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Meridian Energy monthly operating report for November 2024

16 December 2024

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month of November 2024.

Highlights this month include:

- In the month to 10 December 2024, national hydro storage decreased from 139% to 134% of historical average
- South Island storage decreased to 137% of average and North Island storage increased to 120% of average by 10 December 2024
- Meridian's November 2024 monthly total inflows were 119% of historical average
- Waiau catchment inflows in November 2024 were 89% of historical average
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of November 2024 was 151% of historical average
- Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment was 91% of average in early December
- Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was 88% of average at the end of November 2024
- November 2024 was dry and warm for most of the country, with temperatures above average for both islands. Rainfall was below normal for the much of the country, apart from the South Island's West Coast which had above normal rainfall
- National electricity demand in November 2024 was -2.2% lower than the same month last year
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during November 2024 was 451MW
- Meridian's retail sales volumes in November 2024 were +1.8% higher than November 2023
- Compared to November 2023, segment sales increased in residential +0.6%, agricultural +11.4% and large business +7.8%, with decreases in small medium business -1.1% and corporate -1.8%

Weekly lake storage updates are available on Meridian's website. See comparative lake levels at: www.meridianenergy.co.nz/power-stations/lake-levels

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Monthly Operating Report

November 2024



November highlights

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Market data

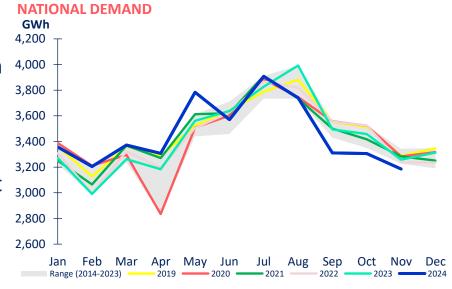
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Demand in the last 12 months was +0.4% higher than the preceding 12 months

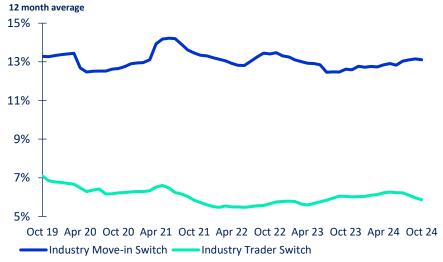
12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving ("trader" switch) was 5.9% at the end of October 2024

12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers ("move-in" switch) was 13.1% at the end of October 2024



Source: Electricity Authority (reconciled demand)

MARKET ICP SWITCHING (ALL RETAILERS)



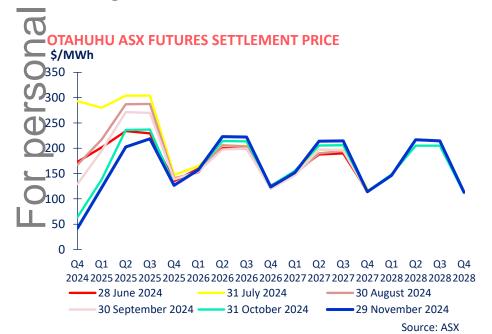
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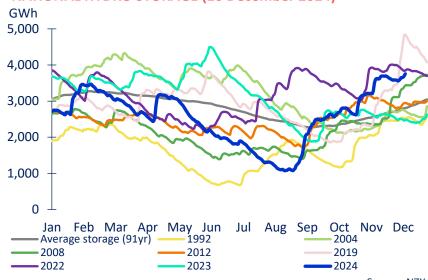
Market data

- November 2024 saw decreases in the 2024 and 2025 ASX electricity futures prices
- National storage decreased from 139% of average on 11 November 2024 to 134% of average on 10 December 2024

South Island storage decreased to 137% of historical average by 10 December 2024. North Island storage increased to 120% of average

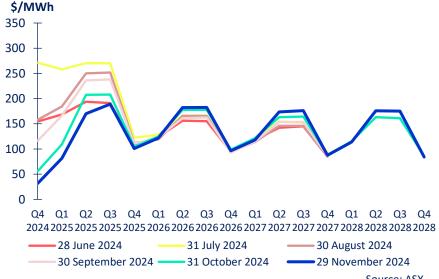


NATIONAL HYDRO STORAGE (10 December 2024)



Source: NZX

BENMORE ASX FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICE



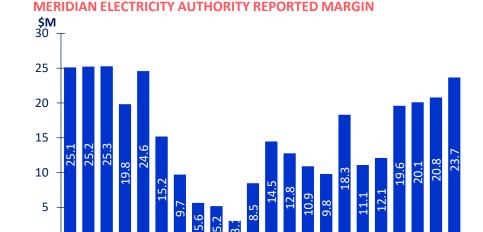
Source: ASX

Market data

 Since July 2024 the Electricity Authority has begun reporting "Energy Margin" from information provided by six generators

This excludes operational costs such as staffing, maintenance, debt servicing, depreciation and levies

Information provided by Meridian has not been assured or audited by the company's auditors and is different to and not intended to replace information Meridian reports in its financial statements and operating reports



Jul Jul Jul Aug Aug Aug Sep Sep Sep Sep Sep Oct Oct Oct Oct NovNovNovNovDec week ending

Source: Meridian, Electricity Authority

Meridian Electricity Authority Reported Margin

	Wholesale	Ancilliary	<u>Other</u>	<u>Spot</u>	
	generation	market	generation	electricity	
	<u>revenue</u>	<u>revenue</u>	<u>revenue</u>	<u>costs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Week ending					
10 Nov	10.2	0.1	18.8	-9.5	19.6
17 Nov	10.3	0.1	19.3	-9.6	20.1
24 Nov	2.1	0.1	20.6	-2.0	20.8
01 Dec	6.5	0.1	23.8	-6.7	23.7

See: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/electricity.authority/viz/Energymargin/Energymargin

Source: Meridian, Electricity Authority



Meridian retail

 Meridian's customer connection numbers increased +0.9% during November 2024 and have increased +2.5% since November 2023

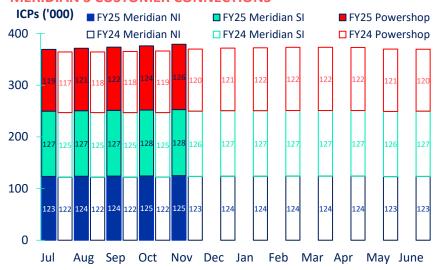
Retail sales volumes in November 2024 were +1.8% higher than November 2023

Compared to November 2023, segment sales increased in residential +0.6%, agricultural +11.4% and large business +7.8%, with decreases in small medium business -1.1% and corporate -1.8%

To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are -1.9% lower than the same period last year

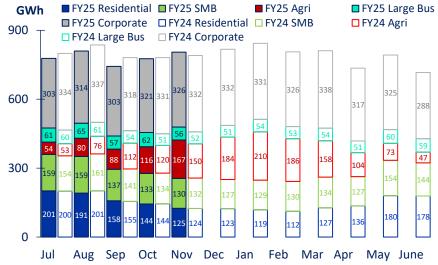
■ This reflects increased segment sales in large business +8.4%, with decreases in residential -0.7%, small medium business -0.4%, agricultural -1.3% and corporate -5.2%

MERIDIAN'S CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S RETAIL SALES VOLUME*



*excludes volumes sold to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters and CFDs



Source: Meridian

Meridian inflows and storage

- November 2024 monthly inflows were 119% of historical average
- Waiau catchment inflows in November
 2024 were 89% of historical average, 39%
 higher than the same month last year
 - To date this financial year, inflows are 135.3% of historical average

Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 1,399GWh to 1,934GWh during November 2024

Waitaki water storage at the end of November 2024 was 151% of historical average and 57.5% higher than the same time last year

Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment was 91% of average in early December

 Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was 88% of average at the end of November 2024

MERIDIAN'S COMBINED CATCHMENT INFLOWS GWh 7,000 6,000 4,000 3,000 2,000 1,000

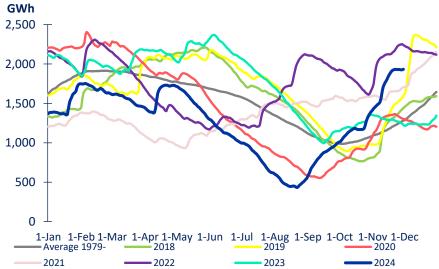
91 year average

Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S WAITAKI STORAGE

Nov YTD

year



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Source: Meridian

Meridian generation

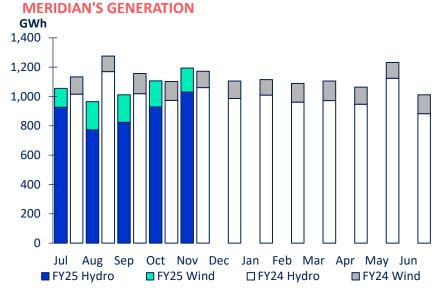
 Meridian's generation in November 2024 was +1.9% higher than the same month last year, reflecting lower hydro generation and higher wind generation

To date this financial year, Meridian's generation is 8.7% lower than the same period last year, reflecting lower hydro generation and higher wind generation

The average price Meridian received for its generation in November 2024 was -77.0% lower than the same month last year

The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in November 2024 was -69.8% lower than the same month last year

To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 61.0% higher than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 76.2% higher



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S AVERAGE GENERATION PRICE*



*price received for Meridian's physical generation





Monthly operating information

	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	OCTOBER	SEPTEMBER	5 MONTHS TO	5 MONTHS TO
	2024	2023	2024	2024	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	2024	2023
New Zealand contracted sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	125	124	144	158	819	824
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	130	132	133	137	720	723
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	167	150	116	88	504	511
Large business sales volume (GWh)	56	52	62	57	301	278
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	326	332	321	303	1,567	1,652
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	805	790	776	743	3,910	3,988
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$135.2	\$130.1	\$136.9	\$161.6	\$151.7	\$142.2
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	275	412	265	233	1,360	2,100
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	210	250	192	206	1,125	1,551
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$70.9	\$61.9	\$76.6	\$105.2	\$103.5	\$71.1
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	858	838	818	766	4,121	4,229
Costosupply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$36.6	\$143.3	\$62.8	\$93.0	\$215.3	\$133.1
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$23.3	\$128.5	\$49.3	\$68.2	\$217.3	\$117.2
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$33.8	\$127.1	\$63.5	\$91.1	\$229.8	\$118.8
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$13.2	\$0.0	-\$18.7	-\$25.0	-\$80.6	\$0.0

379,348

370,087

376,126



Total New Zealand customer connections⁴

373,670

Monthly operating information

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	2024	2023	2024	2024	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	2024	2023
New Zealand generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,030	1,061	929	825	4,482	5,240
Wind generation volume (GWh)	164	111	179	187	851	601
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,194	1,172	1,107	1,012	5,334	5,842
Average generation price ⁵ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$29.9	\$130.4	\$49.8	\$63.8	\$191.1	\$119.2
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Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	277	404	403	432	2,015	2,402
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$134.2	\$105.6	\$196.2	\$231.4	\$197.1	\$126.8
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$34.7	\$144.7	\$61.2	\$79.1	\$212.7	\$127.5
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2024	2023	2024	2024	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER
MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	MONTH	2024	2023
23	24	21	30	125	115
8	7	6	4	26	25
8	54	12	11	54	120
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- Contracted sales volumes and volume weighted average price received from contracted customers less distribution costs
- Derivatives sold excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps
- Average price of both NZAS sales volume and derivative sales volumes
- 4. Meridian Retail and Powershop New Zealand installation control points (ICPs), excluding vacants
- 5. Volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation
- Over the counter and ASX contract volumes excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps



FY25 operating information

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Q1	YoY	Q2	YoY	Q3	YoY	Q4	YoY
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025	FY25	change	FY25	change	FY25	change	FY25	change
New Zealand contracted sales														T		7		T		
Residential sales volume (GWh)	201	191	158	144	125								550	-5						
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	159	159	137	133	130								456	-1						
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	54	80	88	116	167								221	-20						
Large business sales volume (GWh)	61	65	57	62	56								183	+9						
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	303	314	303	321	326								920	-69						
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	777	810	743	776	805								2,330	-87						
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$162.4	\$162.9	\$161.6	\$136.9	\$135.2								\$162.3	+\$12.7						
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	327	261	233	265	275								821	-441						
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	295	222	206	192	210								723	-357						
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$128.9	\$127.5	\$105.2	\$76.6	\$70.9								\$121.7	+\$43.9						
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	813	866	766	818	858								2,444	-117						
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$382.7	\$487.4	\$93.0	\$62.8	\$36.6								\$329.0	+\$196.4						
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$388.9	\$509.9	\$68.2	\$49.3	\$23.3								\$336.4	+\$218.7						
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$375.3	\$494.8	\$91.1	\$63.5	\$33.8								\$330.9	+\$211.4						
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$4.7	-\$19.1	-\$25.0	-\$18.7	-\$13.2								-\$48.7	-\$48.7						
Total New Zealand customer connections	369,376	371,479	373,670	376,126	379,348								373,670	+8,217						
New Zealand generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	927	773	825	929	1,030								2,524	-682						
Wind generation volume (GWh)	129	192	187	179	164								509	+147						
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,056	965	1,012	1,107	1,194								3,033	-535						
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$376.2	\$483.8	\$63.8	\$49.8	\$29.9								\$306.2	+\$187.2			_		_	
New Zealand hedging														T		\neg		Т		
Hedging volume (GWh)	451	451	432	403	277								1,334	-168						
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$174.5	\$226.1	\$231.4	\$196.2	\$134.2								\$210.4	+\$72.6						
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$346.6	\$451.9	\$79.1	\$61.2	\$34.7								\$295.5	+\$171.5						
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$13.0	-\$13.7	\$2.3	\$6.9	\$0.4								-\$24.4	-43.0						
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Meridian Group																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	26	25	30	21	23								\$80	+11						
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	6	4	6	8								\$13	-0						
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	13	9	11	12	8								\$33	-17						
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	16	15	15	18	16								\$46	-18						



FY24 operating information

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Q1	YoY	Q2	YoY	Q3	YoY	′ Q4	YoY
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	FY24	change		change		change		change
New Zealand contracted sales																- 0-		- 0-		
Residential sales volume (GWh)	200	201	155	144	124	123	119	112	127	136	180	178	555	-9	392	+2	358	+14	494	+27
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	154	161	141	134	132	127	129	130	134	127	154	144	457	+9	393	-5	393	+18	425	+14
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	53	76	112	120	150	184	210	186	158	104	73	47	241	+27	454	+29	554	+135	225	+34
Large business sales volume (GWh)	60	61	54	51	52	51	54	53	54	51	60	59	175	+2	155	+17	161	+17	170	+13
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	334	337	318	331	332	332	331	326	338	317	325	288	989	+19	995	+45	995	+1	930	-74
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	800	836	781	781	790	818	843	806	811	735	793	717	2,417	+48	2,389	+88	2,461	+186	2,244	+15
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$149.2	\$151.2	\$148.2	\$131.5	\$130.1	\$125.9	\$136.4	\$135.9	\$139.5	\$155.7	\$161.3	\$157.2	\$149.6	+\$15.5	\$129.1	+\$6.4	\$137.3	+\$7.9	\$158.1	+18
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	426	411	426	412	426	426	398	421	412	426	394	1,262	+1	1,263	+1	1,245	+9	1,232	-18
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	338	371	371	221	250	212	275	206	272	311	297	293	1,080	+433	683	-101	753	+76	901	-88
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$78.6	\$78.4	\$76.4	\$56.2	\$61.9	\$57.5	\$75.0	\$68.8	\$74.1	\$91.7	\$89.7	\$87.9	\$77.8	+\$18.9	\$58.5	+\$3.0	\$72.8	+\$4.1	\$89.8	+13
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	845	892	825	829	838	879	884	851	850	778	847	733	2,561	+61	2,546	+82	2,584	+188	2,359	+46
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$128.6	\$144.9	\$123.3	\$124.3	\$143.3	\$186.1	\$201.4	\$155.1	\$213.8	\$230.0	\$312.3	\$284.0	\$132.6	+\$57.9	\$151.9	+\$101.1	\$190.2	+\$45.1	\$276.3	+191
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$109.2	\$132.9	\$110.7	\$105.1	\$128.5	\$171.4	\$187.1	\$136.4	\$202.5	\$212.8	\$286.4	\$269.6	\$117.7	+\$55.0	\$135.0	+\$97.2	\$176.1	+\$36.1	\$256.4	+188
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$109.5	\$132.6	\$115.5	\$105.8	\$127.1	\$166.7	\$181.8	\$134.9	\$202.2	\$212.6	\$285.6	\$271.0	\$119.5	+\$41.4	\$132.5	+\$89.8	\$176.3	+\$48.0	\$255.7	+179
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	+\$0.0	\$0.0	+\$0.0	\$0.0	+\$0.0	\$0.0	+0
Total New Zealand customer connections	364,389	364,631	365,453	366,320	370,087	371,800	372,604	373,536	373,332	373,161	369,980	369,667	365,453	-3,294	371,800	+4,864	373,332	+8,072	369,667	+6,332
New Zealand generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,016	1,170	1,020	974	1,061	987	1,010	962	972	948	1,124	883	3,206	-94	3,022	-252	2,943	+250	2,955	-480
Wind generation volume (GWh)	118	107	138	128	111	119	106	127	134	117	108	128	362	+31	358	+49	367	+76	353	+82
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,134	1,276	1,157	1,102	1,172	1,106	1,116	1,089	1,106	1,064	1,232	1,011	3,567	-63	3,380	-203	3,311	+326	3,308	-397
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$110.8	\$133.0	\$111.4	\$107.8	\$130.4	\$170.8	\$188.6	\$136.4	\$205.0	\$212.0	\$291.8	\$262.6	\$119.0	+\$56.8	\$136.3	+\$95.7	\$176.9	+\$45.7	\$257.2	+\$187.5
New Zealand hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	505	539	458	496	404	458	504	438	504	470	490	516	1,502	+297	1,358	+304	1,446	+170	1,476	+244
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$142.4	\$132.3	\$139.1	\$110.9	\$105.6	\$110.1	\$127.4	\$131.9	\$139.1	\$145.0	\$151.2	\$147.7	\$137.8	+\$14.0	\$109.1	+\$8.2	\$132.9	+\$4.4	\$148.0	+\$12.6
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$115.7	\$134.3	\$121.2	\$123.7	\$144.7	\$179.4	\$192.6	\$156.1	\$207.6	\$219.9	\$293.9	\$258.2	\$124.1	+\$51.1	\$148.8	+\$102.7	\$186.8	+\$45.4	\$257.8	+\$174.5
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	\$14.0	\$3.2	\$1.4	-\$0.7	-\$0.9	\$1.0	\$2.1	\$0.0	-\$1.5	-\$1.6	-\$3.2	-\$2.2	\$18.6	-13.7	-\$0.6	-19.5	\$0.6	\$6.7	-\$6.9	-\$7.9
Meridian Group																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	23	24	22	22	24	24	20	24	22	22	23	30	\$69	+9	\$71	+9	\$66	+\$6	\$76	+\$8
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	6	4	4	7	5	6	9	8	5	7	8	\$13	+3	\$16	+5	\$23	+\$14	\$20	+\$5
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	16	20	15	16	54	13	12	36	35	21	35	3	\$51	+20	\$83	-36	\$84	-\$6	\$59	-\$2
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	19	26	19	20	61	18	18	45	44	26	42	11	\$64	+23	\$99	-31	\$107	+\$8	\$79	+\$3



Glossary

Hedging volumes buy-side electricity derivatives excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps

Average generation price the volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation

Average retail contracted sales price volume weighted average electricity price received from retail customers, less distribution costs

Average wholesale contracted sales price volume weighted average electricity price received from wholesale customers (including NZAS) and financial contracts

Combined catchment inflows combined water inflows into Meridian's Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes

Cost of hedges volume weighted average price Meridian pays for derivatives acquired

Cost to supply contracted sales volume weighted average price Meridian pays to supply contracted customer sales and financial contracts

Contracts for Difference (CFDs) an agreement between parties to pay the difference between the wholesale electricity price and an agreed fixed price for

a specified volume of electricity. CFDs do not result in the physical supply of electricity

Customer connections number of installation control points, excluding vacants

GWh gigawatt hour. Enough electricity for 125 average New Zealand households for one year

Historic average inflows the historic average combined water inflows into Meridian's Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes over the last 85 years

Historic average storage the historic average level of storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment since 1979

HVPC high voltage direct current link between the North and South Islands of New Zealand

New Zealand installation control points, excluding vacants

ICP switching the number of installation control points changing retailer supplier, recorded in the month the switch was initiated

MWh megawatt hour. Enough electricity for one average New Zealand household for 46 days

National demand Electricity Authority's reconciled grid demand <u>www.emi.ea.govt.nz</u>

New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Limited

Retail sales volumes contract sales volumes to retail customers, including both non half hourly and half hourly metered customers

Financial contract sales sell-side electricity derivatives excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps

Virtual Asset Swaps (VAS)

CFDs Meridian has with Genesis Energy and Mercury New Zealand. They do not result in the physical supply of electricity



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