



**Information Disclosure prepared in accordance with the
Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012**

For the Year Ended 31 March 2020

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SCHEDULE 1: ANALYTICAL RATIOS

This schedule calculates expenditure, revenue and service ratios from the information disclosed. The disclosed ratios may vary for reasons that are company specific and, as a result, must be interpreted with care. The Commerce Commission will publish a summary and analysis of information disclosed in accordance with the ID determination. This will include information disclosed in accordance with this and other schedules, and information disclosed under the other requirements of the determination.

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1(i): Expenditure metrics

	Expenditure per GWh energy delivered to ICPs (\$/GWh)	Expenditure per average no. of ICPs (\$/ICP)	expenditure per MW maximum coincident system demand (\$/MW)	Expenditure per km circuit length (\$/km)	expenditure per mva of capacity from EDB- owned distribution transformers (\$/MVA)
Operational expenditure	25,487	362	122,003	4,672	36,522
Network	7,641	109	36,575	1,401	10,949
Non-network	17,847	253	85,428	3,271	25,573
Expenditure on assets	87,056	1,236	416,723	15,957	124,747
Network	81,982	1,164	392,432	15,027	117,476
Non-network	5,074	72	24,291	930	7,271

1(ii): Revenue metrics

	Revenue per GWh energy delivered to ICPs (\$/GWh)	Revenue per average no. of ICPs (\$/ICP)
Total consumer line charge revenue	83,715	1,189
Standard consumer line charge revenue	96,909	1,129
Non-standard consumer line charge revenue	23,428	288,667

1(iii): Service intensity measures

Demand density	38	Maximum coincident system demand per km of circuit length (for supply) (kW/km)
Volume density	183	Total energy delivered to ICPs per km of circuit length (for supply) (MWh/km)
Connection point density	13	Average number of ICPs per km of circuit length (for supply) (ICPs/km)
Energy intensity	14,202	Total energy delivered to ICPs per average number of ICPs (kWh/ICP)

1(iv): Composition of regulatory income

	(\$000)	% of revenue
Operational expenditure	15,741	30.37%
Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups	14,507	27.99%
Total depreciation	9,353	18.05%
Total revaluations	6,847	13.21%
Regulatory tax allowance	2,747	5.30%
Regulatory profit/(loss) including financial incentives and wash-ups	16,332	31.51%
Total regulatory income	51,833	

1(v): Reliability

Interruption rate	19.83	Interruptions per 100 circuit km
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SCHEDULE 2: REPORT ON RETURN ON INVESTMENT

This schedule requires information on the Return on Investment (ROI) for the EDB relative to the Commerce Commission's estimates of post tax WACC and vanilla WACC. EDBs must calculate their ROI based on a monthly basis if required by clause 2.3.3 of the ID Determination or if they elect to. If an EDB makes this election, information supporting this calculation must be provided in 2(iii).

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2(i): Return on Investment		CY-2	CY-1	Current Year CY
		31 Mar 18	31 Mar 19	31 Mar 20
		%	%	%
ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC				
Reflecting all revenue earned		7.04%	6.35%	5.88%
Excluding revenue earned from financial incentives		7.04%	6.35%	5.88%
Excluding revenue earned from financial incentives and wash-ups		7.04%	6.35%	5.88%
Mid-point estimate of post tax WACC				
25th percentile estimate		4.36%	4.07%	3.59%
75th percentile estimate		5.72%	5.43%	4.95%
ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC				
Reflecting all revenue earned		7.63%	6.86%	6.31%
Excluding revenue earned from financial incentives		7.63%	6.86%	6.31%
Excluding revenue earned from financial incentives and wash-ups		7.63%	6.86%	6.31%
WACC rate used to set regulatory price path				
Mid-point estimate of vanilla WACC				
25th percentile estimate		4.92%	4.58%	4.01%
75th percentile estimate		6.29%	5.94%	5.37%
2(ii): Information Supporting the ROI		(\$000)		
Total opening RAB value		270,478		
plus Opening deferred tax		(15,659)		
Opening RIV			254,819	
Line charge revenue			51,702	
Expenses cash outflow		30,248		
add Assets commissioned		19,344		
less Asset disposals		42		
add Tax payments		998		
less Other regulated income		131		
Mid-year net cash outflows			50,417	
Term credit spread differential allowance			–	
Total closing RAB value		287,274		
less Adjustment resulting from asset allocation		0		
less Lost and found assets adjustment		–		
plus Closing deferred tax		(17,408)		
Closing RIV			269,866	
ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC				6.31%
Leverage (%)				42%
Cost of debt assumption (%)				3.61%
Corporate tax rate (%)				28%
ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC				5.88%

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2(iii): Information Supporting the Monthly ROI

Opening RIV

N/A

	Line charge revenue	Expenses cash outflow	Assets commissioned	Asset disposals	Other regulated income	Monthly net cash outflows
April						—
May						—
June						—
July						—
August						—
September						—
October						—
November						—
December						—
January						—
February						—
March						—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

Tax payments

N/A

Term credit spread differential allowance

N/A

Closing RIV

N/A

Monthly ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC

N/A

Monthly ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC

N/A

2(iv): Year-End ROI Rates for Comparison Purposes

Year-end ROI – comparable to a vanilla WACC

6.17%

Year-end ROI – comparable to a post tax WACC

5.75%

* these year-end ROI values are comparable to the ROI reported in pre 2012 disclosures by EDBs and do not represent the Commission's current view on ROI.

2(v): Financial Incentives and Wash-Ups

Net recoverable costs allowed under incremental rolling incentive scheme

—

Purchased assets – avoided transmission charge

Energy efficiency and demand incentive allowance

Quality incentive adjustment

Other financial incentives

Financial incentives

—

Impact of financial incentives on ROI

—

Input methodology claw-back

CPP application recoverable costs

Catastrophic event allowance

Capex wash-up adjustment

Transmission asset wash-up adjustment

2013–15 NPV wash-up allowance

Reconsideration event allowance

Other wash-ups

Wash-up costs

—

Impact of wash-up costs on ROI

—

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SCHEDULE 3: REPORT ON REGULATORY PROFIT

This schedule requires information on the calculation of regulatory profit for the EDB for the disclosure year. All EDBs must complete all sections and provide explanatory comment on their regulatory profit in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes).

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7	3(i): Regulatory Profit	(\$000)
8	Income	
9	Line charge revenue	51,702
10	plus Gains / (losses) on asset disposals	(40)
11	plus Other regulated income (other than gains / (losses) on asset disposals)	171
12		
13	Total regulatory income	51,833
14	Expenses	
15	less Operational expenditure	15,741
16		
17	less Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups	14,507
18		
19	Operating surplus / (deficit)	21,585
20		
21	less Total depreciation	9,353
22		
23	plus Total revaluations	6,847
24		
25	Regulatory profit / (loss) before tax	19,079
26		
27	less Term credit spread differential allowance	—
28		
29	less Regulatory tax allowance	2,747
30		
31	Regulatory profit/(loss) including financial incentives and wash-ups	16,332
32		
33	3(ii): Pass-through and Recoverable Costs excluding Financial Incentives and Wash-Ups	(\$000)
34	Pass through costs	
35	Rates	730
36	Commerce Act levies	79
37	Industry levies	110
38	CPP specified pass through costs	
39	Recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups	
40	Electricity lines service charge payable to Transpower	12,727
41	Transpower new investment contract charges	229
42	System operator services	
43	Distributed generation allowance	632
44	Extended reserves allowance	
45	Other recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups	
46	Pass-through and recoverable costs excluding financial incentives and wash-ups	14,507
47		

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		(\$000)	
		CY-1	CY
		31 Mar 19	31 Mar 20
48	3(iii): Incremental Rolling Incentive Scheme		
49			
50			
51	Allowed controllable opex		
52	Actual controllable opex		
53			
54	Incremental change in year		
55			
		Previous years' incremental change	Previous years' incremental change adjusted for inflation
56			
57	CY-5 31 Mar 15		
58	CY-4 31 Mar 16		
59	CY-3 31 Mar 17		
60	CY-2 31 Mar 18		
61	CY-1 31 Mar 19		
62	Net incremental rolling incentive scheme		—
63			
64	Net recoverable costs allowed under incremental rolling incentive scheme		—
65	3(iv): Merger and Acquisition Expenditure		
70			(\$000)
66	Merger and acquisition expenditure		
67			
68	<i>Provide commentary on the benefits of merger and acquisition expenditure to the electricity distribution business, including required disclosures in accordance with section 2.7, in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes)</i>		
69	3(v): Other Disclosures		
70			(\$000)
71	Self-insurance allowance		

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SCHEDULE 4: REPORT ON VALUE OF THE REGULATORY ASSET BASE (ROLLED FORWARD)

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) value to the end of this disclosure year. This informs the ROI calculation in Schedule 2. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on the value of their RAB in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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4(i): Regulatory Asset Base Value (Rolled Forward)

for year ended	RAB 31 Mar 16 (\$000)	RAB 31 Mar 17 (\$000)	RAB 31 Mar 18 (\$000)	RAB 31 Mar 19 (\$000)	RAB 31 Mar 20 (\$000)
Total opening RAB value	228,249	231,077	241,528	253,205	270,478
less Total depreciation	7,623	7,690	7,899	8,228	9,353
plus Total revaluations	1,337	4,997	2,661	3,754	6,847
plus Assets commissioned	9,361	13,336	16,432	22,431	19,344
less Asset disposals	247	193	108	92	42
plus Lost and found assets adjustment					—
plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation			593	(592)	0
Total closing RAB value	231,077	241,528	253,205	270,478	287,274

4(ii): Unallocated Regulatory Asset Base

	Unallocated RAB * (\$000)	RAB (\$000)
Total opening RAB value	271,355	270,478
less Total depreciation	9,396	9,353
plus Total revaluations	6,870	6,847
plus Assets commissioned (other than below)	19,449	19,344
Assets acquired from a regulated supplier	—	—
Assets acquired from a related party	—	—
Assets commissioned	19,449	19,344
less Asset disposals (other than below)	44	42
Asset disposals to a regulated supplier	—	—
Asset disposals to a related party	—	—
Asset disposals	44	42
plus Lost and found assets adjustment		
plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation		0
Total closing RAB value	288,233	287,274

* The 'unallocated RAB' is the total value of those assets used wholly or partially to provide electricity distribution services without any allowance being made for the allocation of costs to services provided by the supplier that are not electricity distribution services. The RAB value represents the value of these assets after applying this cost allocation. Neither value includes works under construction.

4(iii): Calculation of Revaluation Rate and Revaluation of Assets

CPI _t	1.052
CPI _{t-4}	1.026
Revaluation rate (%)	2.53%

	Unallocated RAB * (\$000)	RAB (\$000)
Total opening RAB value	271,355	270,478
less Opening value of fully depreciated, disposed and lost assets	269	269
Total opening RAB value subject to revaluation	271,086	270,209
Total revaluations	6,870	6,847

4(iv): Roll Forward of Works Under Construction

	Unallocated works under construction	Allocated works under construction
Works under construction—preceding disclosure year	5,171	5,171
plus Capital expenditure	45,751	45,647
less Assets commissioned	19,449	19,344
plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation		
Works under construction - current disclosure year	31,474	31,474
Highest rate of capitalised finance applied		—

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4(v): Regulatory Depreciation

Depreciation - standard
 Depreciation - no standard life assets
 Depreciation - modified life assets
 Depreciation - alternative depreciation in accordance with CPP
Total depreciation

Unallocated RAB *		RAB	
(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
8,066		8,066	
1,330		1,288	
	9,396		9,353

4(vi): Disclosure of Changes to Depreciation Profiles

(\$000 unless otherwise specified)

Asset or assets with changes to depreciation*	Reason for non-standard depreciation (text entry)	Depreciation charge for the period (RAB)	Closing RAB value under non-standard depreciation	Closing RAB value under 'standard' depreciation

* Include additional rows if needed

4(vii): Disclosure by Asset Category

(\$000 unless otherwise specified)

	Subtransmission lines	Subtransmission cables	Zone substations	Distribution and LV lines	Distribution and LV cables	Distribution substations and transformers	Distribution switchgear	Other network assets	Non-network assets	Total
Total opening RAB value	17,106	220	22,301	99,059	44,906	40,758	13,663	5,859	26,606	270,478
less Total depreciation	446	8	681	2,581	1,477	1,513	774	488	1,385	9,353
plus Total revaluations	434	6	565	2,510	1,138	1,032	345	148	669	6,847
plus Assets commissioned	40	—	1,599	6,736	2,163	2,635	2,913	124	3,134	19,344
less Asset disposals	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	—	6	42
plus Lost and found assets adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
plus Asset category transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total closing RAB value	17,134	218	23,784	105,724	46,730	42,876	16,147	5,643	29,018	287,274
Asset Life										
Weighted average remaining asset life	44.9	26.0	36.5	47.1	38.7	34.4	34.3	8.8	12.0	(years)
Weighted average expected total asset life	59.2	44.5	45.0	60.0	52.7	45.0	35.0	13.2	17.3	(years)

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SCHEDULE 5a: REPORT ON REGULATORY TAX ALLOWANCE

This schedule requires information on the calculation of the regulatory tax allowance. This information is used to calculate regulatory profit/loss in Schedule 3 (regulatory profit). EDBs must provide explanatory commentary on the information disclosed in this schedule, in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.6

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7	5a(i): Regulatory Tax Allowance			(\$000)
8	Regulatory profit / (loss) before tax			19,079
9				
10	<i>plus</i> Income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable		*	
11	Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible	(14)	*	
12	Amortisation of initial differences in asset values	2,663		
13	Amortisation of revaluations	885		
14				3,535
15				
16	<i>less</i> Total revaluations	6,847		
17	Income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable		*	
18	Discretionary discounts and customer rebates	2,160		
19	Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax		*	
20	Notional deductible interest	3,796		
21				12,803
22				
23	Regulatory taxable income			9,811
24				
25	<i>less</i> Utilised tax losses			
26	Regulatory net taxable income			9,811
27				
28	Corporate tax rate (%)	28%		
29	Regulatory tax allowance			2,747
30				
31	* Workings to be provided in Schedule 14			
32	5a(ii): Disclosure of Permanent Differences			
33	In Schedule 14, Box 5, provide descriptions and workings of items recorded in the asterisked categories in Schedule 5a(i).			
34	5a(iii): Amortisation of Initial Difference in Asset Values			(\$000)
35				
36	Opening unamortised initial differences in asset values	71,911		
37	<i>less</i> Amortisation of initial differences in asset values	2,663		
38	<i>plus</i> Adjustment for unamortised initial differences in assets acquired			
39	<i>less</i> Adjustment for unamortised initial differences in assets disposed	8		
40	Closing unamortised initial differences in asset values			69,240
41				
42	Opening weighted average remaining useful life of relevant assets (years)			27
43				

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44	5a(iv): Amortisation of Revaluations			(\$000)
45				
46	Opening sum of RAB values without revaluations	246,336		
47				
48	Adjusted depreciation	8,468		
49	Total depreciation	9,353		
50	Amortisation of revaluations		885	
51				
52	5a(v): Reconciliation of Tax Losses			(\$000)
53				
54	Opening tax losses			
55	plus Current period tax losses			
56	less Utilised tax losses			
57	Closing tax losses			–
58	5a(vi): Calculation of Deferred Tax Balance			(\$000)
59				
60	Opening deferred tax	(15,659)		
61				
62	plus Tax effect of adjusted depreciation	2,371		
63				
64	less Tax effect of tax depreciation	3,351		
65				
66	plus Tax effect of other temporary differences*	(23)		
67				
68	less Tax effect of amortisation of initial differences in asset values	746		
69				
70	plus Deferred tax balance relating to assets acquired in the disclosure year			
71				
72	less Deferred tax balance relating to assets disposed in the disclosure year	–		
73				
74	plus Deferred tax cost allocation adjustment	(0)		
75				
76	Closing deferred tax			(17,408)
77				
78	5a(vii): Disclosure of Temporary Differences			
79	<i>In Schedule 14, Box 6, provide descriptions and workings of items recorded in the asterisked category in Schedule 5a(vi) (Tax effect of other temporary differences).</i>			
80				
81	5a(viii): Regulatory Tax Asset Base Roll-Forward			
82				(\$000)
83	Opening sum of regulatory tax asset values	120,149		
84	less Tax depreciation	11,969		
85	plus Regulatory tax asset value of assets commissioned	17,622		
86	less Regulatory tax asset value of asset disposals	42		
87	plus Lost and found assets adjustment			
88	plus Adjustment resulting from asset allocation	–		
89	plus Other adjustments to the RAB tax value			
90	Closing sum of regulatory tax asset values			125,760

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SCHEDULE 5c: REPORT ON TERM CREDIT SPREAD DIFFERENTIAL ALLOWANCE

This schedule is only to be completed if, as at the date of the most recently published financial statements, the weighted average original tenor of the debt portfolio (both qualifying debt and non-qualifying debt) is greater than five years.
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5c(i): Qualifying Debt (may be Commission only)

Issuing party	Issue date	Pricing date	Original tenor (in years)	Coupon rate (%)	Book value at issue date (NZD)	Book value at date of financial statements (NZD)	Term Credit Spread Difference	Debt issue cost readjustment
Counties Power Limited does not have any qualifying debt								
* include additional rows if needed						-	-	-

5c(ii): Attribution of Term Credit Spread Differential

Gross term credit spread differential		-
Total book value of interest bearing debt		
Leverage	42%	
Average opening and closing RAB values		
Attribution Rate (%)		-
Term credit spread differential allowance		-

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SCHEDULE 5d: REPORT ON COST ALLOCATIONS

This schedule provides information on the allocation of operational costs. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their cost allocation in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes), including on the impact of any reclassifications. This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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5d(i): Operating Cost Allocations

	Value allocated (\$000s)				
	Arm's length deduction	Electricity distribution services	Non-electricity distribution services	Total	OVABAA allocation increase (\$000s)
Service interruptions and emergencies					
Directly attributable		2,038			
Not directly attributable				–	
Total attributable to regulated service		2,038			
Vegetation management					
Directly attributable		1,512			
Not directly attributable				–	
Total attributable to regulated service		1,512			
Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection					
Directly attributable		900			
Not directly attributable				–	
Total attributable to regulated service		900			
Asset replacement and renewal					
Directly attributable		269			
Not directly attributable				–	
Total attributable to regulated service		269			
System operations and network support					
Directly attributable		3,747			
Not directly attributable				–	
Total attributable to regulated service		3,747			
Business support					
Directly attributable		929			
Not directly attributable		6,346	1,083	7,429	
Total attributable to regulated service		7,275			
Operating costs directly attributable		9,395			
Operating costs not directly attributable	–	6,346	1,083	7,429	–
Operational expenditure		15,741			

5d(ii): Other Cost Allocations

	(\$000)
Pass through and recoverable costs	
Pass through costs	
Directly attributable	919
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	919
Recoverable costs	
Directly attributable	13,588
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	13,588

5d(iii): Changes in Cost Allocations* †

		(\$000)	
		CY-1	Current Year (CY)
Change in cost allocation 1			
Cost category		Original allocation	
Original allocator or line items		New allocation	
New allocator or line items		Difference	– –
Rationale for change			
Change in cost allocation 2			
Cost category		CY-1	Current Year (CY)
Original allocator or line items		Original allocation	
New allocator or line items		New allocation	
		Difference	– –
Rationale for change			
Change in cost allocation 3			
Cost category		CY-1	Current Year (CY)
Original allocator or line items		Original allocation	
New allocator or line items		New allocation	
		Difference	– –
Rationale for change			

* a change in cost allocation must be completed for each cost allocator change that has occurred in the disclosure year. A movement in an allocator metric is not a change in allocator or component.

† Include additional rows if needed

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SCHEDULE 5e: REPORT ON ASSET ALLOCATIONS

This schedule requires information on the allocation of asset values. This information supports the calculation of the RAB value in Schedule 4. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their cost allocation in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes), including on the impact of any changes in asset allocations. This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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5e(i): Regulated Service Asset Values

	Value allocated (\$000s) Electricity distribution services
Subtransmission lines	
Directly attributable	17,134
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	17,134
Subtransmission cables	
Directly attributable	218
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	218
Zone substations	
Directly attributable	23,784
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	23,784
Distribution and LV lines	
Directly attributable	105,724
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	105,724
Distribution and LV cables	
Directly attributable	46,730
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	46,730
Distribution substations and transformers	
Directly attributable	42,876
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	42,876
Distribution switchgear	
Directly attributable	16,147
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	16,147
Other network assets	
Directly attributable	5,643
Not directly attributable	
Total attributable to regulated service	5,643
Non-network assets	
Directly attributable	23,021
Not directly attributable	5,997
Total attributable to regulated service	29,018
Regulated service asset value directly attributable	281,277
Regulated service asset value not directly attributable	5,997
Total closing RAB value	287,274

5e(ii): Changes in Asset Allocations* †

			(\$000)	
			CY-1	Current Year (CY)
Change in asset value allocation 1				
Asset category		Original allocation		
Original allocator or line items		New allocation		
New allocator or line items		Difference	–	–
Rationale for change				
Change in asset value allocation 2				
Asset category		Original allocation		
Original allocator or line items		New allocation		
New allocator or line items		Difference	–	–
Rationale for change				
Change in asset value allocation 3				
Asset category		Original allocation		
Original allocator or line items		New allocation		
New allocator or line items		Difference	–	–
Rationale for change				

* a change in asset allocation must be completed for each allocator or component change that has occurred in the disclosure year. A movement in an allocator metric is not a change in allocator or comp.
 † include additional rows if needed

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SCHEDULE 6a: REPORT ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE DISCLOSURE YEAR

This schedule requires a breakdown of capital expenditure on assets incurred in the disclosure year, including any assets in respect of which capital contributions are received, but excluding assets that are vested assets. Information on expenditure on assets must be provided on an accounting accruals basis and must exclude finance costs.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their expenditure on assets in Schedule 14 (Explanatory Notes to Templates).

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7	6a(i): Expenditure on Assets	(\$000)	(\$000)
8	Consumer connection		9,241
9	System growth		26,698
10	Asset replacement and renewal		12,537
11	Asset relocations		48
12	Reliability, safety and environment:		
13	Quality of supply	386	
14	Legislative and regulatory	1,722	
15	Other reliability, safety and environment	—	
16	Total reliability, safety and environment		2,108
17	Expenditure on network assets		50,632
18	Expenditure on non-network assets		3,134
19			
20	Expenditure on assets		53,766
21	plus Cost of financing		297
22	less Value of capital contributions		8,416
23	plus Value of vested assets		
24			
25	Capital expenditure		45,647
26	6a(ii): Subcomponents of Expenditure on Assets (where known)		(\$000)
27	Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses		
28	Overhead to underground conversion		5,862
29	Research and development		
30	6a(iii): Consumer Connection		
31	<i>Consumer types defined by EDB*</i>	(\$000)	(\$000)
32	Urban residential	4,819	
33	Urban commercial	1,530	
34	Rural residential	2,076	
35	Rural commercial	816	
36			
37	<i>* include additional rows if needed</i>		
38	Consumer connection expenditure		9,241
39			
40	less Capital contributions funding consumer connection expenditure	8,416	
41	Consumer connection less capital contributions		825
42	6a(iv): System Growth and Asset Replacement and Renewal		
43		System Growth	Asset Replacement and Renewal
44		(\$000)	(\$000)
45	Subtransmission	3	—
46	Zone substations	20,104	786
47	Distribution and LV lines	3,185	4,468
48	Distribution and LV cables	2,465	2,515
49	Distribution substations and transformers	872	593
50	Distribution switchgear	—	4,152
51	Other network assets	69	23
52	System growth and asset replacement and renewal expenditure	26,698	12,537
53	less Capital contributions funding system growth and asset replacement and renewal		
54	System growth and asset replacement and renewal less capital contributions	26,698	12,537
55			
56	6a(v): Asset Relocations		
57	<i>Project or programme*</i>	(\$000)	(\$000)
58	Various relocation (largely reimbursed by customers)	48	
59			
60			
61			
62			
63	<i>* include additional rows if needed</i>		
64	All other projects or programmes - asset relocations	—	
65	Asset relocations expenditure		48
66	less Capital contributions funding asset relocations		
67	Asset relocations less capital contributions		48
68			

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This schedule requires a breakdown of capital expenditure on assets incurred in the disclosure year, including any assets in respect of which capital contributions are received, but excluding assets that are vested assets. Information on expenditure on assets must be provided on an accounting accruals basis and must exclude finance costs.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their expenditure on assets in Schedule 14 (Explanatory Notes to Templates).

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69	6a(vi): Quality of Supply		
70	Project or programme*	(\$000)	(\$000)
71	Voltage upgrades (4 locations)	372	
72	Other projects	14	
73			
74			
75			
76	* include additional rows if needed		
77	All other projects programmes - quality of supply	—	
78	Quality of supply expenditure		386
79	less Capital contributions funding quality of supply	—	
80	Quality of supply less capital contributions		386
81	6a(vii): Legislative and Regulatory		
82	Project or programme*	(\$000)	(\$000)
83	Right of use assets	1,722	
84			
85			
86			
87			
88	* include additional rows if needed		
89	All other projects or programmes - legislative and regulatory		
90	Legislative and regulatory expenditure		1,722
91	less Capital contributions funding legislative and regulatory		
92	Legislative and regulatory less capital contributions		1,722
93	6a(viii): Other Reliability, Safety and Environment		
94	Project or programme*	(\$000)	(\$000)
95	Nil		
96			
97			
98			
99			
100	* include additional rows if needed		
101	All other projects or programmes - other reliability, safety and environment		
102	Other reliability, safety and environment expenditure		—
103	less Capital contributions funding other reliability, safety and environment		
104	Other reliability, safety and environment less capital contributions		—
105			
106	6a(ix): Non-Network Assets		
107	Routine expenditure		
108	Project or programme*	(\$000)	(\$000)
109	IT software	1,880	
110	Building upgrades	410	
111	Vehicles	308	
112	Other plant and equipment	536	
113			
114	* include additional rows if needed		
115	All other projects or programmes - routine expenditure		
116	Routine expenditure		3,134
117	Atypical expenditure		
118	Project or programme*	(\$000)	(\$000)
119			
120			
121			
122			
123			
124	* include additional rows if needed		
125	All other projects or programmes - atypical expenditure		
126	Atypical expenditure		—
127			
128	Expenditure on non-network assets		3,134

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SCHEDULE 6b: REPORT ON OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE DISCLOSURE YEAR

This schedule requires a breakdown of operational expenditure incurred in the disclosure year.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their operational expenditure in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). This includes explanatory comment on any atypical operational expenditure and assets replaced or renewed as part of asset replacement and renewal operational expenditure, and additional information on insurance.

This information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

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		(\$000)	(\$000)
7	6b(i): Operational Expenditure		
8	Service interruptions and emergencies	2,038	
9	Vegetation management	1,512	
10	Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection	900	
11	Asset replacement and renewal	269	
12	Network opex		4,719
13	System operations and network support	3,747	
14	Business support	7,275	
15	Non-network opex		11,022
16			
17	Operational expenditure		15,741
18	6b(ii): Subcomponents of Operational Expenditure (where known)		
19	Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses		
20	Direct billing*		
21	Research and development		
22	Insurance		417
23	* Direct billing expenditure by suppliers that directly bill the majority of their consumers		

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SCHEDULE 7: COMPARISON OF FORECASTS TO ACTUAL EXPENDITURE

This schedule compares actual revenue and expenditure to the previous forecasts that were made for the disclosure year. Accordingly, this schedule requires the forecast revenue and expenditure information from previous disclosures to be inserted.

EDBs must provide explanatory comment on the variance between actual and target revenue and forecast expenditure in Schedule 14 (Mandatory Explanatory Notes). This information is part of the audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8. For the purpose of this audit, target revenue and forecast expenditures only need to be verified back to previous disclosures.

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7	7(i): Revenue	Target (\$000) ¹	Actual (\$000)	% variance
8	Line charge revenue	51,742	51,702	(0%)
9	7(ii): Expenditure on Assets	Forecast (\$000) ²	Actual (\$000)	% variance
10	Consumer connection	12,690	9,241	(27%)
11	System growth	26,420	26,698	1%
12	Asset replacement and renewal	13,360	12,537	(6%)
13	Asset relocations	300	48	(84%)
14	Reliability, safety and environment:			
15	Quality of supply	350	386	10%
16	Legislative and regulatory	–	1,722	–
17	Other reliability, safety and environment	1,195	–	(100%)
18	Total reliability, safety and environment	1,545	2,108	36%
19	Expenditure on network assets	54,315	50,632	(7%)
20	Expenditure on non-network assets	6,433	3,134	(51%)
21	Expenditure on assets	60,748	53,766	(11%)
22	7(iii): Operational Expenditure			
23	Service interruptions and emergencies	1,900	2,038	7%
24	Vegetation management	1,350	1,512	12%
25	Routine and corrective maintenance and inspection	1,350	900	(33%)
26	Asset replacement and renewal	700	269	(62%)
27	Network opex	5,300	4,719	(11%)
28	System operations and network support	4,084	3,747	(8%)
29	Business support	6,179	7,275	18%
30	Non-network opex	10,263	11,022	7%
31	Operational expenditure	15,563	15,741	1%
32	7(iv): Subcomponents of Expenditure on Assets (where known)			
33	Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses	–	–	–
34	Overhead to underground conversion	300	5,862	1,854%
35	Research and development	–	–	–
36				
37	7(v): Subcomponents of Operational Expenditure (where known)			
38	Energy efficiency and demand side management, reduction of energy losses	–	–	–
39	Direct billing	–	–	–
40	Research and development	–	–	–
41	Insurance	354	417	18%

1 From the nominal dollar target revenue for the disclosure year disclosed under clause 2.4.3(3) of this determination

2 From the CY+1 nominal dollar expenditure forecasts disclosed in accordance with clause 2.6.6 for the forecast period starting at the beginning of the disclosure year (the second to last disclosure of Schedules 11a and 11b)

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SCHEDULE 8: REPORT ON BILLED QUANTITIES AND LINE CHARGE REVENUES

This schedule requires the billed quantities and associated line charge revenues for each price category code used by the EDB in its pricing schedules. Information is also required on the number of ICPs that are included in each consumer group or price category code, and the energy delivered to these ICPs.

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8(i): Billed Quantities by Price Component

Consumer group name or price category code	Consumer type or types (eg, residential, commercial etc.)	Standard or non-standard consumer group (specify)	Average no. of ICPs in disclosure year	Energy delivered to ICPs in disclosure year (MWh)
Business	Commercial	Standard	6,883	116,428
3 Rate	Commercial	Standard	119	2,479
Standard Domestic	Residential	Standard	20,154	178,663
Low User Domestic	Residential	Standard	15,835	88,816
Prepaid Domestic	Residential	Standard	312	1,774
Time Of Use	Commercial	Standard	167	116,967
Streetlights	Commercial	Standard	6	1,579
Major Customer A	Commercial	Non-standard	3	51,837
Major Customer B	Commercial	Non-standard	3	7,746
Major Customer C	Commercial	Non-standard	2	36,336
Major Customer D	Commercial	Non-standard	2	14,975

Add extra rows for additional consumer groups or price category codes as necessary

Standard consumer totals	43,476	506,706
Non-standard consumer totals	9	110,894
Total for all consumers	43,485	617,600

Price component

Billed quantities by price component

00700-1100	1700-2200	2400-0700	Anytime	Day	Econo	M/W Light	Night	Off Peak	Peak	Priority Econo	Peak Saver	Prepay	Summer Peak	Streetlight	Thrifty Night	Winter Peak	Annual Contract	Export	Demand	Reactive	Supply	Transformer
kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kWh	kVA	kVArh	Day	Day

—	—	—	108,156	3	8,264	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	39	—	117	1,188	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1,738	732	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	0	—	—
—	—	—	133,287	—	45,366	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	962	—	—	3,256	—
—	—	—	64,039	—	24,776	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	699	—	—	2,971	—
—	—	—	1,774	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24,785	37,800	26,668	—	—	—	—	—	27,654	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	388	6,045	—	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,537	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51,837	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,746	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,336	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,975	—	—	—	—

24,785	37,800	26,668	307,266	3	78,407	42	10	29,392	—	—	—	—	1	1,537	0	4	—	1,660	388	6,161	7,416	6
24,785	37,800	26,668	307,266	3	78,407	42	10	29,392	—	—	—	—	1	1,537	0	4	110,894	1,660	388	6,161	7,416	6

8(ii): Line Charge Revenues (\$000) by Price Component

Consumer group name or price category code	Consumer type or types (eg, residential, commercial etc.)	Standard or non-standard consumer group (specify)	Total line charge revenue in disclosure year	Notional revenue foregone from posted discounts (if applicable)	Total distribution line charge revenue	Total transmission line charge revenue (if available)
Business	Commercial	Standard	\$12,295	\$1,998	\$12,295	—
3 Rate	Commercial	Standard	\$228	\$37	\$228	—
Standard Domestic	Residential	Standard	\$18,879	\$3,067	\$18,879	—
Low User Domestic	Residential	Standard	\$9,252	\$1,503	\$9,252	—
Prepaid Domestic	Residential	Standard	\$166	\$27	\$166	—
Time Of Use	Commercial	Standard	\$7,808	\$1,269	\$7,808	—
Streetlights	Commercial	Standard	\$476	\$77	\$476	—
Major Customer A	Industrial	Non-standard	\$927	\$151	\$927	—
Major Customer B	Industrial	Non-standard	\$470	\$76	\$470	—
Major Customer C	Industrial	Non-standard	\$741	\$120	\$741	—
Major Customer D	Industrial	Non-standard	\$460	\$75	\$460	—

Add extra rows for additional consumer groups or price category codes as necessary

Standard consumer totals	\$49,104	\$7,978	\$49,104	—
Non-standard consumer totals	\$2,598	\$422	\$2,598	—
Total for all consumers	\$51,702	\$8,400	\$51,702	—

Price component

Line charge revenues (\$000) by price component

0700-1100	1700-2200	2400-0700	Anytime	Day	Econo	M/W Light	Night	Off Peak	Peak	Priority Econo	Peak Saver	Prepay	Summer Peak	Streetlight	Thrifty Night	Winter Peak	Annual Contract	Export	Demand	Reactive	Supply	Transformer
\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$ per kWh	\$/kWh	\$ per kVA	\$ per kVAh	\$ per Day	\$ per Day

—	—	—	\$9,803	—	\$375	—	\$1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$6	\$2,110	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$107	\$121	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	\$12,742	—	\$1,979	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	—	—	\$4,150	—
—	—	—	\$6,913	—	\$1,579	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56	—	—	\$743	—
—	—	—	\$166	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$972	\$1,458	\$298	—	—	—	—	—	\$435	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$3,551	\$297	—	\$797
—	—	—	—	—	—	\$3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$927	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$470	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$741	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$460	—	—	—	—

\$972	\$1,458	\$298	\$29,634	–	\$3,933	\$3	\$1	\$542	\$121	–	–	–	–	–	\$473	–	–	\$15	\$3,551	\$303	\$7,003	\$797
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	\$2,598	–	–	–	–	
\$972	\$1,458	\$298	\$29,634	–	\$3,933	\$3	\$1	\$542	\$121	–	–	–	–	–	\$473	–	\$2,598	\$15	\$3,551	\$303	\$7,003	\$797

8(iii): Number of ICPs directly billed

Number of directly billed ICPs at year end

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SCHEDULE 9a: ASSET REGISTER

This schedule requires a summary of the quantity of assets that make up the network, by asset category and asset class. All units relating to cable and line assets, that are expressed in km, refer to circuit lengths.

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						Items at start of	Items at end of		Data accuracy
					Units	year (quantity)	year (quantity)	Net change	(1-4)
8	Voltage	Asset category	Asset class						
9	All	Overhead Line	Concrete poles / steel structure		No.	26,085	26,074	(11)	3
10	All	Overhead Line	Wood poles		No.	1,854	1,858	4	3
11	All	Overhead Line	Other pole types		No.	5	64	59	3
12	HV	Subtransmission Line	Subtransmission OH up to 66kV conductor		km	75	72	(3)	4
13	HV	Subtransmission Line	Subtransmission OH 110kV+ conductor		km	64	66	2	4
14	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (XLPE)		km	1	1	(0)	4
15	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (Oil pressurised)		km	—	—	—	N/A
16	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (Gas pressurised)		km	—	—	—	N/A
17	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG up to 66kV (PILC)		km	—	—	—	N/A
18	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (XLPE)		km	—	—	—	N/A
19	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (Oil pressurised)		km	—	—	—	N/A
20	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (Gas Pressurised)		km	—	—	—	N/A
21	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission UG 110kV+ (PILC)		km	—	—	—	N/A
22	HV	Subtransmission Cable	Subtransmission submarine cable		km	—	—	—	N/A
23	HV	Zone substation Buildings	Zone substations up to 66kV		No.	7	6	(1)	4
24	HV	Zone substation Buildings	Zone substations 110kV+		No.	3	3	—	4
25	HV	Zone substation switchgear	50/66/110kV CB (Indoor)		No.	—	—	—	N/A
26	HV	Zone substation switchgear	50/66/110kV CB (Outdoor)		No.	17	14	(3)	4
27	HV	Zone substation switchgear	33kV Switch (Ground Mounted)		No.	—	—	—	4
28	HV	Zone substation switchgear	33kV Switch (Pole Mounted)		No.	29	31	2	4
29	HV	Zone substation switchgear	33kV RMU		No.	—	—	—	N/A
30	HV	Zone substation switchgear	22/33kV CB (Indoor)		No.	—	—	—	N/A
31	HV	Zone substation switchgear	22/33kV CB (Outdoor)		No.	12	12	—	4
32	HV	Zone substation switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (ground mounted)		No.	80	79	(1)	4
33	HV	Zone substation switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (pole mounted)		No.	—	—	—	N/A
34	HV	Zone Substation Transformer	Zone Substation Transformers		No.	15	15	—	4
35	HV	Distribution Line	Distribution OH Open Wire Conductor		km	1,458	1,456	(2)	3
36	HV	Distribution Line	Distribution OH Aerial Cable Conductor		km	—	—	—	N/A
37	HV	Distribution Line	SWER conductor		km	—	—	—	N/A
38	HV	Distribution Cable	Distribution UG XLPE or PVC		km	207	202	(5)	3
39	HV	Distribution Cable	Distribution UG PILC		km	21	21	(0)	3
40	HV	Distribution Cable	Distribution Submarine Cable		km	2	2	(0)	4
41	HV	Distribution switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (pole mounted) - reclosers and sectionalisers		No.	174	40	(134)	3
42	HV	Distribution switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV CB (Indoor)		No.	—	—	—	N/A
43	HV	Distribution switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV Switches and fuses (pole mounted)		No.	4,894	5,061	167	3
44	HV	Distribution switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV Switch (ground mounted) - except RMU		No.	—	—	—	N/A
45	HV	Distribution switchgear	3.3/6.6/11/22kV RMU		No.	222	278	56	3
46	HV	Distribution Transformer	Pole Mounted Transformer		No.	3,151	3,177	26	3
47	HV	Distribution Transformer	Ground Mounted Transformer		No.	871	917	46	3
48	HV	Distribution Transformer	Voltage regulators		No.	4	7	3	3
49	HV	Distribution Substations	Ground Mounted Substation Housing		No.	869	887	18	3
50	LV	LV Line	LV OH Conductor		km	729	723	(5)	3
51	LV	LV Cable	LV UG Cable		km	695	800	105	3
52	LV	LV Street lighting	LV OH/UG Streetlight circuit		km	48	46	(2)	3
53	LV	Connections	OH/UG consumer service connections		No.	42,923	45,401	2,478	3
54	All	Protection	Protection relays (electromechanical, solid state and numeric)		No.	144	144	—	3
55	All	SCADA and communications	SCADA and communications equipment operating as a single system		Lot	1	1	—	4
56	All	Capacitor Banks	Capacitors including controls		No	29	19	(10)	3
57	All	Load Control	Centralised plant		Lot	5	5	—	4
58	All	Load Control	Relays		No	3,469	3,469	—	3
59	All	Civils	Cable Tunnels		km	—	—	—	N/A

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SCHEDULE 9b: ASSET AGE PROFILE

This schedule requires a summary of the age profile (based on year of installation) of the assets that make up the network, by asset category and asset class. All units relating to cable and line assets, that are expressed in km, refer to circuit lengths.

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SCHEDULE 9c: REPORT ON OVERHEAD LINES AND UNDERGROUND CABLES

This schedule requires a summary of the key characteristics of the overhead line and underground cable network. All units relating to cable and line assets, that are expressed in km, refer to circuit lengths.

sch ref

9			
10	Circuit length by operating voltage (at year end)	Overhead (km)	Underground (km)
11	> 66kV	66	—
12	50kV & 66kV	—	—
13	33kV	72	1
14	SWER (all SWER voltages)	—	—
15	22kV (other than SWER)	569	170
16	6.6kV to 11kV (inclusive—other than SWER)	888	80
17	Low voltage (< 1kV)	723	800
18	Total circuit length (for supply)	2,318	1,051
19			
20	Dedicated street lighting circuit length (km)	0	48
21	Circuit in sensitive areas (conservation areas, iwi territory etc) (km)		2
22			
23	Overhead circuit length by terrain (at year end)	Circuit length (km)	(% of total overhead length)
24	Urban	196	8%
25	Rural	2,057	89%
26	Remote only	—	—
27	Rugged only	65	3%
28	Remote and rugged	—	—
29	Unallocated overhead lines	—	—
30	Total overhead length	2,318	100%
31			
32		Circuit length (km)	(% of total circuit length)
33	Length of circuit within 10km of coastline or geothermal areas (where known)	1,515	45%
34		Circuit length (km)	(% of total overhead length)
35	Overhead circuit requiring vegetation management	2,318	100%

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SCHEDULE 9d: REPORT ON EMBEDDED NETWORKS

This schedule requires information concerning embedded networks owned by an EDB that are embedded in another EDB's network or in another embedded network.

sch ref

	Location *	Number of ICPs served	Line charge revenue (\$000)
8			
9	Counties Power has no embedded networks		
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26	* Extend embedded distribution networks table as necessary to disclose each embedded network owned by the EDB which is embedded in another EDB's network or in another embedded network		

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SCHEDULE 9e: REPORT ON NETWORK DEMAND

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network utilisation for the disclosure year (number of new connections including distributed generation, peak demand and electricity volumes conveyed).

sch ref

9e(i): Consumer Connections

Number of ICPs connected in year by consumer type

Consumer types defined by EDB*

Urban Residential
Urban Commercial
Rural Residential
Rural Commercial

* include additional rows if needed

Connections total

Number of
connections (ICPs)

516
370
287
275

1,448

Distributed generation

Number of connections made in year
Capacity of distributed generation installed in year

119

connections

3.27

MVA

9e(ii): System Demand**Maximum coincident system demand**

GXP demand

plus Distributed generation output at HV and above

Maximum coincident system demand

less Net transfers to (from) other EDBs at HV and above

Demand on system for supply to consumers' connection points

Demand at time
of maximum
coincident
demand (MW)

122
7
129
129

Electricity volumes carried

Electricity supplied from GXPs

less Electricity exports to GXPs

plus Electricity supplied from distributed generation

less Net electricity supplied to (from) other EDBs

Electricity entering system for supply to consumers' connection points

less Total energy delivered to ICPs

Electricity losses (loss ratio)

Energy (GWh)

612
-
37
649
618
31

4.8%

Load factor

0.57

9e(iii): Transformer Capacity

Distribution transformer capacity (EDB owned)

Distribution transformer capacity (Non-EDB owned, estimated)

Total distribution transformer capacity

Zone substation transformer capacity

(MVA)

431
56
487
483

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SCHEDULE 10: REPORT ON NETWORK RELIABILITY

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network reliability (interruptions, SAIDI, SAIFI and fault rate) for the disclosure year. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their network reliability for the disclosure year in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). The SAIFI and SAIDI information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

sch ref

8	10(i): Interruptions		
9	Interruptions by class	Number of interruptions	
10	Class A (planned interruptions by Transpower)	1	
11	Class B (planned interruptions on the network)	319	
12	Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network)	317	
13	Class D (unplanned interruptions by Transpower)		
14	Class E (unplanned interruptions of EDB owned generation)		
15	Class F (unplanned interruptions of generation owned by others)		
16	Class G (unplanned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity)		
17	Class H (planned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity)	1	
18	Class I (interruptions caused by parties not included above)	30	
19	Total	668	
20			
21	Interruption restoration	≤3Hrs	>3hrs
22	Class C interruptions restored within	195	122
23			
24	SAIFI and SAIDI by class	SAIFI	SAIDI
25	Class A (planned interruptions by Transpower)	0.00	0.6
26	Class B (planned interruptions on the network)	0.58	170.6
27	Class C (unplanned interruptions on the network)	2.54	159.1
28	Class D (unplanned interruptions by Transpower)		
29	Class E (unplanned interruptions of EDB owned generation)		
30	Class F (unplanned interruptions of generation owned by others)		
31	Class G (unplanned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity)		
32	Class H (planned interruptions caused by another disclosing entity)	0.00	0.0
33	Class I (interruptions caused by parties not included above)	0.01	3.0
34	Total	3.14	333.3
35			
36	Normalised SAIFI and SAIDI	Normalised SAIFI	Normalised SAIDI
37	Classes B & C (interruptions on the network)	3.12	326.2
38			
39	10(ii): Class C Interruptions and Duration by Cause		
40			
41	Cause	SAIFI	SAIDI
42	Lightning	0.04	2.5
43	Vegetation	0.36	20.5
44	Adverse weather		
45	Adverse environment		
46	Third party interference	0.25	25.6
47	Wildlife	0.22	6.4
48	Human error		
49	Defective equipment	1.02	80.4
50	Cause unknown	0.65	23.7
51			
52	10(iii): Class B Interruptions and Duration by Main Equipment Involved		
53			
54	Main equipment involved	SAIFI	SAIDI
55	Subtransmission lines	0.00	0.3
56	Subtransmission cables		
57	Subtransmission other	0.00	0.7
58	Distribution lines (excluding LV)	0.50	145.2
59	Distribution cables (excluding LV)	0.07	23.8
60	Distribution other (excluding LV)	0.00	0.6

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SCHEDULE 10: REPORT ON NETWORK RELIABILITY

This schedule requires a summary of the key measures of network reliability (interruptions, SAIDI, SAIFI and fault rate) for the disclosure year. EDBs must provide explanatory comment on their network reliability for the disclosure year in Schedule 14 (Explanatory notes to templates). The SAIFI and SAIDI information is part of audited disclosure information (as defined in section 1.4 of the ID determination), and so is subject to the assurance report required by section 2.8.

10(iv): Class C Interruptions and Duration by Main Equipment Involved**Main equipment involved**

SAIFI	SAIDI
0.10	1.0
0.00	0.0
0.23	15.9
2.04	132.9
0.16	8.6
0.01	0.7

10(v): Fault Rate**Main equipment involved**

Number of Faults	Circuit length (km)	Fault rate (faults per 100km)
3	138	2.17
1	1	90.91
2		
300	1,457	20.59
8	250	3.20
3		
Total	317	

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Schedule 14 Mandatory Explanatory Notes

(Guidance Note: This Microsoft Word version of Schedules 14, 14a and 15 is from the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 – as amended and consolidated 3 April 2018. Clause references in this template are to that determination)

1. This schedule requires EDBs to provide explanatory notes to information provided in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, and subclauses 2.5.1(1)(f), and 2.5.2(1)(e).
2. This schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.7.1. Information provided in boxes 1 to 11 of this schedule is part of the audited disclosure information, and so is subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. Schedule 15 (Voluntary Explanatory Notes to Schedules) provides for EDBs to give additional explanation of disclosed information should they elect to do so.

Return on Investment (Schedule 2)

4. In the box below, comment on return on investment as disclosed in Schedule 2. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 1: Explanatory comment on return on investment

Classification is consistent with previous treatment.

ROI comparable to a post tax WACC decreased from 6.4% in FY19 to 5.8% in FY20 with the following items of note:

- Gross Line Revenue (before posted discount) increased by 3.4% in FY20. Higher posted discounts of \$8.4m (FY19 - \$6.0m) reduced net revenue to \$51.7m (FY19 - \$52.1m);
- Operational costs increased from 28% of lines revenue in FY19 to 30% of lines revenue this year to address high network growth and targeted improvements in reliability and the customer experience; and
- Revaluations increased from \$3.8m in FY19 to \$6.8m in FY20. This was mainly attributable to higher CPI of 2.5% (FY19 – 1.1%).

Regulatory Profit (Schedule 3)

5. In the box below, comment on regulatory profit for the disclosure year as disclosed in Schedule 3. This comment must include-

- 5.1 a description of material items included in other regulated income (other than gains / (losses) on asset disposals), as disclosed in 3(i) of Schedule 3
- 5.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 2: Explanatory comment on regulatory profit

Line charge revenue and operational expenditure excludes non-regulated Smart Meters. Other regulated income includes only standard recoveries relating to the regulated business (eg electricity reserve market).

There were no changes in classification within regulatory profit this disclosure year.

Merger and acquisition expenses (3(iv) of Schedule 3)

- 6. If the EDB incurred merger and acquisitions expenditure during the disclosure year, provide the following information in the box below-
 - 6.1 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2)
 - 6.2 any other commentary on the benefits of the merger and acquisition expenditure to the EDB.

Box 3: Explanatory comment on merger and acquisition expenditure

There were no mergers or acquisitions during the disclosure year.

Value of the Regulatory Asset Base (Schedule 4)

- 7. In the box below, comment on the value of the regulatory asset base (rolled forward) in Schedule 4. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 4: Explanatory comment on the value of the regulatory asset based (rolled forward)

There were no changes to RAB classifications from the prior year.

Assets being disposed of comprise non-system minor plant and equipment (\$6k) and transformers sold as scrap (\$36k). A loss of \$40k was recorded for these disposals.

In line with the final decision paper on the treatment of operating leases published by the Commerce Commission on 13 November 2019, right-of-use assets have been included in the RAB. As the current year was the first year of adoption of NZ IFRS 16, we have included the right-of-use assets in the "Assets commissioned" line of "Distribution and LV lines". This has increased the RAB by \$1,722,000.

Depreciation has increased for non-network assets due to higher IT commissioned assets in the previous year.

The high WIP balance is due largely to the construction of the new Pokeno substation that was not commissioned at 31 March 2020.

Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of permanent differences (5a(i) of Schedule 5a)

8. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of the material items recorded in the following asterisked categories of 5a(i) of Schedule 5a-

- 8.1 Income not included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but taxable;
- 8.2 Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not deductible;
- 8.3 Income included in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax but not taxable;
- 8.4 Expenditure or loss deductible but not in regulatory profit / (loss) before tax.

Box 5: Regulatory tax allowance: permanent differences

Items included in permanent differences are the difference between gain/loss on sale of regulatory assets used for the regulatory P&L and the equivalent calculation for tax purposes and permanent differences (eg non-deductible entertainment).

8.1 Income not included in regulatory profit before tax but taxable (Nil).

8.2 Expenditure or loss in regulatory profit before tax but not deductible (accounting vs tax loss on disposal (\$42k) and entertainment expense (\$14k).

8.3 Income included in regulatory profit before tax but not taxable (Nil).

Regulatory tax allowance: disclosure of temporary differences (5a(vi) of Schedule 5a)

9. In the box below, provide descriptions and workings of material items recorded in the asterisked category 'Tax effect of other temporary differences' in 5a(vi) of Schedule 5a.

Box 6: Tax effect of other temporary differences (current disclosure year)

Temporary differences relate to holiday pay provisions, gratuity and sick leave provisions and doubtful debt provisions as they related to the regulated business. The movement in these provisions has been multiplied by the tax rate to calculate the deferred tax figure (\$84k @28% = \$24k).

Holiday leave provision - \$356k (FY19 - \$314k)

Other leave provisions - \$107k (FY19 - \$105k)

Doubtful debt provision - \$171k (FY19 - \$335k)

Other provisions - \$36k (FY19 – nil)

Cost allocation (Schedule 5d)

10. In the box below, comment on cost allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5d. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 7: Cost allocation

Cost allocations were calculated using ABAA methodology as per the IM Determination for business support. In particular:

- Property identified space usage as the proxy allocator; and
- Finance, IT and Corporate costs allocated costs using resource as the proxy allocator.

Proxy allocators were used as causal relationships could not be reasonably established. Property costs were allocated as a proportion of space used. IT, Finance and Corporate costs were allocated based on the level of resource allocated to the regulated business.

Asset allocation (Schedule 5e)

11. In the box below, comment on asset allocation as disclosed in Schedule 5e. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 8: Commentary on asset allocation

Asset allocations were calculated using ABAA methodology as per the IM Determination.

In particular:

- Property identified space usage as the proxy allocator where costs could not be directly allocated; and
- Finance, IT and Corporate costs used resource as the proxy allocator.

No items have been reclassified during the disclosure year.

Capital Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6a)

12. In the box below, comment on expenditure on assets for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6a. This comment must include-

- 12.1 a description of the materiality threshold applied to identify material projects and programmes described in Schedule 6a;
- 12.2 information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 9: Explanation of capital expenditure for the disclosure year

13.1: Consumer types are based on historical AMP descriptions. Treatment for all other categories was to sum the many small projects by significant core drivers.

13.2: Classification is consistent with treatment in prior years.

Operational Expenditure for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 6b)

13. In the box below, comment on operational expenditure for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 6b. This comment must include-

- 13.1 Commentary on assets replaced or renewed with asset replacement and renewal operational expenditure, as reported in 6b(i) of Schedule 6b;
- 13.2 Information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2);
- 13.3 Commentary on any material atypical expenditure included in operational expenditure disclosed in Schedule 6b, including the value of the expenditure the purpose of the expenditure, and the operational expenditure categories the expenditure relates to.

Box 10: Explanation of operational expenditure for the disclosure year

Operational expenditure includes items such as cable and conductor repairs, insulator replacements, transformer and switch repairs, and other work of a non-capital nature.

Classification is consistent with previous treatment.

Variance between forecast and actual expenditure (Schedule 7)

14. In the box below, comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure for the disclosure year, as reported in Schedule 7. This comment must include information on reclassified items in accordance with subclause 2.7.1(2).

Box 11: Explanatory comment on variance in actual to forecast expenditure

7(i): Line charge revenue was in line with target.

7(ii): Variances above 10% listed by category:

- Consumer connections were 27% below target due to lower commercial connections.
- Asset relocations were lower than target with some anticipated third party asset relocation projects not progressing and design alterations meaning relocation work was not needed in the final network configurations.
- Legislative and regulatory is the Right of use assets (IFRS16 adjustment).
- Other reliability target was not achieved as specific reliability only projects were encompassed within system growth and asset renewal projects.
- Expenditure on non-network assets was lower than forecast due to a delayed start for the Glasgow site upgrade.

7(iii): Variances above 10% listed by category:

- The routine and corrective maintenance programme was completed but fell below target (33%) with higher levels of upgrades carried out that were capital in nature;
- Vegetation management was 12% above target with additional work carried out to improve network reliability; and
- Operational Asset replacement was 62% below target - this was due to higher capitalisation while carrying out asset replacement work.
- Higher business support reflects continued investment in the areas of Network support, IT and customer relationship management.

7(iv): Variances above 10% listed by category:

- A number of projects were converted from overhead to underground where there were benefits, including reliability and safety, that outweighed the additional cost.

Information relating to revenues and quantities for the disclosure year

15. In the box below provide-

15.1 a comparison of the target revenue disclosed before the start of the disclosure year, in accordance with clause 2.4.1 and subclause 2.4.3(3) to total billed line charge revenue for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 8; and

15.2 explanatory comment on reasons for any material differences between target revenue and total billed line charge revenue.

Box 12: Explanatory comment relating to revenue for the disclosure year

Total billed line charge revenue was in line with the target of \$51.7m.

Network Reliability for the Disclosure Year (Schedule 10)

16. In the box below, comment on network reliability for the disclosure year, as disclosed in Schedule 10.

Box 13: Commentary on network reliability for the disclosure year

Both planned (class B) and unplanned (class C) outages, as measured by SAIDI, returned a satisfactory result for FY20. Normalised planned and unplanned SAIDI was 15% less than the yearly average over the prior two-year period (FY18-FY19 average).

Planned SAIDI was 13% less than the yearly average over the prior two-year period (FY18-FY19 average). This reduction was largely due to the location of one major overhead rehabilitation project, where works could be completed with a minimal number of customers effected during each outage.

Unplanned SAIDI was 48% less than the yearly average over the prior two-year period (FY18-FY19 average). All fault causes saw a drop in SAIDI attributed to each, with vegetation having the largest reduction of 84%.

Similar to SAIDI, both planned and unplanned outages, as measured by SAIFI, returned a satisfactory result for FY20. Normalised planned and unplanned SAIFI was 22% less than the yearly average over the prior two-year period (FY18-FY19 average). Planned SAIFI was 19% less and unplanned SAIFI saw a reduction by 23%.

Consistent with prior years Counties Power has interpreted a customer interruption on an overall outage event basis. Therefore, if a customer was interrupted multiple times for longer than a minute as a consequence of sectionalising and fault finding, then the customer was only recorded as being interrupted once rather than counting customer interruptions by stage within that outage event.

For consistency with our thresholds and prior years we have reported the information in Schedule 10 in line with our interpretation as outlined above, thus Counties Power have accepted the "Successive Interruption" exemption. However, we have also recalculated SAIFI based on the alternative interpretation and note SAIFI for FY20 would increase by 7.96% from 3.14 to 3.39 and normalised planned and unplanned SAIFI by 8.01% from 3.12 to 3.37.

Insurance cover

17. In the box below, provide details of any insurance cover for the assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including-
 - 17.1 The EDB's approaches and practices in regard to the insurance of assets used to provide electricity distribution services, including the level of insurance;
 - 17.2 In respect of any self-insurance, the level of reserves, details of how reserves are managed and invested, and details of any reinsurance.

Box 14: Explanation of insurance cover

Essential equipment is insured under a materials damage policy and this cover is reviewed annually. The material damage cover is for physical loss or damage including earthquake natural disaster cover.

Other than key substations and essential equipment, the bulk of the Network system is not covered by insurance due to the inability to get sufficient cover from the insurance industry for such assets, at an acceptable cost.

Amendments to previously disclosed information

18. In the box below, provide information about amendments to previously disclosed information disclosed in accordance with clause 2.12.1 in the last 7 years, including:

18.1 a description of each error; and

18.2 for each error, reference to the web address where the disclosure made in accordance with clause 2.12.1 is publicly disclosed.

Box 15: Disclosure of amendment to previously disclosed information

There have been no material amendments to previously disclosed information pursuant to clause 2.12.1 disclosed in the last 10 years.

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Schedule 14a Mandatory Explanatory Notes on Forecast Information

(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 – as amended and consolidated 3 April 2018.)

1. This Schedule requires EDBs to provide explanatory notes to reports prepared in accordance with clause 2.6.6.
2. This Schedule is mandatory—EDBs must provide the explanatory comment specified below, in accordance with clause 2.7.2. This information is not part of the audited disclosure information, and so is not subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.

Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure forecasts (Schedule 11a)

3. In the box below, comment on the difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure for the current disclosure year and 10 year planning period, as disclosed in Schedule 11a.

Box 1: Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price capital expenditure forecasts The difference between nominal and constant prices reflects inflation of 2% per annum.

Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure forecasts (Schedule 11b)

4. In the box below, comment on the difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure for the current disclosure year and 10 year planning period, as disclosed in Schedule 11b.

Box 2: Commentary on difference between nominal and constant price operational expenditure forecasts The difference between nominal and constant prices reflects inflation of 2% per annum.

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Schedule 15 Voluntary Explanatory Notes

(In this Schedule, clause references are to the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 – as amended and consolidated 3 April 2018.)

1. This schedule enables EDBs to provide, should they wish to-
 - 1.1 additional explanatory comment to reports prepared in accordance with clauses 2.3.1, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1 and 2.5.2;
 - 1.2 information on any substantial changes to information disclosed in relation to a prior disclosure year, as a result of final wash-ups.
2. Information in this schedule is not part of the audited disclosure information, and so is not subject to the assurance requirements specified in section 2.8.
3. Provide additional explanatory comment in the box below.

Box 1: Voluntary explanatory comment on disclosed information

There are no voluntary disclosures this year.



Schedule 18 Certification for Year-end Disclosures

Clause 2.9.2

We, Douglas John Troon and Hamish William Stevens, being directors of Counties Power Limited certify that, having made all reasonable enquiry, to the best of our knowledge -

- a) the Information prepared for the purposes of clauses 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 2.4.21, 2.4.22, 2.5.1, 2.5.2, and 2.7.1 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012⁽¹⁾ in all material respects complies with that determination;
- b) the historical Information used in the preparation of Schedules 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 10, and 14 has been properly extracted from Counties Power Limited's accounting and other records sourced from its financial and nonfinancial systems, and that sufficient appropriate records have been retained; and
- c) In respect of information concerning assets, costs and revenues valued or disclosed in accordance with clause 2.3.6 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012, we are satisfied that -
 - i. the costs and values of assets or goods or services acquired from a related party comply, in all material respects, with clauses 2.3.6(1) and 2.3.6(3) of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5)(a)-2.2.11(5)(b) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012; and
 - ii. the value of assets or goods or services sold or supplied to a related party comply, in all material respects, with clause 2.3.6(2) of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012.

DT Troon
26 August 2020

HW Stevens
26 August 2020

(1) The Directors of Counties Power Limited note the amendment to the ID Determination issued by the Commerce Commission on 9 April 2020 that has removed the auditor report requirements relating to the treatment of successive interruptions for reporting SAIDI, SAIFI and interruptions, because of potential inconsistencies in treatments approaches across the industry. The Directors note that they do not appear to have been provided a similar exemption relating to the treatment of successive interruptions regarding their certification. Counties Power Limited has continued to report the treatment of successive interruptions consistent with previous periods, including periods used to establish quality standards by which subsequent performance is measured.



Independent Assurance Report

To the Directors of Counties Power Limited and the Commerce Commission

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Counties Power Limited (the company). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Mark Bramley, using the staff and resources of PricewaterhouseCoopers, to provide an opinion, on his behalf, on:

- whether the information required to be disclosed in accordance with the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 as amended by the Information Disclosure exemption: Disclosure and auditing of reliability information within schedule 10, issued by the Commerce Commission on 9 April 2020 (the 'Determination, as amended') for the disclosure year ended 31 March 2020, have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination, as amended.

The disclosure information required to be reported by the Company, and audited by the Auditor-General under the Determination, as amended, is in schedules 1 to 4, 5a to 5g, 6a and 6b, 7, 10, and the explanatory notes in boxes 1 to 11 in Schedule 14 ('the Disclosure Information').

- whether the Company's basis for valuation of related party transactions ('the Related Party Transaction Information') for the disclosure year ended 31 March 2020, has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with clause 2.3.6 of the Determination, as amended, and clauses 2.2.11(1)(g) and 2.2.11(5) of the Electricity Distribution Services Input Methodologies Determination 2012 ('the Input Methodologies Determination').

Opinion

In our opinion:

- as far as appears from an examination of them, proper records to enable the complete and accurate compilation of the Disclosure Information have been kept by the Company;
- as far as appears from an examination, the information used in the preparation of the Disclosure Information has been properly extracted from the company's accounting and other records and has been sourced, where appropriate, from the Company's financial and non-financial systems;
- the Disclosure Information complies, in all material respects, with the Determination, as amended; and
- the Related Party Transaction Information complies, in all material respects, with the Determination, as amended and the Input Methodologies Determination.

In forming our opinion, we have obtained sufficient recorded evidence and all the information and explanations we have required.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and the Standard on Assurance Engagements 3100 (Revised): *Assurance Engagements on Compliance* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Copies of these standards are available on the External Reporting Board's website.

These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform our assurance engagement to provide reasonable assurance about whether the Disclosure Information has been prepared, in all material respects, with the Determination, as amended and about whether the Related Party Transaction Information has been prepared, in all material respects, with the Determination, as amended and the Input Methodologies Determination. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance.

We have performed procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Disclosure Information, and the basis of valuation in the Related Party Transaction Information. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Disclosure Information and the Related Party Transaction Information, whether due to fraud or error or non-compliance with the Determination, as amended or the Input Methodologies Determination. In making those risk assessments, we considered internal control relevant to the Company's preparation of the Disclosure Information and the Related Party Transaction Information in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Scope and inherent limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of a reasonable assurance engagement, and the test basis of the procedures performed, it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected.

We did not examine every transaction, adjustment or event underlying the Disclosure Information or the Related Party Transaction Information, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the Disclosure Information or the Related Party Transaction Information. Also we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the Disclosure Information or the Related Party Transaction Information.

The opinion expressed in this independent assurance report has been formed on the above basis.

Key Assurance Matters

Key assurance matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, required significant attention when carrying out the assurance engagement during the current disclosure year. These matters were addressed in the context of our compliance engagement, and in forming our opinion. We do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key assurance matter	How our procedures addressed the key assurance matter
<p><i>Regulatory Asset Base</i></p> <p>The Regulatory Asset Base (RAB), as set out in Schedule 4, reflects the value of the Company's electricity distribution assets. These are valued using an indexed historic cost methodology prescribed by the Determination. It is a measure which is used widely and is key to measuring the Company's return on investment and therefore important when monitoring financial performance or setting electricity distribution prices.</p> <p>The RAB inputs, as set out in the Input Methodologies, are similar to those used in the measurement of fixed assets in the financial statements, however, there are a number of different requirements and complexities which require careful consideration.</p>	<p>We have obtained an understanding of the compliance requirements relevant to the RAB as set out in the Information Disclosure Determination, as amended (ID Determination) and the Input Methodologies (IMs).</p> <p>We have performed the following procedures:</p> <p><i>Assets commissioned</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reconciled the assets commissioned, as per the regulatory fixed asset register, to the asset additions disclosed in the audited annual financial statements and investigated any reconciling items; • We inspected the assets commissioned during the period, as per the regulatory fixed asset register, to identify any specific cost or asset type exclusions, as set out in the ID Determination, which are required to be removed from the RAB; • We tested a sample of assets commissioned during the disclosure period for appropriate asset category classification;

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<p>Due to the importance of the RAB within the regulatory regime, the incentives to overstate the RAB value, and complexities within the regulations, we have considered it to be a key assurance matter.</p>	<p><i>Depreciation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We compared the standard asset lives by asset category to those set out in the IMs; • For assets with no standard asset lives we assessed the reasonableness of the lives used by reference to the accounting depreciation rates; • We verified the spreadsheet formula utilised to calculate regulatory depreciation expense is in line with IM clause 2.2.5; <p><i>Revaluation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recalculated the revaluation rate set out in the Input Methodologies using the relevant Consumer Price Index indices taken from the Statistics New Zealand website; • We tested the mathematical accuracy of the revaluation calculation performed by management; <p><i>Disposals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We inspected the asset disposals within the accounting fixed asset register to ensure disposals in the RAB meet the definition of a disposal per the IMs. <p>We have no matters to report from undertaking those procedures.</p>
<p><i>Cost and asset allocation</i></p> <p>The ID Determination, as amended relates to information concerning the supply of electricity distribution services. In addition to the regulated supply of electricity, Counties Power Limited also supplies customers with other unregulated services such as external contracting, metering and fibre services.</p> <p>Costs and asset values that relate to electricity distribution services regulated under the ID Determination should comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all of the costs directly attributable to the regulated goods or services; and • an allocated portion of the costs that are not directly attributable. <p>The IMs set out rules and processes for allocating costs and assets which are not directly attributable to either regulated or unregulated services.</p>	<p>We obtained an understanding of the Company's cost and asset allocation processes and the methodologies applied.</p> <p>Our procedures over cost and asset allocation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reconciling the regulated and unregulated financial information to the audited financial statements; <p><i>Classification as directly/not directly attributable</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • considering the appropriateness of the costs allocated as directly attributable, based on the nature and our understanding of the business to determine the reasonableness of the directly attributable classification; • testing a sample of invoices to ensure their classification as either directly attributable or not directly attributable costs are appropriate and in line with the ID determination; • inspecting the fixed asset register to identify any asset classes which based on their nature and our understanding of the business could be considered assets directly attributable to a specific business unit;

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<p>A number of screening tests apply which must be considered when deciding on the appropriate allocation method.</p> <p>The Company has applied the Accounting-Based Allocation Approach Methodology (ABAA) utilising proxy cost and asset allocators to allocate the asset values and operating costs that are not directly attributable where causal relationships could not be identified.</p> <p>Given the judgement involved in the application of the cost and asset allocation methodologies we consider it a key assurance matter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • testing a sample of assets commissioned to invoice to ensure their classification as either directly attributable or not directly attributable are appropriate and in line with the ID determination; <p><i>Appropriateness of the allocators used for not directly attributable costs and assets</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding why causal relationships could not be identified in allocating costs or assets and ensuring appropriate disclosure has been included outlining these in Schedule 14; • considering the appropriateness of the cost and asset proxy allocators used in applying the ABAA to not directly attributable costs including surveying a sample of staff to understand their role and allocation of time; and • recalculating the split between not directly attributable costs and asset values allocated to electricity distribution services and non-electricity distribution services. <p>We have no matters to report from undertaking those procedures.</p>

Directors' responsibility for the preparation of the Disclosure Information and the Related Party Information

The directors of the Company are responsible for:

- the preparation of the Disclosure Information in accordance with the Determination, as amended; and
- the Related Party Transaction Information in accordance with the Determination, as amended and the Input Methodologies Determination;

and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the Disclosure Information and the Related Party Transaction Information that is free from material misstatement.

Our responsibility for the Disclosure Information and the Related Party Information

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether:

- the Disclosure Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination, as amended; and
- the Related Party Transaction Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination, as amended and the Input Methodologies Determination.

Independence and quality control

When carrying out the engagement, we complied with:

- the Auditor-General's independence and other ethical requirements, which incorporate the independence and ethical requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board;
- the independence requirements specified in the Determination, as amended; and
- the Auditor-General's quality control requirements, which incorporate the quality control requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 3 (Amended) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

The Auditor-General, and his employees, and PricewaterhouseCoopers and its partners and employees may deal with the Company on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the Company. Other than any dealings on normal terms within the ordinary course of business, this engagement, and the annual audit of the Company's financial statements, we have no relationship with or interests in the Company.

Use of this report

This independent assurance report has been prepared solely for the directors of the Company and for the Commerce Commission for the purpose of providing those parties with reasonable assurance about whether the Disclosure Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination, as amended and whether the Related Party Transaction Information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Determination, as amended and the Input Methodologies Determination. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any person other than the directors of the Company or the Commerce Commission, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mark Bramley'.

Mark Bramley
PricewaterhouseCoopers

On behalf of the Auditor-General
Auckland, New Zealand
26 August 2020