

Transpower Input Methodologies (Non-transmission solution recoverable cost) Amendment Determination 2026

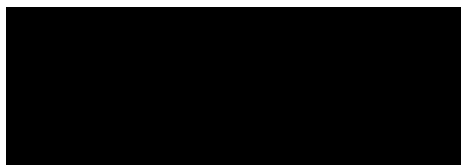
[2026] NZCC 44

The Commission:

Nathan Strong
Dr John Small
Bryan Chapple
Dr Derek Johnston

Date of decision:

23 September 2026



Robert Cahn

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of September 2026

COMMERCE COMMISSION

Wellington, New Zealand

Determination history		
Determination date	Decision number	Determination name
29 June 2012	[2012] NZCC 17	Transpower Input Methodologies Determination ('principal determination')*
28 August 2014	[2014] NZCC 22	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2014
26 September 2014	[2014] NZCC 24	Electricity Lines Services Input Methodologies Determination Amendment 2014
29 October 2014	[2014] NZCC 27	Electricity Lines Services and Gas Pipeline Services Input Methodologies Determination Amendment (WACC percentile for price-quality regulation) 2014
27 November 2014	[2014] NZCC 32	Incremental Rolling Incentive Scheme Input Methodology Amendments Determination 2014
27 November 2014	[2014] NZCC 34	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2014 (No. 2)
11 December 2014	[2014] NZCC 38	Electricity Lines Services and Gas Pipeline Services Input Methodologies Determination Amendment (WACC percentile for information disclosure regulation) 2014
5 February 2015	[2015] NZCC 3	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2015
21 October 2015	[2015] NZCC 27	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2015 (No. 2)
20 December 2016	[2016] NZCC 27	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2016
29 June 2017	[2017] NZCC 17	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2017
28 August 2019	[2019] NZCC 10	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination 2019
13 November 2019	[2019] NZCC 16	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendments Determination (No. 2) 2019
13 December 2023	[2023] NZCC 38	Transpower Input Methodologies (IM Review 2023) Amendment Determination 2023
29 August 2024	[2024] NZCC 19	Transpower Input Methodologies Amendment Determination 2024
11 December 2024	[2024] NZCC 39	Transpower Input Methodologies (treatment of insurance entitlements) Amendment Determination 2024
27 March 2025	[2025] NZCC 4	Transpower Input Methodologies (Reopeners and Other Matters) Amendment Determination 2025
1 September 2026	[2026] NZCC 35	Transpower Input Methodologies (Government Grants Related to Income) Amendment Determination 2026

23 September 2026	[2026] NZCC 44	Transpower Input Methodologies (Non-transmission solution recoverable cost) Amendment Determination 2026
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* A complete history of determinations relevant to the input methodologies applicable to Transpower is available on the Commission's website.

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

1. TITLE

- 1.1 This determination is the Transpower Input Methodologies (Non-transmission solution recoverable cost) Amendment Determination 2026.

2. DETERMINATION AMENDED

- 2.1 This determination amends the Transpower Input Methodologies Determination [2012] NZCC 17 (**principal determination**).

3. COMMENCEMENT

- 3.1 This determination comes into force on 23 September 2026.

4. PRINCIPAL DETERMINATION AMENDMENT

- 4.1 In clause 1.1.4(2) of the principal determination, insert the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:

“maximum recoverable costs	has the same meaning as defined in the Capex IM. ”
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“non-transmission solution	has the same meaning as defined in the Capex IM ”.
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- 4.2 Replace clause 3.1.3(1)(d)(iii) of the principal determination with:

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“(iii) where the operating costs incurred do not exceed the maximum recoverable costs for a non-transmission solution;”.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the determination but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This determination amends the Transpower Input Methodologies Determination [2012] NZCC 17. The determination amends the recoverable cost relating to the operating costs of a non-transmission solution for an approved major capex project to give proper effect to the original policy intent.

The amendment determination is secondary legislation made under section 52W of the Act.

This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019 .	
Title	Transpower Input Methodologies (Non-transmission solution recoverable cost) Amendment Determination 2026
Principal or amendment	Amendment
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Commerce Act 1986 Section 52W
Replacement empowering Act and provisions	Not applicable
Maker name	Commerce Commission
Administering agency	Commerce Commission
Date made	23 September 2026
Publication date	23 September 2026
Notification date	23 September 2026
Commencement date	23 September 2026
End date (when applicable)	Not applicable
Consolidation as at date	Not applicable

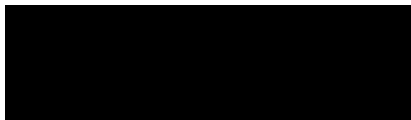
Related instruments	Transpower Input Methodologies Determination [2012] NZCC 17
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Consistency Accountability Statement: Transpower Input Methodologies (Non-transmission solution recoverable cost) Amendment Determination 2026

Agency Responsible	Commerce Commission
Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Date finalised	23 September 2026
Identification number	N/A

Statement of Review

I confirm that the Commerce Commission has assessed the above legislation, and the process for developing it, for consistency with the principles of responsible regulation as set out in section 9 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025. This assessment identified no inconsistencies with the principles of responsible regulation.



Suzanne Stew
Chief Executive Officer
Commerce Commission