view of related party pricing in the absence, or insufficiency, of publicly available information about pricing and terms of certain transactions. <p>The identification of transactions with related parties is a key assurance matter because Northpower Limited operate in a number of business areas and holds certain investments which may give rise to related party transactions with the electricity distribution business.</p> | <p>To evaluate valuation of related party transactions, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained management’s methodology of how they determined the transactions were related party transactions and their assessment of these transactions at arm’s length; • Re-performed the calculations and agreed the disclosures within Schedule 5(b) to the accounting records, investigating any differences and determining whether such differences are justified; and • Made a selection of related party transaction samples and where benchmarking or other market information was used as independent and objective measures, we agreed key inputs and assumptions to supporting documentation. <p>To evaluate completeness of related party transactions, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed whether all related party transactions had been included by comparing to our understanding of Northpower Limited’s operating model; and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessed whether all related party transactions recorded for financial reporting purposes had been correctly identified and disclosed. |
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Directors' responsibilities

The directors of the company are responsible in accordance with the Determination for:

- the preparation of the Disclosure Information; and
- the Related Party Transaction Information.

The directors of the company are also responsible for the identification of risks that may threaten compliance with the schedules and clauses identified above and controls which will mitigate those risks and monitor ongoing compliance.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our responsibilities in terms of clauses 2.8.1(1)(b)(vi) and (vii), 2.8.1(1)(c) and 2.8.1(1)(d) are to express an opinion on whether:

- as far as appears from an examination, the information used in the preparation of the audited Disclosure Information has been properly extracted from the company's accounting and other records, sourced from its financial and non-financial systems;
- as far as appears from an examination, proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the audited Disclosure Information required by the Determination have been kept by the company and, if not, the records not so kept;
- the company complied, in all material respects, with the Determination in preparing the audited Disclosure Information; and
- the company's basis for valuation of related party transactions in the disclosure year has complied, in all material respects, with clause 2.3.6 of the Determination and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5) of the IM Determination.

To meet these responsibilities, we planned and performed procedures in accordance with SAE 3100 (Revised), to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the company has complied, in all material respects, with the Disclosure Information (which includes the Related Party Transaction Information) required to be audited by the Determination.

An assurance engagement to report on the company's compliance with the Determination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the compliance activity and controls implemented to meet the requirements. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the identification and assessment of the risks of material non-compliance with the requirements.

Inherent limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance with the Determination may occur and not be detected.

A reasonable assurance engagement throughout the disclosure year does not provide assurance on whether compliance with the Determination will continue in the future.

Restricted use

This report has been prepared for use by the directors of the company and the Commerce Commission in accordance with clause 2.8.1(1)(a) of the Determination and is provided solely for the purpose of establishing whether the compliance requirements have been met. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any person other than the directors of the company and the Commerce Commission, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

Independence and quality control

We complied with the Auditor-General's:

- independence and other ethical requirements, which incorporate the requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) (PES 1) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board; and
- quality management requirements, which incorporate Professional and Ethical Standard 3 Quality Management for Firms that perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements (PES 3) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. PES 3 requires our firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Auditor-General, and his employees, and Deloitte Limited and its partners and employees may deal with the company and its subsidiaries on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the company. Other than any dealings on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the company, this engagement, and the annual audit of the company's financial statements, we have no relationship with or interests in the company or its subsidiaries.



Silvio Bruinsma
Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Auckland, New Zealand
30 August 2023