

## **Notification of Commerce Commission's Amendment to Aurora Energy Limited's Customised Price-Quality Path**

Under section 52Q of the Commerce Act 1986 ("Act"), the Commerce Commission ("Commission") gives notice that it has amended the Aurora Energy Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path Determination 2021 [2021] NZCC 3 ("principal determination") to increase Aurora Energy Limited's allowable revenues following a change to the weighted average cost of capital.

The amendments are set out in Aurora Energy Limited Electricity Distribution Customised Price-Quality Path (WACC Change Event Reconsideration) Amendment Determination 2025 [2025] NZCC 3 ("amendment determination").

On 25 September 2024, we determined and published the weighted average cost of capital for the default price-quality path regulatory period commencing on 1 April 2025 ("WACC change"). Following the WACC change, we reconsidered the above principal determination under Subpart 6 of Part 5 of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 26 ("IMs"). After reconsidering a CPP in these circumstances, and to align the CPP's allowable revenues with the WACC change, the IMs:

- a. require us to amend the CPP's "maximum allowable revenue after tax" and "forecast net allowable revenue"; and
- b. enable us to further amend the CPP's price path provided such amendments are reasonably necessary to take account of a change in costs.

The amendment determination provide for (a) and (b) above, aligning Aurora Energy Limited's allowable revenues with the WACC change.

This amendment determination comes into force on **25 February 2025**.

### **Further information**

A copy of the amendment and our final decision paper on the amendment is available on our website:

<http://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/projects/our-assessment-of-aurora-energys-investment-plan?target=timeline>, and for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a reasonable price, at the Commission's premises (during ordinary office hours) at 44 The Terrace, Wellington.

COMMERCE COMMISSION.