

Notification of Amendment to Input Methodologies for Electricity Distribution Services and Transpower—Reopeners and Other Matters

The Commerce Commission (“Commission”) gives notice under section 52W of the Commerce Act 1986 (“Act”) that it has amended the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 26 (“EDB IMs”), which apply to electricity distribution businesses, and the Transpower Input Methodologies Determination 2012 [2012] NZCC 17 (“Transpower IMs”), which apply to Transpower. The amendments are secondary legislation made under Part 4 of the Act and the Legislation Act 2019.

The amendments are set out in the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies (Reopeners and Other Matters) Amendment Determination 2025 [2025] NZCC 5 and the Transpower Input Methodologies (Reopeners and Other Matters) Amendment Determination 2025 [2025] NZCC 4 (together, the “amendment determinations”).

The amendment determinations come into force on 27 March 2025 and amend the EDB IMs and the Transpower IMs to:

- address discrete issues with particular provisions relating to reopeners and the reopener event allowance;
- make changes that are necessary to give effect to our policy decisions in the IM review in 2023; and
- improve the clarity, certainty, and workability of the IMs relating to reopeners.

Copies of the amendment determinations, and the supporting reasons paper, are available on the Commission’s website at <http://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/electricity-lines/projects/2025-reset-of-the-electricity-default-price-quality-path> and for inspection free of charge, or for purchase at a reasonable price, at the Commission’s office at 44 The Terrace, Wellington (during ordinary office hours).

Dated at Wellington this 27th day of March 2025.

COMMERCE COMMISSION.