

[Draft] Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited Unforeseeable Large Project) Amendment Determination (No.2) 2026

[2026] NZCC XX

The Commission:

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Date of decision:

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[name], Commissioner

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 increase Wellington Electricity Lines Limited's allowable revenue to provide for an unforeseeable large project.
- The Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025 was amended on 2 April 2026 by the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited Unforeseeable Large Project) Amendment Determination 2026 [2026] NZCC 7 to introduce Table 1.1A.1, which is amended by this determination.
- 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 (Wellington electricity Lines Limited Unforeseeable Large Project) Determination (No. 2) 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 Schedule 1.1A of the **principal determination**, replace Table 1.1A.1 with the following:

Table 1.1A.1: Reopener revenue increment

Non-exempt EDB	Reopener event number	First reopener assessment period (year ending)	Reopener revenue increment (\$000)
Wellington Electricity Lines Limited	1	31 March 2027	314
Wellington Electricity Lines Limited	2	31 March 2028	1,506

- 4.2 In table 2.2.2 of Schedule 2.2 of the **principal determination**, replace ‘Wellington Electricity Lines Limited’ row with the following:

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
Wellington Electricity Lines Limited	72,131	102,068	92,856	105,575	76,642

This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019 .	
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Principal or amendment	Amendment
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Commerce Act 1986 Section 52P
Replacement empowering Act and provisions	Not applicable
Maker name	Commerce Commission
Administering agency	Commerce Commission
Date made	[date]
Publication date	[date]
Notification date	[date]
Commencement date	[date]
End date (when applicable)	Not applicable
Consolidation as at date	Not applicable
Related instruments	Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2025 [2024] NZCC 28

[DRAFT] Consistency Accountability Statement: Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path (Wellington Electricity Lines Limited Unforeseeable Large Project) Amendment Determination (No.2) 2026

Agency Responsible	Commerce Commission
Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Date finalised	
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