

[DRAFT] Electricity Distribution Services Default Price- Quality Path (Firstlight Network Limited Quality Standards Variation) Amendment Determination 2026

[2026] NZCC XX

The Commission:

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Date of decision:

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Dated at Wellington this [date]

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
26 March 2026	[2026] NZCC 5	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Quality Incentive Adjustment Correction) Amendment Determination 2026
2 April 2026	[2026] NZCC 7	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited Unforeseeable Large Project) Amendment Determination 2026
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[Drafting notes:

- This amendment determination amends the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025 [2024] NZCC 28 to amend Firstlight Network Limited's unplanned quality standards and quality incentive adjustment for the 12-month period commencing on 1 April 2026 and ending on 31 March 2027 (the second assessment period).
- The included amendments which are secondary legislation are made under section 52P of the Commerce Act 1986.]

Under section 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 (Firstlight Network Limited Quality Standards Variation) 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 [date].

4. Principal determination amendments

- 4.1 In clause 4.2 of the **principal determination**, replace the following definitions as follows:

SAIDI unplanned boundary value	means the value specified in paragraph (1), (1A) or (1B) of Schedule 3.2
SAIDI unplanned interruption cap	means the maximum SAIDI value for unplanned interruptions used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment , and is specified in paragraph (2), (2A) or (2B) of Schedule 4
SAIDI unplanned interruption collar	means the minimum SAIDI value for unplanned interruptions used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment , and is specified in paragraph (2), (2A) or (2B) of Schedule 4
SAIDI unplanned interruption target	means the SAIDI value for unplanned interruptions used for purposes of calculating the quality incentive adjustment , and is specified in paragraph (2), (2A) or (2B) of Schedule 4
SAIFI unplanned boundary value	means the value specified in paragraph (1), (1A) or (1B) of Schedule 3.2

unplanned SAIDI limit means the **SAIDI value** for **unplanned interruptions** against which a **non-exempt EDB's** compliance with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment specified in clause 9.8 is assessed, and is specified in paragraph (1), (1A) or (1B) of Schedule 3.2

unplanned SAIFI limit means the **SAIFI value** for **unplanned interruptions** against which a **non-exempt EDB's** compliance with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment specified in clause 9.8 is assessed, and is specified in paragraph (1), (1A) or (1B) of Schedule 3.2

4.2 Replace clause 9.8 with the following:

9.8 For the purpose of clause 9.7, to comply with the annual unplanned interruptions reliability assessment,—

- (a) a **non-exempt EDB's unplanned SAIDI assessed value** for **unplanned interruptions** for the **assessment period** must not exceed the **unplanned SAIDI limit** specified in paragraph (1), (1A) or (1B) of Schedule 3.2; and
- (b) a **non-exempt EDB's unplanned SAIFI assessed value** for **unplanned interruptions** for the **assessment period** must not exceed the **unplanned SAIFI limit** specified in paragraph (1), 1(A) or 1(B) of Schedule 3.2.

4.3 In Schedule 3.2 of the **principal determination**, replace paragraph (1) with the following:

- (1) The **unplanned SAIDI limits** and **unplanned SAIFI limits**, and **SAIDI unplanned boundary values** and **SAIFI unplanned boundary values**, for **unplanned interruptions** for each **non-exempt EDB**, except for Firstlight Network Limited, for each **assessment period** of the **DPP regulatory period**, subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, are as set out in Table 3.2.1.

4.4 In table 3.2.1 of Schedule 3.2 of the **principal determination**, delete 'Firstlight Network Limited' row.

- 4.5 In Schedule 3.2 of the **principal determination**, insert a new paragraph (1A) as follows:

(1A) The **unplanned SAIDI limits** and **unplanned SAIFI limits**, and **SAIDI unplanned boundary values** and **SAIFI unplanned boundary values**, for **unplanned interruptions** for Firstlight Network Limited for the first, third, fourth and fifth **assessment periods** of the **DPP regulatory period**, subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, are as set out in Table 3.2A.1.

Table 3.2.1A: Unplanned SAIDI limits, unplanned SAIFI limits, SAIDI unplanned boundary values and SAIFI unplanned boundary values for Firstlight Network Limited for the first, third, fourth and fifth assessment periods

Non-exempt EDB	Unplanned SAIDI limit	Unplanned SAIFI limit	SAIDI unplanned boundary value	SAIFI unplanned boundary value
Firstlight Network Limited	230.43	3.3101	18.80	0.1807

- 4.6 In Schedule 3.2 of the **principal determination**, insert a new paragraph (1B) as follows:

(1B) The **unplanned SAIDI limit** and **unplanned SAIFI limit**, and **SAIDI unplanned boundary value** and **SAIFI unplanned boundary value**, for **unplanned interruptions** for Firstlight Network Limited for the second **assessment period** of the **DPP regulatory period**, subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, are as set out in Table 3.2.1B.

Table 3.2.1B: Unplanned SAIDI limits, unplanned SAIFI limits, SAIDI unplanned boundary values and SAIFI unplanned boundary values for Firstlight Network Limited for the second assessment period

Non-exempt EDB	Unplanned SAIDI limit	Unplanned SAIFI limit	SAIDI unplanned boundary value	SAIFI unplanned boundary value
Firstlight Network Limited	219.46	3.1525	13.10	0.1765

- 4.7 In Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, replace paragraph (2) with the following:

- (2) Subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, the **SAIDI unplanned interruption target, SAIDI unplanned interruption collar, and SAIDI unplanned interruption cap for unplanned interruptions** for each **non-exempt EDB**, except for Firstlight Network Limited, during the **DPP regulatory period** are as set out in Table 4.1.

4.8 In table 4.1 of Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, delete 'Firstlight Network Limited' row.

4.9 In Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, insert a new paragraph 2(A) as follows:

- (2A) Subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, the **SAIDI unplanned interruption target, SAIDI unplanned interruption collar, and SAIDI unplanned interruption cap for unplanned interruptions** for Firstlight Network Limited during the first, third, fourth and fifth **assessment period** are as set out in Table 4.1A.

Table 4.1A: SAIDI unplanned interruption collars, SAIDI unplanned interruption targets and SAIDI unplanned interruption caps for Firstlight Network Limited for the first, third, fourth and fifth assessment periods

Non-exempt EDB	SAIDI unplanned interruption collar	SAIDI unplanned interruption target	SAIDI unplanned interruption cap
Firstlight Network Limited	0	182.54	230.43

4.10 In Schedule 4 of the **principal determination**, insert a new paragraph 2(B) as follows:

- (2B) Subject to the applicable provisions under clause 10, the **SAIDI unplanned interruption target, SAIDI unplanned interruption collar, and SAIDI unplanned interruption cap for unplanned interruptions** for Firstlight Network Limited during the second **assessment period** are as set out in Table 4.1B.

Table 4.1B: SAIDI unplanned interruption collars, SAIDI unplanned interruption targets and SAIDI unplanned interruption caps for Firstlight Network Limited for the second assessment period

Non-exempt EDB	SAIDI unplanned interruption collar	SAIDI unplanned interruption target	SAIDI unplanned interruption cap
Firstlight Network Limited	0	173.85	219.46

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[DRAFT] Consistency Accountability Statement: Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Firstlight Network Limited Quality Standards Variation) Amendment Determination 2026

Agency Responsible	Commerce Commission
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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.

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