Only those parts of the [draft IPP determination](#) that we comment against are shown below. Our commentary refers to the substantive policy points in our [submission](#) to the Commission’s [draft decisions](#), and technical matters.

**[DRAFT] Transpower Individual Price-Quality Path Determination 2020**

**Part 2 Defined terms**

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<td><strong>Act</strong></td>
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<td>“Means” is missing from this and other definitions. We have not identified all instances where this omission occurs in other definitions.</td>
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<td><strong>AHI</strong></td>
<td>means Transpower’s asset health assessment for the relative health of an asset in the range between 1 and 10, where an index of 8 or above denotes an asset in poor or very poor condition;</td>
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|              | Transpower does not use the terms “poor” or “very poor” to describe assets with an index of 8 or above. The definition should convey the range and relativity of Transpower’s index, similar to the way the index is presented in the RCP2 IPP.⁴  
  
  We suggest the definition reads:  
  ... means Transpower’s asset health assessment for the relative health of an asset in the range between 1 and 10, where an index of 1 denotes best condition and an index of 10 denotes worst condition  
  
  This comment also applies to clause 13.1.6. |
| **consumer** | means any generator, distribution business, end user, or other entity in New Zealand that is connected, or applies to be connected, to the grid; |
|              | This is the existing definition of “customer” in the RCP2 IPP. It appears the definitions of consumer and customer have been inadvertently swapped. |
| **customer** | has the meaning given in section 52C of the Act; |
|              | “Customer” is not defined in section 52C of the Commerce Act. This definition is the existing definition of “consumer” in the Capex IM, which is a defined term in section 52C.  
  
  It appears the definitions of “consumer” and “customer” have been inadvertently swapped. |

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⁴ Transpower [Individual Price-Quality Path Determination 2015](#) clause 17.2.1 “Asset Health Index...Read scores from left to right: left-hand side scores mean better condition than right-hand side scores.”
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<td>customer service measure</td>
<td>means a reporting measure for disclosure of the timeliness of communications and information provided to affected customers after an interruption event;</td>
<td>Accurate application depends on correct definitions for consumer / customer, as noted above.</td>
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<td>electricity lines services</td>
<td>has the meaning given in the Act;</td>
<td>Amend to “has the meaning given in section 54C of the Act”.</td>
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<td>forecast MAR</td>
<td>means, for each relevant pricing year in RCP3, the forecast maximum building blocks allowable revenue for a disclosure year as determined by the Commission and recorded in the list of forecast MAR in Schedule A;</td>
<td>Throughout the document, “in RCP3” and “of RCP3” after “disclosure year” and “pricing year” are redundant because the IPP only applies to RCP3. For example, there is no “in RCP3” in the definition of forecast SMAR. This definition should be made consistent with the definition of forecast SMAR, as follows: ... “means for each pricing year the amount set out in Column 8 in Schedule A, or as calculated in accordance with clause 25 Note that forecast MAR (and SMAR) are set for a pricing year, not a relevant pricing year (which is a relative term), and there is no need to refer to an amendment under clause 3.7.5 of the Transpower IM because the effect of that will be to amend the relevant column in Schedule A.</td>
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<td>forecast SMAR</td>
<td>means for each relevant pricing year the amount set out in Column 9 in Schedule A, or as calculated in accordance with clause 25 and amended in accordance with clause 3.7.5 of the Transpower IM;</td>
<td>See comments on the definition of forecast MAR.</td>
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<td>HVAC revenue</td>
<td>means, in relation to a disclosure year, the HVAC transmission revenue for the relevant pricing year including pass-through costs and recoverable costs passed on to any customer;</td>
<td>The pass-through and recoverable costs included as HVAC revenue should only be those allocated to HVAC transmission services. Otherwise there will be double-counting through the definition of HVDC revenue. We note that the RCP2 IPP uses the (undefined) terms “HVAC pass-through costs” and “HVAC recoverable costs”. This comment also applies to the definition of HVDC revenue.</td>
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<td>means high voltage direct current;</td>
<td>See comments on the definition of HVAC revenue.</td>
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<td><strong>interruption</strong></td>
<td>means the cessation of conveyance of electricity from grid assets owned by Transpower to the assets owned or operated by a customer at a point of service to the grid;</td>
<td>“Point of service” should be defined by reference to the definition in the Code. The word “from” in this definition restricts the meaning of interruption to an interruption affecting load customers. However, the term is used in the IPP with reference also to generation points of service. This is also an issue for the RCP2 IPP.</td>
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<td><strong>outage</strong></td>
<td>has the meaning set out in clause 12.130 of the Code, as amended from time to time, other than as specified in Code sub clauses 12.130(2)(c) and 12.130(2)(d), and excludes those that are: (a) at the request of, or caused by, a customer; and (b) due to correct operation of Transpower’s assets caused by events in the customer’s assets;</td>
<td>The RCP2 IPP definition of “outage” excludes outages of less than one minute. The Commission’s draft decision on RCP3 (<a href="#">Draft Decision</a>) does not explain why this exclusion has been removed for RCP3. The RCP2 definition should be retained. Removal of the one-minute exclusion may be related to the Commission’s proposal to include a measure for momentary interruptions, which are interruptions less than one minute. However, an outage is not the same as an interruption. An outage of an asset often does not result in an interruption to the supply of electricity.</td>
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<td><strong>publicly disclose</strong></td>
<td>means to make permanently available on Transpower’s website and to notify the Commission that it has been made permanently available on Transpower’s website;</td>
<td>The word “permanently” means the information will need to be on our website forever, which is not practicable. The word should be deleted. Alternatively, the definition of “publish” in the Code could be adopted, as follows: ... means to “publish”, as that term is defined in the Code for publishing by Transpower, and to notify the Commission that the relevant information has been published;</td>
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<td>RCP2</td>
<td>means the period prior to <strong>RCP3</strong>, being the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020, provided that references to the final <strong>disclosure year</strong> in RCP2 means the <strong>disclosure year</strong> ending on 30 June 2020;</td>
<td>“Period” should be “regulatory period”, consistent with the definition of RCP3.</td>
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<td><strong>unplanned interruption</strong></td>
<td>means any <strong>interruption</strong> for a period of one minute or longer in respect of which less than 24 hours’ notice, or no notice, was given, either to the public or to <strong>customers</strong> affected by the <strong>interruption</strong> and excludes any: (a) unplanned interruptions originating on another party’s system and where the <strong>Transpower grid</strong> operated correctly; and (b) unplanned <strong>interruptions</strong> to the auxiliary load used by electricity generator assets;</td>
<td>We note the exclusions in clause 16.5 of the RCP2 IPP have been carried over into this definition, but not the exclusions in clause 16.6. The RCP2 exclusions are for load interruptions attributable to controllable load, interruptible load, demand response or AUFLS or where lost load is backed by embedded generation. The exclusions should be retained in the RCP3 IPP.</td>
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### Part 3: Price path

#### 8. Maximum revenues

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<td>The maximum revenue that Transpower may recover for each <strong>pricing year</strong> in the RCP3 is the <strong>forecast SMAR</strong>. For clarity, we propose the insertion .... forecast SMAR for that <strong>pricing year</strong>...</td>
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<td>8.2</td>
<td>The forecast <strong>HVAC revenue</strong> and forecast <strong>HVDC revenue</strong> that Transpower uses for setting charges under the <strong>TPM</strong> for the <strong>relevant pricing year</strong> must not, in aggregate, exceed the <strong>forecast SMAR</strong>. See comments on the definition of HVAC revenue (above). For clarity, we propose this should be “...under the <strong>TPM</strong> for a <strong>pricing year</strong> must not, in aggregate, exceed the forecast SMAR for the <strong>pricing year</strong>.”</td>
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<td>8.3</td>
<td>When the <strong>Commission</strong> reconsiders Transpower's individual price-quality path under clauses 3.7.4(1)(a)(v) or 3.7.4(4) of the Transpower IM and determines in accordance with clause 3.7.5 of the Transpower IM that it should be amended, Transpower must provide to the <strong>Commission</strong> at the same time as the <strong>annual compliance statement</strong> for the applicable <strong>disclosure year</strong>, a proposed updated <strong>forecast MAR</strong> and proposed updated <strong>forecast SMAR</strong>. Transpower will need to provide the proposed updated forecast MAR and SMAR before the Commission determines that the IPP should be amended, not after. That is the requirement under clause 25.1 (which this clause substantively replicates, except as to timing). This clause (and clause 25.1) singles out changes for capex (clause 3.7.4(4) of the Transpower IM) and large build-ups in the EV account (clause 3.7.4(1)(a)(v)). This clause (and clause 25.1), if retained, should also provide for the other situations under clause 3.7.4 of the Transpower IM where the Commission may reconsider the IPP (e.g. if there is a change event). We consider that the proposed updated forecast MAR and SMAR should not be required to be provided at exactly the same time as the annual compliance statement (and is inconsistent with the “no later than” timing requirement in clause 25.1). This clause, if retained, should allow for the proposed updated forecast MAR and SMAR to be provided no later than the deadline for the annual compliance report. We note that there are several requirements in the draft IPP for Transpower to provide information at the same time as, or with, the annual compliance statement. We consider that all of those requirements should be changed to set...</td>
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a deadline rather than a specific date.\textsuperscript{2} See our comments on clauses 20 and 31 about extending the information deadlines.

Consistent with clause 8.4, this clause, if retained, should state that the proposed updated forecast MAR and SMAR must relate to “the remaining full \textit{pricing years}”. We suggest the word “full” so that the partially complete pricing year during which the information is provided is clearly excluded. This comment applies to all instances of “remaining pricing years” in the draft IPP.\textsuperscript{3}

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<th>8.4</th>
<th>For the purposes of clause 8.3, the proposed updated \textit{forecast SMAR} must provide \textit{forecast SMAR} for the remaining \textit{pricing years} of RCP3 based on the calculations required in clause 25 using Schedule D, and must include any supporting information.</th>
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<td>“Remaining” pricing years should be \textit{full} remaining pricing years to make it clear that the partially elapsed pricing year during which the information is provided, is excluded. If clause 8.3 is deleted, then this clause should also be deleted.</td>
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<td>9.1</td>
<td>The \textit{forecast SMAR} for each \textit{pricing year} in RCP3, subject to any reconsideration and amendments determined by the \textit{Commission} by the last day of November in each year, is specified in Schedule A.</td>
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<td>This clause is redundant because the definition of forecast SMAR already refers to Schedule A, which will be updated in accordance with clause 25.</td>
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\textsuperscript{2} Clauses 18.1, 20.1, 20.3 to 20.8, 21.2, 21.4, 22.1, 22.5 and 23.1.

\textsuperscript{3} Clauses 8.4, 25.1.1 and 28.2.1.
Part 4: Quality standards and performance measures

10. **Revenue-linked performance measures**

   Clauses 10 and 11 are integral to Transpower understanding how it must comply with important obligations. In our view the current drafting does not provide sufficient clarity. Clause 10 and 11 should each clearly describe what the quality standards are for GP1, GP2, AP1 and AP2.

| 10.1 | For the purposes of calculating the **grid output adjustment** under clause 12 and the measures specified in Table 4.1 and Table 4.2, the **revenue-linked grid output measures** are the:
|      | 10.1.1 **measures of grid performance** specified in clause 10.2;  
|      | 10.1.2 **asset performance measures** specified in clause 10.3 |

| 10.2 | For the purpose of clause 10.1.1, the **measures of grid performance** are:
|      | 10.2.1 GP1, which measures the total number of **unplanned interruptions** for each **point of service sub-category** during a **disclosure year**; and  
|      | 10.2.2 GP2, which measures the average **duration** of **unplanned interruptions** for each **point of service sub-category** during a **disclosure year**. |

|      | The Commission’s draft decision to include a “normalisation mechanism” for GP1 and GP2 does not appear in the IPP. Normalisation policy drafting needs to be explicitly included. |
10.3 The asset performance measures are:

10.3.1 AP1, which measures HVDC energy availability of the HVDC poles 2 and 3 as a percentage of annual capacity during a disclosure year, as set out in Table 4.2 and as described in clauses 11.26 to 11.28. Performance is assessed each disclosure year against the quality standard specified in clause 11.27 and the reporting required under clauses 16, 18 and 20; and

10.3.2 AP2, which measures average percentage of time that the HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G are available during a disclosure year, as set out in Table 4.2 and as described in clauses 11.30 to 11.32. Performance is assessed each disclosure year against the quality standard specified in clause 11.31 and the reporting required under clause 16, 18 and 20.

The terms HVDC energy availability, and HVAC circuit availability should be defined, to improve clarity for reading Table 4.2. (Table 4.2 contains the metrics for AP1 and AP2 but does not help define what HVDC energy availability or HVAC asset availability are).

We note that:

• the clause cross-references in clause 10.3.1 are incorrect. The formulae for AP1 are in clauses 11.28 and 11.29, not clauses 11.26 to 11.28; and

• the clause cross-references in clause 10.3.2 are incorrect. The formula for AP2 is in clause 11.32, not clauses 11.30 to 11.32.

Schedule G lists circuits and other assets. “HVAC assets” is therefore a more appropriate term than “HVAC circuits”. This comment applies to all clauses dealing with performance measures AP2, AP3 and AP4, including the title of Schedule G.

There is no need for the word “average” in clause 10.3.2. AP2 is a percentage, not an average of percentages. This comment also applies to clauses 11.31 and 11.32.

The Draft Decision to include a “normalisation mechanism” for AP1 and AP2 does not appear in the IPP. The normalisation mechanism needs to be explicitly included in the IPP.

11. Revenue-linked quality standards and grid output measures

Clauses 10 and 11 are integral to Transpower understanding how it must comply with important obligations. In our view the current drafting does not provide sufficient clarity.

Clause 10 and 11 should each clearly describe what the quality standards are for GP1, GP2, AP1 and AP2.

11.2 For the disclosure year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, Transpower must calculate assessed values for each measure of grid performance GP1 point of service sub-category measure in Table 4.1 in accordance with clauses 11.8 to 11.13.

Clause 11.2 could be below the sub-heading “Compliance with the GP1 quality standard” that follows it.

The IPP should explicitly record there is no quality standard linked to GP1 for the first disclosure year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021).
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| **11.3**  
For the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, **Transpower** must either:  
  11.3.1 comply with the **measure of grid performance** GP1 assessment specified in clause 11.7; or  
  11.3.2 have assessed values for five or more of the **point of service sub-categories** for the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 which did not exceed the **point of service sub-category** limit specified for each of those **measure of grid performance** GP1 **point of service sub-categories** in Table 4.1, as calculated in accordance with clauses 11.8 to 11.13. | We have proposed amending the GP1 pooling approach to 3 out of 6 measures not met for 2 out of 3 years (instead of the Draft Decision’s proposed 2 out of 6 measures for the same period). |
| **11.4**  
For the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, **Transpower** must either:  
  11.4.1 comply with the **measure of grid performance** GP1 assessment specified in clause 11.7; or  
  11.4.2 have:  
    (a) complied with the **measure of grid performance** GP1 assessment specified in clause 11.7 for the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022; and  
    (b) assessed values for five or more of the **point of service sub-categories** for the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 which did not exceed the **point of service sub-category** limit specified for each of those **measure of grid performance** GP1 **point of service sub-category** measures in Table 4.1, as calculated in accordance with clauses 11.8 to 11.13. | We propose amending the GP1 and GP2 quality standards pooling rule to 3 out of 6 measures not met for 2 out of 3 years (instead of the draft decision’s 2 out of 6 pooling rule for the same period). |
| **11.7**  
For the purposes of clauses 11.3 to 11.6, to comply with the **measure of grid performance** GP1 assessment, **Transpower**’s assessed value for five or more of the **point of service sub-categories** for the **disclosure year** must not exceed the **point of service sub-category** limit specified for the **disclosure year** for each of those **measure of grid performance** GP1 **point of service sub-categories** in Table 4.1. | For clarity, there should be one clause at the start of this section stating what compliance with a GP1 measure for a disclosure year means.  
We note clauses 11.27 and 11.31 state what compliance with the AP1 and AP2 quality standards means. |
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| 11.8   | For the purposes of clause 11.2 and 11.7, Transpower's assessed value for point of service sub-category GP1A for a disclosure year is calculated in accordance with the formula:  

\[
\text{GP1A assessed value} = \text{the sum of unplanned interruptions for the point of service sub-category GP1A commencing within the disclosure year.}
\]

Clauses 11.8 to 11.13 are repetitious, differing only by the point of service sub-category they relate to. They could be condensed.

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| 11.14  | For the disclosure year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, Transpower must calculate assessed values for each measure of grid performance GP2 point of service sub-categories in Table 4.1 in accordance with clauses 11.20 to 11.25.  

Clause 11.14 could be below the sub-heading “Compliance with the GP2 quality standard” that follows.  
The IPP should explicitly record there is no quality standard linked to GP2 for the first disclosure year (1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021).

### Compliance with GP2 quality standard

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| 11.15  | For the disclosure year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, Transpower must either:  

11.15.1 comply with the measure of grid performance GP2 assessment specified in clause 11.19; or  

11.15.2 have assessed values for five or more of the point of service sub-category measures for the disclosure year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 which did not exceed the point of service sub-category limit specified for each of those measure of grid performance GP2 point of service sub-category measures in Table 4.1, as calculated in accordance with clauses 11.20 to 11.25.  

Refer to our submission, section 1.3 and appendix B.  
We propose amending the GP1 and GP2 quality standards pooling rule to 3 out of 6 measures not met for 2 out of 3 years (instead of the draft decision’s 2 out of 6 pooling rule for the same period).

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| 11.19  | For the purposes of clause 0 to 11.18, to comply with the measure of grid performance GP2 assessment, Transpower’s assessed value for five or more of the point of service sub-category measures for the disclosure year must not exceed the point of service sub-category limit specified for each of those measure of grid performance GP2 point of service sub-categories in Table 4.1.  

Clause cross-reference error (should read 11.15).
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| 11.20 | For the purposes of clauses 11.14 and 11.19, Transpower’s assessed value for **point of service sub-category measure** GP2A for a **disclosure year** is calculated in accordance with the formula:  

\[
\text{GP2A assessed value} = \frac{\text{the sum of the duration of all unplanned interruptions for the point of service sub-category measure GP2A commencing within the disclosure year}}{\text{the total number of unplanned interruptions for the point of service sub-category measure GP2A commencing within the disclosure year}}.
\]

Clauses 11.20 to 11.25 are repetitious, differing only by the point of service sub-category they relate to. They could be condensed. |
| 11.26 | For each **disclosure year**, Transpower must comply with the **asset performance measure** AP1 quality standard as specified in clause 11.27. |
| 11.27 | For the purpose of clause 11.26, to comply with the asset performance AP1 quality standard, Transpower’s HVDC energy availability for the HVDC poles 2 and 3 for the **disclosure year** as calculated in accordance with clause 11.28 must be higher than the AP1 quality standard value in Table 4.2. |
| 11.28 | For the purposes of clause 11.27, subject to clause 11.29, the HVDC energy availability for the HVDC poles 2 and 3 for the **disclosure year** is calculated as a percentage term in accordance with the formula:  

\[
100 - \frac{100\sum_{j=1}^{N} (\text{reduction in capacity due to outage } j \times \text{duration of outage } j \text{ in hours})}{(\text{maximum capacity of HVDC poles}) \times (\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year})}
\]

where:  

- \(j\) is the outage that reduced capacity of the HVDC pole(s) in the disclosure year  
- \(N\) is the total number of outages associated with the HVDC poles |
| 11.29 | The formulae in clauses 11.28 and 11.29 are repeated in clauses 12.3.3 and 12.3.4. The repetition could be eliminated, for example by defining the term “HVDC availability” by reference to the formulae. “HVDC availability” is the language used in Table 4.2. This change would enhance document clarity.  

The variable \(j\) should start at 1 because there is no “outage 0”. This comment also applies to clause 12.3.3. |
### Compliance with AP2 quality standard

11.29 For the purposes of clause 11.27, for a maximum of 3 disclosure years of RCP3 during the life of Project k, the Project k adjustment may be added to the HVDC energy availability for the HVDC poles 2 and 3 calculated in accordance with clause 11.28, where the Project k adjustment for each disclosure year is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{Project k adjustment} = \text{the lesser of (0.07 or } p) \]

where:

\[
p = 100\frac{\text{reduction in capacity due to Project k related outages}}{\text{maximum capacity of HVDC poles}} \cdot \frac{\text{duration of Project k outage hours}}{\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year}}
\]

The adjustment term has 0.07 in error, should be 0.7

Project K adjustment = the lesser of (0.7 or p)

Alternatively, the formula could be expressed as:

\[
\text{Project k adjustment} = \min[0.7, p]
\]

This clause should clarify that “Project k related outages” (used in the numerator of the formula) only includes outages that reduce the capacity of the HVDC pole(s).

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<td>11.30 For each disclosure year, Transpower must comply with the asset performance measure AP2 quality standard as specified in clause 11.31</td>
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<td>11.31 For the purpose of clause 11.30, to comply with the asset performance AP2 quality standard, Transpower’s average percentage of the time that the HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G are available during the disclosure year as calculated in accordance with clause 11.32 must be higher than the AP2 quality standard value in Table 4.2.</td>
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| Change “HVAC circuits” to “HVAC assets”.

The quality standard should be “...equal to or higher than the AP2 quality standard value in Table 4.2.” This would be consistent with the RCP2 IPP, under which the AP2 quality standard is achieved if the grid output target for AP2 is hit exactly.

There is no need for the word “average”. The HVAC availability measure is a percentage, not an average of percentages. The same comment applies to clause 11.32. |
| 11.32 For the purposes of clause 11.31, the average percentage of the time that the HVAC circuits are available during the disclosure year is calculated as a percentage term in accordance with the formula:

\[
100 - \frac{100 \cdot (\text{total duration (in hours) of all outages on the HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G})}{(\text{number of HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G}) \cdot (\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year})}
\]

The formula in clause 11.32 is repeated in clause 12.3.5. The repetition could be eliminated, for example by defining the term “HVAC availability” by reference to the formula. “HVAC availability” is the language used in Table 4.2. |
Table 4.1: Measures of grid performance for grid output targets, caps, collars, point of service sub-category limits and grid output incentive rates for revenue-linked grid output measures

Refer to our submission, appendix E. Some of the incentive rates in the draft decision are incorrect and we provide corrections. Two unit headings are in the wrong column: $ per event and $ per min.

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<td>GP1: number of interruptions (per annum)</td>
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<td>GP1A: N-1 security high economic consequence</td>
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<td>GP1C: N security high economic consequence</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>GP1D: N security material economic consequence</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>37</td>
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<td>50</td>
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<td>GP2F: N security generator</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>3,049</td>
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Table 4.2: Asset performance measures grid output targets, caps, collars, quality standards and grid output incentive rates for revenue-linked grid output measures

Refer to our submission section 7.3. For AP1, the annual forced outage allowance should not be reduced from 0.5% to 0.25%. The incentive rates for AP1 and AP2 are incorrect, from table F17 in the draft decisions the rates should be $400,000 per 1% for AP1 and $4,000,000 per 1% for AP2.

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<th>Asset performance measure</th>
<th>Cap</th>
<th>Grid output target</th>
<th>Collar</th>
<th>Quality standard</th>
<th>Grid output Incentive rate</th>
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<td>98.75</td>
<td>97.75</td>
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<td>350,000 - 400,000</td>
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<td>Comment</td>
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<td>$ per 1%</td>
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<td>AP2: HVAC availability (%)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3,500,000 - 4,000,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>HVAC availability (71 selected assets)</td>
<td>99.2</td>
<td>99.0</td>
<td>98.8</td>
<td>98.6</td>
<td>3,500,000 - 4,000,000</td>
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12. The grid output adjustment

12.3 For the purposes of calculating the grid output adjustment, the output achieved is:

12.3.1 for each of the point of service sub-category measures GP1A, GP1B, GP1C, GP1D, GP1E and GP1F, the total number of all unplanned interruptions in the disclosure year;

12.3.2 for each of the point of service sub-category measures GP2A, GP2B, GP2C, GP2D, GP2E and GP2F, the sum of the durations of all unplanned interruptions in the disclosure year divided by the total number of unplanned interruptions in the disclosure year

“Point of service sub-category measure” is not a defined term. Remove the bolding.

For consistency, “in the disclosure year” should be “commencing within the disclosure year” (see clauses 11.8 to 11.13 and 11.20 to 11.25).
12.3.3 For asset performance measure AP1, subject to clause 12.3.4, the HVDC energy availability for the HVDC poles 2 and 3 is calculated as a percentage term in the following manner:

\[
100 - \frac{100 \sum_{j=1}^{N} (\text{reduction in capacity due to outage } j) (\text{duration of outage } j \text{ in hours})}{(\text{maximum capacity of HVDC poles}) (\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year})}
\]

where:

- \(j\) is the outage that reduced capacity of the HVDC pole(s) in the disclosure year;
- \(N\) is the total number of outages associated with the HVDC poles; and

The formulae in clauses 11.28 and 11.29 are repeated here in clauses 12.3.3 and 12.3.4. The repetition should be able to be eliminated, for example by defining the term “HVDC availability” by reference to the formulae. “HVDC availability” is the language used in Table 4.2.

The variable \(j\) should start at 1 because there is no “outage 0”.

12.3.4 For the purposes of clause 12.3.3, for a maximum of 3 disclosure years of RCP3 during the life of Project k, the Project k adjustment may be added to the HVDC energy availability for the HVDC poles 2 and 3 calculated in accordance with clause 12.3.3, where the Project K adjustment for each disclosure year is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{Project } k \text{ adjustment} = \text{the lesser of (0.07 or } p)\]

where:

\[
p = 100 \frac{(\text{reduction in capacity due to Project } k \text{ related outages}) (\text{duration of Project } k \text{ outage hours})}{(\text{maximum capacity of HVDC poles}) (\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year})}
\]

The adjustment term has 0.07 in error, should be 0.7

\[
\text{Project } K \text{ adjustment} = \text{the lesser of (0.7 or } p)
\]

Alternatively, the formula could be expressed as:

\[
\text{Project } k \text{ adjustment} = \min [0.7, p]
\]

Clarify that “Project k related outages” only include outages that reduce the capacity of the HVDC pole(s).

12.3.5 For asset performance measure AP2, the percentage term calculated as:

\[
100 - \frac{100 (\text{total duration (in hours) of all outages on the HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G})}{(\text{number of HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G}) (\text{total number of hours in the disclosure year})}
\]
### 13. Performance measures not linked to revenue

#### 13.1 The performance measures not linked to revenue are the:

- **13.1.1 measure of grid performance** GP-M, which measures reliability through the number of *momentary interruptions*. Performance is assessed each *disclosure year* against the quality standard specified in clause 14.2 and the reporting required under clauses 16, and 20.5.

- **13.1.2 asset performance measure** AP3, which measures the extent to which *Transpower* meets estimated return to service times for planned *outages* of the HVAC circuits set out in Schedule G. Performance is assessed for each *disclosure year* against the reporting required under clause 18.1.2.

- **13.1.3 asset performance measure** AP4, which measures the extent to which *Transpower* communicates delays to affected parties of planned *outage* return to service times of the HVAC circuits set out in Schedule G. Performance is assessed each *disclosure year* with the reporting required under clause 18.1.3.

- **13.1.4 asset performance measure** AP5, which measures the extent that *Transpower* has placed *customers* on **N-security** of supply. Performance is assessed each *disclosure year* with the reporting required under clause 18.1.4.

Refer submission section 1.4.

GP-M should not be a quality standard.
Reporting should only be on trends, insights and notable events.

Replace HVAC circuits with **HVAC assets**
Performance against AP3 is not “assessed” because it is not revenue-linked or a quality standard. AP3 performance is only reported.

We propose the second sentence be: “Performance for each disclosure year is reported under clause 18.1.2.”
The same comment applies to clauses 13.1.3 (AP4), 13.1.4 (AP5) and 13.1.5 (CS1).

Replace ‘HVAC circuits’ with’ **HVAC assets**’

Refer to our submission section 6.3.2
We do not support the Commission’s draft decision to adopt trial RCP2 measure (PMD5) as AP5 in RCP3.
“N-security” is not a defined term, so should not be bolded.
See comment on clause 13.1.2.
| 13.1.5  | **customer service measure** CS1, which relates to the timeliness of post-interruption event communication and information provided to affected customers. Performance is assessed each disclosure year through an event survey with affected customers following the event as described in clause 18.1.5. | Refer to our Submission, section 6.3.2. For clarity, delete “following the event” as it suggests a requirement for a customer survey after every interruption, which we would not do. CS1 should be limited to unplanned interruptions, consistent with the Benchmark Agreement under part 12 of the Code. |
| 13.1.6  | **asset health measure** AH, which measures the percentage of assets with AHI of 8 or greater (assets in poor or very poor condition) in each asset health measure asset class. Performance is assessed each disclosure year against the quality standards described in clauses 14.3 to 14.9 and the reporting required under clauses 16.2.4(k) and 20.8. | Refer to our Submission, section 1.2 and appendix A. We encourage the Commission to adopt our alternative asset health proposal for reporting only. Transpower does not use the terms “poor” or “very poor” to describe assets with an index of 8 or above. Delete “assets in poor or very poor condition.” See definition for AHI. |

| 14. | **Quality standards not linked to revenue** | Refer submission section 1.4. GP-M should not be a quality standard. Reporting should only be on trends, insights and notable events Clause 14.1 should be deleted. |
| 14.1  | For each disclosure year, Transpower must comply with the measure of grid performance GP-M quality standard specified in clause 14.2. | Refer submission section 1.4. GP-M should not be a quality standard. Reporting should only be on trends, insights and notable events Clause 14.1 should be deleted. |
| 14.2  | For the purposes of clause 14.1, to comply with the measure of grid performance GP-M quality standard, Transpower must not have more than 116 momentary interruptions in the disclosure year. | Refer submission section 1.4. GP-M should not be a quality standard. Reporting should only be on trends, insights and notable events Clause 14.2 should be deleted. |
| 14.3  | For each disclosure year, Transpower must comply with the asset health measure AH quality standard for each asset health measure asset class described in clauses 14.4 to 14.9 and Table 4.3. | See submission, section 1 and Appendix A. We encourage the Commission to adopt our alternative asset health proposal for reporting only. 14.3 should be deleted. Note Table F12 in the Draft Decision says compliance against this quality standard (if retained) is to be assessed “at the end of RCP3”, not “for each disclosure year.” |
14.4 For the purposes of clause 14.3, to comply with the asset health quality standard, Transpower’s assessed value for each asset health measure asset class must not be higher than the quality standard specified for that asset health measure asset class in Table 4.3. Refer submission, section 1 and Appendix A. We encourage the Commission to adopt our alternative asset health proposal for reporting only. 14.4 should be deleted. (If the clause remains) it should say “…Transpower’s assessed value of the asset health measure AH for each asset health measure class…”

14.5 For the purposes of clause 14.4, Transpower’s assessed value for tower grillage foundation for each disclosure year is calculated in accordance with the formula:

\[
\text{Tower grillage foundation assessed value} = \frac{\text{the sum of all tower grillage foundation assets with an AHI of 8 or higher}}{\text{the sum of all tower grillage foundation assets}} \times 100
\]

Clauses 14.5 to 14.9 are largely repetitious, differing only by the asset class they relate to. They could be condensed.

### Table 4.3: Quality standards for Percentage of class at Asset Health Index 8 or more, by disclosure year

Refer to our Submission, section 1.2 and appendix A. We encourage the Commission to adopt our alternative asset health proposal for reporting only.

Clarity would be improved by inserting a descriptor for the table entries e.g. % of class at Asset Health Index 8 or more.

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<td>Tower protective coating</td>
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<td>Insulators</td>
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<td>5.59</td>
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<td>Power transformers</td>
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<td>Outdoor circuit breakers</td>
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## Part 5: Compliance and information reporting

### 16. Annual compliance statement

16.2 The **annual compliance statement** must:

16.2.1 state whether or not Transpower has:

- **(a)** complied with the price path in Part 3 for the **disclosure year**;
- **(b)** complied with the quality standards in Part 4;
- **(c)** complied with the requirement to publicly disclose, in accordance with the ID **determination**, its annual **grid output adjustment** calculation for the **disclosure year**, including the values for ‘m’ calculated in accordance with Schedule B, clause B2(1) of the Capex **IM**;
- **(d)** complied with requirements related to **grid output adjustment** calculations and **public disclosure**; and
- **(e)** complied with requirements related to wash-up calculations and **public disclosure**

16.2.4 include, information on performance against the following performance measures:

- **(e)** for **measure of grid performance** GP-M: the quality standard for the **disclosure year**;
- **(f)** for **measure of grid performance** GP-M: the number of **momentary interruptions** for the disclosure year;
- **(i)** for **asset performance measure** AP2: the average percentage of the time that Transpower’s HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G are available during the **disclosure year** and the quality standard for the **disclosure year**;
- **(k)** for **asset health measure** AH: the assessed value and quality standard for each **asset health measure asset class** for the **disclosure year**;

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<td>Include, information on performance against the following performance measures:</td>
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<td>for measure of grid performance GP-M: the quality standard for the disclosure year;</td>
<td>GP-M should not be a quality standard. Refer submission section 1.4 and 6.3.2. Clause 16.2.4 (e) should be deleted.</td>
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<td>(f)</td>
<td>for measure of grid performance GP-M: the number of momentary interruptions for the disclosure year;</td>
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<td>(i)</td>
<td>for asset performance measure AP2: the average percentage of the time that Transpower’s HVAC circuits listed in Schedule G are available during the disclosure year and the quality standard for the disclosure year;</td>
<td>Replace HVAC circuits with HVAC assets</td>
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<td>(k)</td>
<td>for asset health measure AH: the assessed value and quality standard for each asset health measure asset class for the disclosure year;</td>
<td>Refer submission, section 1 and Appendix A. We encourage the Commission to adopt our alternative asset health proposal for reporting only. Clause 16.2.4 (k) should be deleted.</td>
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### 17. Annual compliance statement – information required

17.1.11 A summary of **pass-through costs** and **recoverable costs** as set out in Schedule H, including:

- **(f)** an explanation for the **opex incentive amount** for the **disclosure year**;

This sub clause should be deleted as it is not possible to comply with it. The **opex incentive amount** is the sum of incremental changes between multiple pairs of adjacent years in RCP2, together with (for all but 2020/21) a proportion of the **baseline adjustment term** and **base year adjustment term**. By its nature there can be no meaningful explanation for the **opex incentive amount** in any given disclosure year.

### 18. Information to accompany the annual compliance statement

18.1.4 **asset performance measure** AP5 – the extent that Transpower has placed customers on N security of supply, including:

- **(a)** when this has occurred;
- **(b)** how long customers were reduced to N security of supply;
- **(c)** the level of demand at the grid exit point(s) affected by the reduced N security of supply; and
- **(d)** the steps Transpower took to inform affected customers;

Refer to our submission section 6.3.2 and 7.5.2

We do not support the Commission’s draft decision to adopt trial RCP2 measure (PMD5) as AP5 in RCP3. Reporting on this measure would not provide customers, consumers and the Commission with valuable insights.

Clause 18.1.4 should be deleted.

18.1.5 **customer service measure** CS1 – the results of post-interruption event surveys of customers affected by interruptions.

See submission section 6.3.2

Our reporting should be anonymised.

### 19. Periodic reporting for performance events

19.1 For each **unplanned interruption** during a **disclosure year** which lasts 12 hours or more, Transpower must **publicly disclose** within 42 working days of the **unplanned interruption**:

There should be a general provision under which Transpower can apply for more time to meet a reporting requirement if reasonably justified.
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<td>the end date and time of the <strong>unplanned interruption</strong>;</td>
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<td>the megawatts affected by the <strong>unplanned interruption</strong>;</td>
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<td>19.1.5</td>
<td>the grid exit point(s) and grid injection point(s) affected by the <strong>unplanned interruption</strong>;</td>
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<td>19.1.6</td>
<td>actions <strong>Transpower</strong> took to minimise the effect of the <strong>unplanned interruption</strong>; and</td>
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<td>19.1.7</td>
<td>lessons <strong>Transpower</strong> has learned as a result of the <strong>unplanned interruption</strong>.</td>
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Refer submission section 6.2. We understood the reporting requirement was for interruptions “both longer than 12 hours and which cause loss of supply greater than one system minute.”

We supported the draft decision based on our interpretation that the requirement was for both conditions (greater than one system minute, and greater than 12 hours) met at the same time.

Consistent with our interpretation, we suggest the following change made to clause 19.1:

For each **unplanned interruption** during a disclosure year which lasts 12 hours or more and is over one system minute, **Transpower** must...

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<td>For each <strong>interruption</strong> during a disclosure year over one system minute, <strong>Transpower</strong> must <strong>publicly disclose</strong> within 42 working days of the <strong>interruption</strong>:</td>
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<td>the megawatts affected by the <strong>interruption</strong>;</td>
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<td>the grid exit point(s) and grid injection point(s) affected by the <strong>interruption</strong>;</td>
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<td>actions <strong>Transpower</strong> took to minimise the effect of the <strong>interruption</strong>; and</td>
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<td>19.2.7</td>
<td>lessons <strong>Transpower</strong> has learned as a result of the <strong>interruption</strong>.</td>
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In the Draft Decision the interruption reporting requirement is expressly linked to GP1 and GP2, which relate to unplanned interruptions only (for example, table F2, page 116).

This reporting should be only for unplanned interruptions and not for planned interruptions.
### 20. Annual reporting for performance events

#### 20.1 Transpower must publicly disclose a report by an engineer at the time of providing its annual compliance statement for a disclosure year where Transpower has not complied with any of the following quality standards:

- **20.1.1 measure of grid performance** GP1, where the quality standard is specified in clauses 11.3 to 11.6;
- **20.1.2 measure of grid performance** GP2, where the quality standard is specified in clauses 11.15 to 11.19;
- **20.1.3 asset performance measure** AP1, where the quality standard is specified in clause 11.26; and
- **20.1.4 asset performance measure** AP2, where the quality standard is specified in clause 11.30.

#### 20.5 Where Transpower has not complied with the measure of grid performance GP-M in accordance with clauses 14.1, it must publicly disclose at the same time as its annual compliance statement:

- **20.5.1** the cause of each momentary interruption;
- **20.5.2** the start date and time of each momentary interruption;
- **20.5.3** the end date and time of each momentary interruption;
- **20.5.4** the megawatts affected by each momentary interruption; and
- **20.5.5** the grid exit point(s) and grid injection point(s) affected by each momentary interruption.

Refer submission section 1.4.

GP-M should not be a quality standard.

See submission section 6.2.2 For all reports, other than the compliance statements under clause 16, we propose a standard 120 days and a general provision under which Transpower can apply for more time to meet a reporting requirement if reasonably justified.

For consistency with clause 10.3, the cross-references to 11.26 and 11.30 should be to 11.27 and 11.31.

Clause 20.5 should be deleted.

#### 20.8 Where Transpower has not complied with the asset health quality standard for an asset health measure asset class, as specified in clause 14.3, it must publicly disclose at the same time as its annual compliance statement:

- **20.8.1** reasons for not meeting the quality standard and supporting evidence for those reasons; and
- **20.8.2** measures that have been put in place to prevent future non-compliance with the quality standard.

See submission, section 1 and Appendix A.

We encourage the Commission to adopt our asset health assessment approach.

Clause 20.8 should be deleted.
## 21. Asset health initiatives reporting

### 21.2 For the disclosure year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, Transpower must **publicly disclose** a report from an independent expert on asset management in accordance with terms of reference which are to be proposed by Transpower at the same time as its annual compliance statement for disclosure year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and approved by the Commission.

Refer to our Submission, section 6.4.2.

The drafting should be amended to reflect that the independent expert is to report on asset and network risk **modelling**, not asset management.

For clarity, separate this paragraph into two paragraphs. The first would deal with the process and timeframe for Transpower to prepare and agree terms of reference with the Commission. The second would deal with the timeframe and process for disclosing the report.

Transpower should be able propose the terms of reference to the Commission **before** the date for the 2021 annual compliance statement.

### 21.3 For the purposes of clause 21.2, the expert report must set out an assessment against **good electricity industry practice** of Transpower's progress towards implementing:

- **21.3.1** the further development of its asset health modelling, where this has not yet been sufficiently and reasonably developed in each asset health measure asset class;

- **21.3.2** the further development of its risk-based decision-making frameworks to enable grid investment decision-making to be informed by risk during RCP3 and in preparation for the period following RCP3; and

- **21.3.3** asset life-extension models where these were identified as not yet being considered sufficient.

Refer submission section 6.4.2.

Clause 21.3 should clarify that the assessment relates to "progress against the plan referred to in clause 21.1."
## Customer engagement reporting

22.1 **Transpower** must report for each **disclosure year**, at the same time as providing its **annual compliance statement**, on the objectives for and extent and effectiveness of its consultations with **customers** and others in relation to new **base capex projects**.

22.2 For the purposes of clause 22.1, the report must include, without limitation:

22.2.1 whether and how **Transpower** consulted with **customers** and others; and

22.2.2 the matters included in the consultations.

The reference to “effectiveness” should be deleted from clause 22.1. The standard is subjective and depends as much on customers' willingness to engage than anything that is within Transpower's control. Our reporting should be limited to the objectives for, and extent of, our customer consultations.

The words “without limitation” should be deleted from clause 22.2. Combined with the word “must”, the words suggest there are additional, unspecified minimum requirements the Commission may impose on Transpower. This comment also applies to clause 23.1.

22.5 For the **disclosure year** from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, **Transpower** must **publicly disclose** with its **annual compliance statement** the results of a review by an independent expert in the field of customer engagement on its proposed engagement process or processes leading up to preparation and submission of its proposal for the next **regulatory period**, where the results of the review must set out the qualifications of the independent expert in the field of **customer engagement**

The review need not be tied to the timing of the annual compliance statement.

Refer submission, section 8 summary table. We state, “A variety of technical changes will be suggested in our response to the draft IPP for some of the new reports, to enhance clarity and assure value”.

In our view, the role for an independent expert should be to create better value to assist our development of a ’good practice’ stakeholder engagement plan for RCP4.

The second instance of “customer” should not be bolded. The independent expert may not be an expert on engagement for electricity transmission customers.
### 23. Annual cost estimation reporting

23.1 Subject to clause 23.3, Transpower must **publicly disclose**, with its **annual compliance statement**, a post-project review for the **disclosure year** in respect of completed significant **capex projects**, including, without limitation:

23.1.1 the variance between the actual **project** costs and the cost estimates for those **projects** in Transpower’s various **capital expenditure** proposals in **RCP3 base capex projects**, for **RCP2** and **RCP3 listed projects**, and for all **major capex projects**;

23.1.2 an assessment of the extent to which each **project** met the relevant measures of success established by Transpower prior to starting work on that **project**; and

23.1.3 a detailed narrative explaining the reasons for the cost variance on **projects** that varied +/- 30% from their cost estimate.

Consistent with where the Commission’s concerns lie, annual cost estimation reporting should only be required for non-volumetric projects.

Also, the review should only relate to capex projects completed during the relevant disclosure year.

We propose that the following change to the first paragraph:

...in respect of **significant capex projects** (other than volumetric **capex projects**) completed during the **disclosure year**, including...

The words ‘without limitation’ should be deleted, as they imply unwritten requirements and unlimited scope, creating compliance risk for Transpower.

### 25. Transpower to propose update of forecast SMAR

25.2 The calculation of an update of the **forecast SMAR**, must, where applicable, use:

25.2.3 **IPP revenue growth rates** for each **pricing year** of **RCP3** of:

- (a) For **HVAC**, 1%; and
- (b) For **HVDC**, -1%.

This calculation should be clarified. We think (but are unsure) the percentages are placeholders that will be replaced with the actual percentages for the RCP3 forecast SMAR, to be determined in November 2019. Is our view correct?
### 27. EV account summary

27.2 For the purposes of calculating **EV account entries**, Transpower must use:

- **27.2.1** the major capex incentive rate;
- **27.2.2** the base capex standard incentive rate;
- **27.2.3** the base capex allowance in accordance with Schedule C2:
  - (a) for the disclosure year from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, $223.6 million;
  - (b) for the disclosure year from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, $278.3 million;
  - (c) for the disclosure year from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, $275.2 million;
  - (d) for the disclosure year from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, $278.7 million; and
  - (e) for the disclosure year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, $282.6 million;

Subclauses (a) to (e) of clauses 27.2.3 should be deleted because updates to Schedule C2 will change those numbers. See clause 25.1.2(d) (reference to Schedule C1).

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This clause could be condensed (as per clause 27.2.6) because the rates are the same for all disclosure years.
27.2.6 the forecast FX rate used to determine the base capex allowance in subclause 27.2.3, for the conversion of the following currencies to NZ dollars:

(a) Euro: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 0.50;
(b) British pound: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 0.47;
(c) Australian dollar: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 0.91;
(d) Japanese yen: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 73.40;
(e) Swedish kroner: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 5.35; and
(f) Canadian dollar: for each disclosure year in RCP3, 0.85; and
### 28. Forecast EV adjustment

28.1 For the purposes of calculating an update of the building blocks *forecast MAR* for a *relevant pricing year*, and subject to clause 28.2, the RCP3 forecast *EV adjustments* applied in the initial *forecast MAR* in respect of the closing *EV account* balance for the final *disclosure year* of RCP2 are:

- **28.1.1** for the *disclosure year* from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, -$21.1 million;
- **28.1.2** for the *disclosure year* from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, -$21.1 million;
- **28.1.3** for the *disclosure year* from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, -$21.1 million;
- **28.1.4** for the *disclosure year* from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, -$21.1 million;
- **28.1.5** for the *disclosure year* from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, -$21.1 million; and
- **28.1.6** a tax gross-up amount calculated at the *corporate tax rate*, and applying the *tax rules* where applicable, in respect of all after-tax amounts calculated in subclauses 28.1.1 to 28.1.5 in order to express the forecast *EV adjustments* on a pre-tax basis in the *forecast MAR* building block inputs.

28.2 For the purpose of calculating an update of the building blocks *forecast MAR* for a *pricing year* under a reconsideration of the price path under clause 3.7.5(1) of the *Transpower IM*, the forecast *EV adjustments* in clause 28.1 are to be adjusted so that, taking into account interest, if interest was accrued at the RCP3 *WACC* rate:

- **28.2.1** the amount of each forecast *EV adjustment* for the remaining *pricing years* of RCP3 are equal; and
- **28.2.2** if the same annual forecast *EV adjustment* was applied for each of the five *pricing years* following the end of RCP3, the forecast balance of the *EV account* would be zero at the end of that period.

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This clause could be condensed because the forecast EV adjustments are the same for all disclosure years.

This clause is unclear. We deduce that the objective is to spread the impact of a catastrophic event evenly over the (full) remaining years of RCP3 and all of RCP4. As currently drafted, the clause does not achieve that objective. We suggest the clause is written to state its objective in lieu of specifying the maths.
31. **Exemptions**

31.1 The **Commission** may at any time, by way of written notice to **Transpower**:  

31.1.1 exempt **Transpower** from any of the information disclosure requirements contained in clauses 18, 19, and 21 to 23 of this determination, for a period and on such terms and conditions as the **Commission** specifies in the notice; and  

31.1.2 amend or revoke any such exemption.

See submission section 6.2. for the first point below.

31.2 The **Commission** may under clause 31.1:  

31.2.1 extend the time period for **Transpower** to comply with any of the information disclosure requirements contained in clauses 18 to 23 and 25 on such terms and conditions as the **Commission** specifies in the notice; or  

31.2.2 exempt **Transpower** from an obligation to publicly disclose any information on such terms and conditions as the **Commission** specifies in the notice.

The type of exemption referred to in proposed clauses 31.2.2 may be needed (for example) for commercially sensitive information or information that may prejudice the security of the grid if disclosed.

**Schedule E: Wash-up building blocks calculation**

| EV ACCOUNT ENTRY | This is the after-tax ex-post economic gain or loss adjusted for the forecast EV adjustment applied in setting the forecast MAR for the relevant pricing year, and is an EV account entry | Difference Y = Difference U plus value W, less values V and X | This equation should read “Difference Y = Difference U plus values W and V, less value X”  
This is also an error in the RCP2 IPP, which we have previously raised with the Commission. |
Schedule G: Quality standards - HVAC circuits for asset performance measure AP2

Schedule G describes circuits and other assets, so the term should be HVAC assets, not HVAC circuits. For accuracy, remove term ‘quality standards’. For clarity, insert the word ‘availability’ after AP2 in the title.

Schedule H: Pass-through costs and recoverable costs summary

The table should have another row for ‘other levies’ referred to in clauses 3.1.2(1)(b) of the Transpower IMs.

Schedule I: Listed projects

Please remove the parentheses for the Bunnythorpe - Wilton A reconductoring to be consistent with the information in our base capex proposal Table 11.