

Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Network Tasman Merger) Amendment Determination 2026

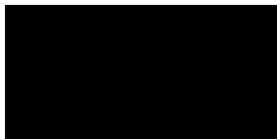
[2026] NZCC 4

The Commission:

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Date of decision:

5 March 2026



Dated at Wellington this 5th day of March 2026

COMMERCE COMMISSION

Wellington, New Zealand

Determination history		
Determination date	Decision number	Determination name
20 November 2024	[2024] NZCC 28	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025
25 November 2025	[2025] NZCC 28	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Aurora transition) Amendment Determination 2025
5 March 2026	[2026] NZCC 4	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Network Tasman Merger) Amendment Determination 2026

[Drafting notes:

- This amendment determination amends the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025 [2024] NZCC 28 to merge the revenue path and quality standards of Nelson Electricity Limited and Network Tasman Limited.
- The amendment determination is secondary legislation made under s 52P of the Commerce Act 1986.]

Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Network Tasman Merger) Amendment Determination 2026

Under s 52P of the Commerce Act 1986 (**Act**), the Commerce Commission makes the following determination:

1. TITLE

- 1.1 This determination is the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Network Tasman Merger) Amendment Determination 2026.

2. DETERMINATION AMENDED

- 2.1 This determination amends the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025 [2024] NZCC 28 (**principal determination**).

3. COMMENCEMENT

- 3.1 This determination comes into force on 5 March 2026.

4. PRINCIPAL DETERMINATION AMENDMENTS

- 4.1 In table 1.1.1 of Schedule 1.1 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 1.1.1: Starting prices for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	Forecast net allowable revenue (000)
Network Tasman Limited	44,398

- 4.2 In table 1.2.1 of Schedule 1.2 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 1.2.1: Annual rate of change

Non-exempt EDB	Alternative X-factor
Network Tasman Limited	-8.1067%

- 4.3 In table 2.2.1 of Schedule 2.2 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 2.2.1: Forecast opex for non-exempt EDBs for the DPP regulatory period for the purposes of the incremental rolling incentive scheme

Non-exempt EDB	Assessment period (all amounts in \$000)				
	Assessment period ending 31 March 2026	Assessment period ending 31 March 2027	Assessment period ending 31 March 2028	Assessment period ending 31 March 2029	Assessment period ending 31 March 2030
Network Tasman Limited	19,804	20,506	21,240	22,018	22,830

- 4.4 In table 2.2.2 of Schedule 2.2 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 2.2.2: Forecast aggregate value of commissioned assets for non-exempt EDBs for the DPP regulatory period for the purposes of the capex incentive

Non-exempt EDB	Assessment period (all amounts in \$000)				
	Assessment period ending 31 March 2026	Assessment period ending 31 March 2027	Assessment period ending 31 March 2028	Assessment period ending 31 March 2029	Assessment period ending 31 March 2030
Network Tasman Limited	27,580	24,340	22,058	19,393	19,499

- 4.5 In table 3.1.1 of Schedule 3.1 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 3.1.1: Planned accumulated SAIDI limits and planned accumulated SAIFI limits for planned interruptions for non-exempt EDBs for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	Planned accumulated SAIDI limit for the DPP regulatory period	Planned accumulated SAIFI limit for the DPP regulatory period
Network Tasman Limited	901.41	4.0065

- 4.6 In table 3.2.1 of Schedule 3.2 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 3.2.1: Unplanned SAIDI limits, unplanned SAIFI limits, SAIDI unplanned boundary values and SAIFI unplanned boundary values for non-exempt EDBs for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	Unplanned SAIDI limit	Unplanned SAIFI limit	SAIDI unplanned boundary value	SAIFI unplanned boundary value
Network Tasman Limited	82.31	1.0062	5.64	0.0524

- 4.7 In table 4.1 of Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 4.1: SAIDI unplanned interruption collars, SAIDI unplanned interruption targets and SAIDI unplanned interruption caps for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	SAIDI unplanned interruption collar	SAIDI unplanned interruption target	SAIDI unplanned interruption cap
Network Tasman Limited	0	61.14	82.31

- 4.8 In table 4.2 of Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 4.2: SAIDI planned interruption collars, SAIDI planned interruption targets and SAIDI planned interruption caps for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	SAIDI planned interruption collar	SAIDI planned interruption target	SAIDI planned interruption cap
Network Tasman Limited	0	90.14	180.28

- 4.9 In table 4.3 of Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 4.3: Incentive rates for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	Incentive Rate
Network Tasman Limited	15,307

- 4.10 In table 5.1 of Schedule 5 of the **principal determination**, delete the Nelson Electricity Limited row and replace the Network Tasman Limited row with the following:

Table 5.1: limit on innovation and non-traditional solutions allowance for each non-exempt EDB for the DPP regulatory period

Non-exempt EDB	Limit (\$ million)
Network Tasman Limited	2.2