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Consumer Switching Campaign: RFP

Under the Electricity Industry Act 2010, developing and implementing programmes to promote and facilitate consumer switching is one of the immediate pro-competition priorities of the Electricity Authority.

In the first week of December, the Authority will release a Request for Proposals for a publicity campaign to raise consumer awareness of the process for switching retailers and the annual \$150m savings that can be achieved by doing so. Background is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/consumer/csf/>

RFP documents will be available at www.gets.govt.nz.

Consultation Paper - 2011/12 Appropriations and Work Priorities

The Authority and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) have released a consultation paper on the proposed levy-funded appropriations and work priorities for 2011/12.

The paper also covers the funding for the Ministry of Consumer Affairs to promote and improve the Powerswitch website.

Consultation closes at noon Friday, 7 January 2011.

The consultation paper will be published shortly.

Transmission Pricing Review: Revised process

The Authority is preparing a revised process for the transmission pricing review which includes additional consideration and consultation on:

- the regulatory framework, including the pricing principles; and
- the transmission pricing options currently under investigation.

A description of the proposed process will be published shortly.



Updated Centralised Dataset DVD

The Centralised Dataset has been updated and the November 2010 DVD released. It provides data on half-hourly metering and pricing, hydrology, and network configuration to assist decision-making on capital investment and the operation of the electricity market. Further details and how to obtain a copy of the DVD are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/industry/modelling/cds/>

Introducing the Electricity Authority: Presentations by the Chair and CE

Presentations introducing the Electricity Authority by the Chair, Dr Brent Layton, and the Chief Executive, Carl Hansen, are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/documents-publications/>

Electricity in New Zealand: Publication

The Authority's publication *Electricity in New Zealand*, a general introduction to the sector, is available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/about-us/documents-publications/>

Hard copies may be obtained by contacting info@ea.govt.nz.

Current Consultations

- Draft interpretation of the Authority's statutory objective. The paper is available at: <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/corporate/statutory-objective>
Responses should be provided to submissions@ea.govt.nz by 5.00 pm Monday, 29 November.
- Draft consultation charter (includes Code amendment principles, or CAPs). The paper is available at: <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/corporate/consultation-charter>
Responses should be provided to submissions@ea.govt.nz by 5.00 pm Monday, 29 November.
- Draft charter for Advisory Groups and the Security and Reliability Council. The paper is available at: <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/consultations/corporate/advisory-groups-charter>
Submissions should be provided to submissions@ea.govt.nz by 5.00 pm Monday, 29 November.

Locational Price Risk Technical Group

Group minutes and meeting papers are available at:

- <http://www.ea.govt.nz/our-work/advisory-working-groups/lprtg/lprtg-meeting-29-november-2010/>

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