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**Pursuant to the Electricity Distribution Information  
Disclosure Determination 2012  
and  
Electricity Authority Distribution Pricing Principles and  
Information Disclosure Guidelines**

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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

This document describes the methodology that Network Waitaki Limited (“NWL”) has used in determining its Distribution and Transmission charges from 1 April 2013 until the next review.

## **1.1 Legislative Compliance**

This document has been compiled to comply with the Commerce Commission’s Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012 (“2012 IDR”), Section 2.4, Pricing and Related Information, covering an Electricity Distribution Business’s (“EDB’s”) pricing methodology.

As part of the disclosures made under Section 2.4 of the 2012 IDRs, Clause 2.4.3(2) requires that an EDB demonstrate the extent to which its pricing methodology is consistent with Electricity Authority’s March 2010 Pricing Principles (“EA Principles and Guidelines”). The EA Principles and Guidelines, and NWL’s compliance with them are detailed in Appendix 4 of this document.

A detailed summary of how NWL complies with the 2012 IDRs and which sections of this pricing methodology comply with each requirement can be found in Appendix 5.

There have been no material changes to NWL’s pricing methodology from the previous edition; however, sections of this document have been rewritten to comply with 2012 IDRs.

# **2 PRICING OBJECTIVES**

## **2.1 Revenue**

NWL must obtain sufficient revenue to:

1. meet its contractual obligations for connection to the Transpower grid;
2. meet its contractual obligations for the delivery of energy over the distribution network;
3. comply with statutory requirements on public safety, environmental protection, and quality of supply;
4. provide for new investment; and
5. provide a rate of return on funds that is acceptable to the owners.

To meet the revenue requirement, NWL uses the following principles:

- to provide pricing which is simple to understand and administer and which complies with regulations;
- to maintain the stability of historic pricing regimes in order to lessen price shocks to consumers;
- to provide pricing which will not differentiate between urban and rural consumers;

- to provide pricing which allows the network to be operated safely, reliably, and efficiently; and
- to provide pricing which allows for an adequate level of return to the shareholders.

## **Discount**

NWL has a policy of paying discounts to qualifying consumers towards the end of each financial year. Except when noted otherwise all revenues stated in this pricing methodology are before the payment of any discount. NWL's discount to consumers is comprised of a non-discretionary component and a discretionary component. The non-discretionary component is a guaranteed amount that will be discounted to consumers in NWL's various load groups. The amount of the discretionary component is determined by trading conditions during the year.

For both discretionary and non-discretionary discounts, the discount offered on each tariff is an equal proportion of the fixed charge component of each tariff. Domestic Low User ("DLU") regulations require tariffs to be equal for the standard residential consumer at 9,000 kWh before and after discounts. By setting the discount as an equal proportion of the fixed charge component of each tariff, consumers are rewarded equally through the application of the discount without any regard for their consumption mix across tariffs. This distribution arrangement is an equitable means of distributing the benefit to consumers of their ownership in NWL.

## **2.2 Efficiency**

For Standard Contracts

A move to lower fixed rates and higher variable rates to support NWL's user pay's philosophy. To continue to monitor power factors and maintain the loss factor. To encourage off peak usage and maintain load control to minimise transmission charges.

For Individually Assessed Contracts

To continue improving the efficiency of electricity delivery by promoting efficient investment in and operation of the network and by clearly signalling the fixed and variable costs of delivery.

## **2.3 Fairness**

As a supplier of essential services NWL has endeavoured to set fair and reasonable tariffs for each consumer group, however, given the wide variations in usage within each consumer group, achieving a fair tariff is a difficult objective. What one customer perceives as fair may be perceived by another customer as unfair based solely on their usage patterns.

Customers are placed in load groups based on the capacity of supply they require. The charges applied to each group reflect the value of the assets that they use, based on both group capacity and demand.

Individually Assessed Contract customers are subject to individual charges that reflect their use of network assets together with the associated transmission costs.

The simple tariff structure lowers the financial costs of new retailers entering the market in NWL's area. It avoids the cost of duplicating ICP billing software and data management.

## **2.4 Simplicity**

NWL has been working towards simplifying its tariff structure by rationalising the range of controlled rates it provides. However, it has retained the same number of consumer groups to signal the cost of usage patterns more accurately within each group.

## **2.5 Transparency**

Tariffs should reflect costs and signals contained in the tariff should be in a form that will allow the consumer to respond in a positive manner.

## **2.6 Consumer Engagement**

In September 2012, NWL conducted a phone survey of a random sample of 400 of its mass market consumers, as well as face-to-face interviews with 13 of the largest consumers on its network. Consumers were asked if they would prefer to either:

1. Pay more for a higher level of service that would keep outages to a minimum;
2. Pay the same and maintain the same level of service with outages kept about the same; or
3. Pay less for a slightly lower level of service with the possibility of slightly more outages.

83 per cent of consumers said they would prefer to pay the same as they are paying now in return for a similar level of service. As detailed in Section 3, NWL faces increasing costs that need to be recovered, so tariff increases are necessary. However, NWL has attempted to keep increases to a minimum level that will maintain the same level of service to its consumers.

# **3 COST STRUCTURE**

The pricing methodology is based on cost recovery. Consequently, the pricing structure closely relates to the corresponding cost structure. The following cost categories are involved:

## **3.1 Distribution Costs**

Distribution costs are comprised of four main cost pools, discounts are not included as a cost to be recovered:

1. Operation and Maintenance
  - I. Maintenance costs are based on NWL Asset Management Plan, with the allocation of costs between asset categories being determined by the 2013-2014 maintenance budget.
  - II. Operating costs include all other network direct and indirect expenses excluding administration costs. The total figure is equivalent to the NWL 2013-2014 budget, and is allocated across network components on the basis of Optimised Replacement Cost (“ORC”).

## **2. Depreciation**

Depreciation for each asset is calculated by dividing the financial carrying value of network property, plant and equipment by the ODV Standard Life for that asset, which results in a very long depreciation period with a correspondingly low depreciation requirement.

### 3. Return on Asset

A provision for future investment in the network based on the 2013-2014 budget. This provision aims to:

- provide for growth;
- deliver appropriate service standards where network usage has changed; and
- replace assets that have reached the end of their economic life with modern solutions.

### 4. Administration

A provision for support services related to distribution costs, based on the 2013-14 budget.

## 3.2 Recoverable and Pass-Through Costs

Recoverable costs cover transmission charges, avoided transmission costs, and new investment contracts. Pass-through costs cover local authority rates, Electricity Authority, Commerce Commission and Electricity and Gas Complaints Commission Levies.<sup>1</sup> What these comprise of is largely self-explanatory, however, transmission charges are determined by Transpower NZ Limited (“Transpower”) according to the EA’s Transmission Pricing Methodology currently in effect, and comprises the following price components:

#### 1. Interconnection Charge

This charge is based on the average of the 100 highest half-hour coincident regional peak demands for the Lower South Island region. All NWL’s Grid eXit Points (“GXPs”) are located within this region. The charges for the 2013/2014 financial year are based on the demands recorded between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012.

#### 2. Connection Charge

This charge represents the fixed costs associated with the dedicated assets at each GXP. Shared assets are still allocated on the basis of each off-take customer’s share of the 12 highest half-hour demand peaks measured at the GXP.

Further, avoided transmission costs are associated with transmission assets that have been provided by the distributor rather than by Transpower. In many instances, distributors can provide certain classes of transmission assets at a lower cost to consumers than assets provided by Transpower.

## 3.3 Capital Costs

Over the last few years and on-going, NWL has been experiencing load growth that has been mainly driven by irrigation. This has resulted in a number of major assets becoming capacity-constrained. New assets and asset upgrades have also been required as a result of this. Capital expenditure will therefore continue to exceed the norm as capacity is increased. Additional information concerning the assumptions governing NWL’s capital investment can be found in NWL’s Asset Management Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Recoverable and Pass-through costs are defined by the Commerce Commission in Decision 710, its Input methodologies determination applicable to electricity distribution services pursuant to Part 4 of the Commerce Act 1986.

### 3.4 Grid Exit Points

NWL has connections to the Transpower network at the following Grid Exit Points:

- Oamaru;
- Waitaki;
- Twizel.
- Black Point<sup>2</sup>

The Oamaru Grid Exit Point accounts for approximately 91% of the total network demand and 86% of the total Transpower charges and supplies 86% of the total customer base. Transmission charges have therefore been averaged out over the whole consumer base.

### 3.5 Active Load Group Characteristics

Group Code	Capacity Range kVA	Group Connections	After Diversity Demand MW	Group Capacity MVA
15C, 15U & DLU <sup>1</sup>	0-15	10,601	12.9	75.4
30C & 30U	16-30	672	1.2	7.2
50C & 50U	31-50	802	3.4	22.4
100	51-100	278	2.9	22.3
200	101-200	89	2.3	11.7
300	201-300	43	1.9	10.2
500	301-500	18	1.3	8.9
750	501-750	3	1.1	2.2
Individual	N/A	29	14.0	27.7
Total		12,535	40.9	188.0

Note 1: The DLU category in the above table includes all DLU sub-groups including DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C. DLU30U to DLU50C technically have a higher capacity range, but to treat them any differently to DLU15U and DLU15C consumers would mean that NWL could not meet the requirements of the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004 ("DLU Regulations").

### 3.6 Annual Revenue Requirement

The revenue required to cover the costs and profits of NWL's line business activities for 2013-14 are given in the table below. Last year's figures and the percentage increase over last year are also shown below. The amount of the non-discretionary discount to consumers is also noted in the table for information purposes, but is not part of NWL's revenue requirement. Note that the table below compares the target revenue requirement published in last year's pricing methodology compared this year's target. Targeted revenue may vary from actual revenue collected.

<sup>2</sup> The Black Point GXP was built for the exclusive connection of one particular major customer. NWL passes the transmission charges for Black Point to that customer.

<b>Annual Revenue Requirement</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Distribution requirements</b>			
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 2,626,860	\$ 2,612,849	-0.5%
Depreciation	\$ 2,724,208	\$ 2,877,988	5.6%
Administration	\$ 718,065	\$ 737,822	2.8%
Return on Assets	\$ 4,848,312	\$ 4,952,434	2.1%
<b>Total Distribution Revenue Requirement</b>	<b>\$ 10,917,444</b>	<b>\$ 11,181,092</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Transmission Requirement</b>			
Transmission Charge	\$ 3,750,419	\$ 4,196,081	11.9%
Avoided Transmission Charge	\$ 481,018	\$ 401,655	-16.5%
<b>Total Transmission Requirements</b>	<b>\$ 4,231,437</b>	<b>\$ 4,597,736</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b>Total Revenue Requirements</b>	<b>\$ 15,148,881</b>	<b>\$ 15,778,828</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Non-Discretionary Discount</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,312</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,790</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

## **4 REVENUE FACTORS**

### **4.1 Asset Valuation**

For the purposes of revenue calculations, the Distribution assets are valued at the August 2004 ODV. Each load group utilises some or all of these assets to a greater or lesser degree, and the cost recovery from each load group is based on its utilisation of these assets. Allocation of the assets utilised by each group is based on the capacity (kVA) requirements of each load group, and the after-diversity maximum demand (kW) that they place on the network.

### **4.2 Maintenance of Existing Assets**

The annual maintenance programme is driven by safety requirements, security of supply objectives, and fault response and repair. The NWL Asset Management Plan contains details of the planned maintenance programme set out under the following asset categories:

- Sub-transmission (33kV lines and cables);
- Zone Transformers (33kV – 11kV);
- 11kV lines, cables and associated switchgear;
- Distribution Substations (33/11kV-400/230V transformers and sites);
- Low Voltage Distribution (400/230V lines, cables and associated switchgear).

These costs are allocated across the load groups based on their share of the ODV asset value of the assets they utilise.

### **4.3 Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis in accordance with NWL's accounting policies. The depreciation is allocated against the asset groups listed above, and is recovered from load groups based on their share of the ODV asset value of the assets they utilise.

### **4.4 Administration**

Administration costs cover the costs of operating the business for billing etc. These costs are not asset-related and are recovered as a fixed per-connection charge.

### **4.5 Return on Assets**

A return on assets is required to fund the capital development and replacement programme and provide a return to the owners. NWL is consumer-trust owned, and this return currently takes the form of an annual discount to consumers. The rate of return is recovered from load groups based on their share of the ODV asset value of the assets they utilise.



## 5 PRICING STRUCTURE

NWL pricing structure is split into two main headings Standard Contracts and Individually Assessed Contracts.

Standard Contracts recover network costs by means of a fixed annual charge based on the consumer load group, and a variable kW charge as shown in the schedule of charges. This contract applies to the majority of consumers.

Individually Assessed Contracts recover network costs by means of a fixed annual charge based on the individual customer's asset usage, capacity requirements, and peak demand.

### 5.1 Standard Contract Consumer Load Groups

Load groups are based on the standard distribution transformer capacities used on the network, with no distinction being made between a single-phase and three-phase connection. The minimum connection capacity for a single-phase supply is 15kVA, while the minimum connection capacity for a three-phase supply is 30kVA. Consumers are allocated into the various load groups based on their contracted connection capacity, with no distinction being made between domestic and non-domestic connections with the exception of the Domestic Low User ("DLU") category which is available only to primary domestic supplies, and applies irrespective of the connection capacity.

At the request of electricity retailers, to assist them to efficiently determine what the equivalent standard tariff for a consumer should be when the consumer moves off of DLU to a standard tariff, NWL has divided its DLU category into the new sub-groups DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C. These sub-groups all have the same line charge and will receive the same discount and there will be no impact from this change on consumers. As noted below, DLU30C to DLU50U have higher fuse ratings, however in order to comply with the DLU Regulations NWL does not treat them any differently to DLU15C and DLU15U.

The load groups are:

Load Group	Description	Maximum Fuse Rating
DLU15C	Domestic Low User 15C	1x 63A fuse
DLU15U	Domestic Low User 15U	1x 63A fuse
DLU30C	Domestic Low User 30C	1 x 100A fuse or 3 x 40A fuses
DLU30U	Domestic Low User 30U	1 x 100A fuse or 3 x 40A fuses
DLU50C	Domestic Low User 50C	3 x 80A fuses
DLU50U	Domestic Low User 50U	3 x 80A fuses
15C	0 - 15kVA controlled	1 x 63A fuse
15U	0 - 15kVA Uncontrolled	1 x 63A fuse
30C	16 - 30kVA Controlled	1 x 100A fuse or 3 x 40A fuses
30U	16 - 30kVA Uncontrolled	1 x 100A fuse or 3 x 40A fuses
50C	31 - 50kVA Controlled	3 x 80A fuses
50U	31 - 50kVA Uncontrolled	3 x 80A fuses
100	51 - 100kVA	3 x 160A fuses
200	101 – 200kVA	3 x 315A fuses
300	201 – 300kVA	3 x 400A fuses
500	301 – 500kVA	NA
750	501 – 750kVA	NA
IND	Individually Assessed	NA

Street lighting is a specialist load group, which utilises dedicated LV assets, and is covered by an Individually Assessed Contract.

## **5.2 Standard Contract Annual Fixed Charges**

Although the majority of network costs are fixed, passing these costs through to consumers as a predominantly fixed cost would not provide consumers with the pricing signals necessary to encourage them to use the resources efficiently.

To this end, NWL consistent with previous years has not increased the fixed portion of its charges for all load groups (with the exception of the Individually Assessed Contract consumers) and has instead increased its variable charges. By incrementally increasing the proportion of variable to fixed charges, NWL is encouraging more effective use of network resources.

### **0 – 50kVA Load Groups**

Consumers in the 15, 30, and 50kVA groupings are typically domestic or small commercial installations which have water-heating or other loads that can be controlled. NWL has developed a number of control options for those consumers that foster economic use of the network assets and enable load to be moved to off-peak periods. In recognition of this, the fixed charges for installations that provide year-round access to controllable load are lower than for installations with no controlled load. In addition controlled installations can utilise two-rate, night/day metering, which enables consumers to benefit from the cheaper night rate charges that apply between 11pm and 7am.

The total costs associated with each load group are allocated on the portion of the assets that they utilise. The load group share of the assets is determined by comparing the group capacity with the total network capacity and the group-after-diversity maximum demand with the network maximum demand. Costs are allocated 50% on group after diversity maximum demand (“GADMD”), and 50% on the group capacity.

In addition a DLU<sup>3</sup> option is available in accordance with the DLU Regulations. This option is revenue-neutral for a consumer using 9,000 kWh per annum after a non-discretionary discount has been applied.

### **51 – 750kVA Load Groups**

Installations in the 100 – 750kVA load groups are predominantly commercial, light industrial, or farming, and do not normally have loads that can be controlled externally. Load control is not generally available for these load groups, although limited access to night-rate tariffs are available for irrigation supplies and for installations with Time Of Use (“TOU”) metering. These installations are normally supplied from a dedicated transformer and therefore do not utilise the same range of network assets as small low-voltage connections. Energy use within these load groups is much higher than the <50kVA groups resulting in the costs being predominantly governed by energy use rather than fixed charges. This provides consumers within these load groups with clear pricing signals that relate directly to consumption.

The total costs associated with each load group are allocated on the portion of the assets that they utilise. The load group share of the assets is determined by comparing the group capacity with the total network capacity and the group after

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<sup>3</sup>The DLU tariff now includes the sub-groups DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C.

diversity maximum demand with the network maximum demand. Costs are allocated 50% on group after diversity maximum demand, and 50% on the group capacity.

### **5.3 Standard Contract Variable Charges**

Standard Contracts Variable charges are based on GXP totals adjusted to account for losses and individual contract customer-usage. Day rates apply to all units transported over the network between 7am and 11pm and night rates to all units transported over the network between 11pm and 7am. Night rates are lower than day rates to encourage retailers to develop tariffs that reward customers for off-peak usage.

### **5.4 Individually Assessed Contracts**

Individually Assessed Contract customers are assessed on their contribution to network system demand and the contracted capacity they require. The assets required to supply each customer installation are assessed and valued at ODV, and the contribution that the installation makes towards network system demand is determined from TOU metering data. The costs associated with the network assets are then recovered as a fixed charge based 50% on demand and 50% on contract capacity. Customers in this group can reduce their costs by improving their utilisation of assets and controlling their peak demands.

### **5.5 Transmission Charges**

The following methodology has been used as the basis for the recovery of transmission charges in a way that is equitable to all groups and reflects Transpower's pricing structure.

Transpower Connection Charges and NWL Avoided Transmission Costs are fixed asset-based charges, and are allocated between load groups based on the group capacity requirements. These costs are recovered as a fixed charge.

Transpower Interconnection Charges are determined by the average of the 100 highest half-hour coincident regional peak demands recorded between 1 September and 31 August each year.

These costs are recovered from Standard Contract consumers as a variable (kWh) charge plus a small fixed charge, while for Individually Assessed Contract consumers these costs are recovered as a fixed charge.

### **5.6 Standard Contract Transmission Charges**

Transpower Connection Charges are recovered by means of a fixed charge and a variable charge. The fixed charge is based on the assessed capacity (kVA) requirements of each load group.

Transpower Interconnection Charges are recovered by means of a variable (kW) charge based on group demand and consumption.

The fixed portions of the charges for Standard Contract consumers are kept at a low level so that consumers with lower consumption levels are not subsidising consumers with higher consumption levels. The variable charges are based on GXP totals adjusted to account for losses and Individually Assessed Contract consumer usage. Day rates apply to all units transported over the network between 7am and 11pm, and night rates to all units transported over the network between 11pm and 7am.

## **5.7 Individually Assessed Contract Transmission Charges**

Transpower Connection Charges are recovered by means of a fixed charge based on the capacity (kVA) requirements of each consumer.

Transpower Interconnection Charges are recovered by a fixed charge based on the average of the 100 highest half-hour demands (kW) recorded by each consumer in the previous 12 months.

## **5.8 Transmission Loss and Constraint Rebates**

Loss and Constraint Rebates are credits rebated by Transpower, resulting from over-recovery of costs and are included in transmission charges.

# **6 LOSSES**

## **6.1 General**

Losses represent the percentage of electricity entering the network that is either consumed in the delivery process or lost, and can be categorised as either technical losses or non-technical losses.

Technical losses comprise:

- (a) standing losses arising from zone and distribution transformers; and
- (b) variable losses arising from resistive losses in conductors. Resistive losses are proportional to the square of the current passing through the conductor.

Non-technical losses comprise:

- (a) losses arising from metering faults or errors; and
- (b) losses arising from electricity theft etc.

The energy measured at customers' installations is therefore after losses, and must be multiplied by the overall "loss factor" to determine each retailer's purchase quantities at each GXP.

## **6.2 LV and HV Connection**

The majority of customers take supply and are metered at 400/230V and the loss factor applied to these sites must account for distribution transformer and low voltage reticulation losses. A small group of customers take supply and are metered at 11,000V and the loss factor applied to these customers does not include distribution transformer and LV reticulation losses.

## **6.3 Loss Factor Allocation**

The average loss factor for the network is calculated from data supplied by the National Reconciliation Manager. This information is compared with the GXP data to determine the long run overall loss factor.

## Appendix 1

### Allocation of ODRC

Load Group	ODRC Total	LV	Trans.	11kV	33kV
Standard Contract					
DLU <sup>1</sup>	\$ 6,011,852	\$ 993,365	\$ 1,175,885	\$ 3,111,290	\$ 731,312
15U	\$ 2,819,735	\$ 466,100	\$ 551,482	\$ 1,459,173	\$ 342,980
15C	\$ 13,040,547	\$ 2,152,786	\$ 2,551,118	\$ 6,750,040	\$ 1,586,603
30U	\$ 1,487,802	\$ 245,843	\$ 291,004	\$ 769,972	\$ 180,983
30C	\$ 610,742	\$ 100,738	\$ 119,499	\$ 316,185	\$ 74,320
50U	\$ 5,323,553	\$ 879,025	\$ 1,041,400	\$ 2,755,456	\$ 647,672
50C	\$ 784,367	\$ 129,499	\$ 153,442	\$ 405,996	\$ 95,430
100	\$ 4,744,344	\$ -	\$ 1,111,650	\$ 2,941,331	\$ 691,363
200	\$ 3,062,201	\$ -	\$ 717,506	\$ 1,898,460	\$ 446,235
300	\$ 2,555,641	\$ -	\$ 598,814	\$ 1,584,410	\$ 372,417
500	\$ 1,955,987	\$ -	\$ 458,309	\$ 1,212,645	\$ 285,033
750	\$ 1,048,950	\$ -	\$ 245,780	\$ 650,313	\$ 152,857
Sub Total	\$ 43,445,721	\$ 4,967,356	\$ 9,015,889	\$ 23,855,271	\$ 5,607,205
Individual Contract	\$ 2,670,279	\$ 255,057	\$ 252,120	\$ 1,222,156	\$ 940,946
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 46,116,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,222,413</b>	<b>\$ 9,268,009</b>	<b>\$ 25,077,427</b>	<b>\$ 6,548,151</b>

Note 1: The DLU category in the above table includes all DLU sub-groups including DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C.

## Appendix 2

### Allocation of Network and Transmission Costs (non-discretionary discount is allocated on an equal proportion of the fixed component of each tariff)

Load Group	Connections	ADMD kW	Capacity kVA	Operation & Maintenance	Depreciation	Administration	Return on Assets	Total Network Revenue	Transmission Revenue	Non-Discretionary Discount
Standard Contract										
DLU <sup>1</sup>	3323	4,046	17,768	\$339,816	\$343,973	\$191,881	\$643,864	\$1,519,534	\$508,767	\$98,859
15U	1712	2,084	7,222	\$159,384	\$161,333	\$98,857	\$301,991	\$721,565	\$248,579	\$156,374
15C	5566	6,777	50,442	\$737,108	\$746,124	\$321,400	\$1,396,630	\$3,201,263	\$997,067	\$443,889
30U	483	1,008	4,357	\$84,097	\$85,126	\$27,890	\$159,342	\$356,455	\$126,270	\$48,266
30C	189	230	2,882	\$34,522	\$34,944	\$10,914	\$65,410	\$145,789	\$42,047	\$17,263
50U	681	2,961	19,432	\$300,910	\$304,591	\$39,323	\$570,148	\$1,214,972	\$417,414	\$89,170
50C	121	421	2,956	\$44,336	\$44,878	\$6,987	\$84,005	\$180,206	\$60,672	\$15,535
100	278	2,901	22,287	\$268,171	\$271,451	\$16,053	\$508,115	\$1,063,789	\$431,717	\$45,984
200	89	2,322	11,715	\$173,089	\$175,206	\$5,139	\$327,959	\$681,393	\$302,604	\$28,523
300	43	1,870	10,180	\$144,456	\$146,223	\$2,483	\$273,707	\$566,868	\$248,932	\$18,374
500	18	1,251	8,860	\$110,561	\$111,913	\$1,039	\$209,484	\$432,998	\$180,936	\$10,297
750	3	1,098	2,215	\$59,291	\$60,016	\$173	\$112,342	\$231,822	\$119,790	\$2,424
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>12506</b>	<b>26,969</b>	<b>160,316</b>	<b>\$2,455,740</b>	<b>\$2,485,779</b>	<b>\$722,139</b>	<b>\$4,652,996</b>	<b>\$10,316,654</b>	<b>\$3,684,794</b>	<b>\$974,958</b>
Individual Contract	29	13,975	27,685	\$269,996	\$273,298	\$21,058	\$300,086	\$864,438	\$912,942	\$64,833
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,535</b>	<b>40,944</b>	<b>188,001</b>	<b>\$2,725,736</b>	<b>\$2,759,077</b>	<b>\$743,197</b>	<b>\$4,953,082</b>	<b>\$11,181,092</b>	<b>\$4,597,736</b>	<b>\$1,039,790</b>

Note 1: The DLU category in the above table includes all DLU sub-groups including DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C.

## Appendix 3

### Schedule of Charges- from 1 April 2013:

Distribution Charges (excl GST)								
Fixed Charges		Current	Changes	From 1 April 2013				No of Consumers
Code	Load Group Description			New (\$)		Non-Discretionary Discount		
				Per Annum	Per Day	Per Annum	Per Day	
DLU15U	Domestic Low User 15U (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	416
DLU15C	Domestic Low User 15C (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	2870
DLU30U	Domestic Low User 30U (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	3
DLU30C	Domestic Low User 30C (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	32
DLU50U	Domestic Low User 50U (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	0
DLU50C	Domestic Low User 50C (previously DLU)	34.75	-	34.75	0.09521	29.75	0.08151	2
15U	0 - 15kVA	96.34	-	96.34	0.26395	91.34	0.25025	1712
15C	0 - 15kVA Controlled	84.75	-	84.75	0.23219	79.75	0.21849	5566
30U	16 - 30kVA	107.45	-	107.45	0.29438	99.93	0.27378	483
30C	16 - 30kVA Controlled	96.34	-	96.34	0.26395	91.34	0.25025	189
50U	31 - 50kVA	140.80	-	140.80	0.38575	130.94	0.35875	681
50C	31 - 50kVA Controlled	133.39	-	133.39	0.36545	128.39	0.35175	121
100	51 - 100kVA	177.86	-	177.86	0.48729	165.41	0.45318	278
200	101 - 200kVA	344.60	-	344.60	0.94411	320.48	0.87802	89
300	201 - 300kVA	459.46	-	459.46	1.25879	427.30	1.17068	43
500	301 - 500kVA	615.09	-	615.09	1.68518	572.03	1.56722	18
750	501 - 750kVA	907.81	-	907.81	2.48715	807.95	2.21356	3
IND	Individually Assessed							29
<b>Variable Charges</b>								
Note: The variable charges shown will apply to customers in all of the load groups listed above with the exception of IND.								
	Variable day charge 7am - 11pm	6.35900	0.00700	6.36600	cents per kWh			
	Variable Night Charge 11pm - 7am	0.65500	0.00100	0.65600	cents per kWh			
Transmission Charges (excl GST)								
Fixed Charges		Current	Changes	From 1 April 2013		Consumers		
Code	Load Group Description			New (\$)				
				Per Annum	Per Day			
DLU15U	Domestic Low User 15U (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	416		
DLU15C	Domestic Low User 15C (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	2870		
DLU30U	Domestic Low User 30U (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	3		
DLU30C	Domestic Low User 30C (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	32		
DLU50U	Domestic Low User 50U (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	0		
DLU50C	Domestic Low User 50C (previously DLU)	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	2		
15U	0 - 15kVA	67.45	-	67.45	0.18479	1712		
15C	0 - 15kVA Controlled	20.00	-	20.00	0.05479	5566		
30U	16 - 30kVA	76.34	-	76.34	0.20915	483		
30C	16 - 30kVA Controlled	28.89	-	28.89	0.07915	189		
50U	31 - 50kVA	96.34	-	96.34	0.26394	681		
50C	31 - 50kVA Controlled	48.89	-	48.89	0.13394	121		
100	51 - 100kVA	143.13	-	143.13	0.39214	278		
200	101 - 200kVA	286.26	-	286.26	0.78429	89		
300	201 - 300kVA	382.60	-	382.60	1.04823	43		
500	301 - 500kVA	597.30	-	597.30	1.63644	18		
750	501 - 750kVA	897.33	-	897.33	2.45843	3		
IND	Individually Assessed					29		
<b>Variable Charges</b>								
Note: The variable charges shown will apply to customers in all of the load groups listed above with the exception of IND.								
	Variable day charge 7am - 11pm	2.28503	0.37478	2.65981	cents per kWh			
	Variable Night Charge 11pm - 7am	0.23541	0.03856	0.27397	cents per kWh			

Total Distribution and Transmission Charges (excl GST)								
Fixed Charges		Current	Changes	From 1 April 2013				No of Consumers
Code	Load Group Description			New (\$)		Non-Discretionary Discount		
				Per Annum	Per Day	Per Annum	Per Day	
DLU15U	Domestic Low User 15U (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	416
DLU15C	Domestic Low User 15C (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	2870
DLU30U	Domestic Low User 30U (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	3
DLU30C	Domestic Low User 30C (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	32
DLU50U	Domestic Low User 50U (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	0
DLU50C	Domestic Low User 50C (previously DLU)	54.75	-	54.75	0.15000	29.75	0.08151	2
15U	0 - 15kVA	163.79	-	163.79	0.44874	91.34	0.25025	1712
15C	0 - 15kVA Controlled	104.75	-	104.75	0.28699	79.75	0.21849	5566
30U	16 - 30kVA	183.79	-	183.79	0.50353	99.93	0.27378	483
30C	16 - 30kVA Controlled	125.23	-	125.23	0.34309	91.34	0.25025	189
50U	31 - 50kVA	237.14	-	237.14	0.64970	130.94	0.35875	681
50C	31 - 50kVA Controlled	182.28	-	182.28	0.49939	128.39	0.35175	121
100	51 - 100kVA	320.99	-	320.99	0.87943	165.41	0.45318	278
200	101 - 200kVA	630.86	-	630.86	1.72839	320.48	0.87802	89
300	201 - 300kVA	842.06	-	842.06	2.30702	427.30	1.17068	43
500	301 - 500kVA	1,212.39	-	1,212.39	3.32162	572.03	1.56722	18
750	501 - 750kVA	1,805.14	-	1,805.14	4.94558	807.95	2.21356	3
IND	Individually Assessed							29
<b>Variable Charges</b>								
Note: The variable charges shown will apply to customers in all of the load groups listed above with the exception of IND.								
	Variable day charge 7am - 11pm	8.64403	0.38178	9.02581	cents per kWh			
	Variable Night Charge 11pm - 7am	0.89041	0.03956	0.92997	cents per kWh			

## Notes

- During the previous year Network Waitaki has experienced increasing costs in the operation of its network. These include increases in local body rates, fuel, labour and regulatory levies. In order that it may continue to operate a safe and reliable electricity distribution network, the Board of Network Waitaki has deemed it necessary to increase line charge tariffs to reflect these increasing costs. On average the distribution component of Network Waitaki's line charge has increased, in line with CPI, by 1.37%. Transpower has also increased its transmission charges to Network Waitaki and these are reflected in an average increase of 10.25% in the transmission component of Network Waitaki's line charge tariffs. Overall charges have increased by 4.1%. Note that these percentage increases are an estimate based on the increase in revenue targeted for 2013/14 over actual revenue collected in 2012/13 and cannot be compared to the revenue requirement table in paragraph 3.6 which compares the 2013/14 targeted revenue to what it was targeted at in 2012/13.
- Consumers can determine what load group they are in from the monthly account they receive from their electricity retailer. Most households will be in a Domestic Low User ("DLU") group (all of which have the same line charge), or either of the 0 – 15 kVA or 0 – 15 kVA Controlled load groups.
- In order to make it easier for electricity retailers to manage their systems, Network Waitaki has divided its Domestic Low User ("DLU") consumers into the new sub-groups DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, DLU50C. These sub-groups all have the same line charge and will receive the same discount and there will be no impact from this change on consumers. These DLU tariffs are only available for a consumer's primary domestic residence.
- Variable charges are based on metering and reconciliation at the Grid Exit Point, reduced by the declared network loss rate.
- Distribution *and* Transmission charges are charged in respect of each site. Charges are invoiced to electricity retailers monthly in arrears. Fixed charges accrue on a daily basis at the rate of 1/365<sup>th</sup> of the annual amount due. From time to time, the charges above may be subject to discounts.
- Network Waitaki's annual discount to consumers is comprised of a non-discretionary and a discretionary component. The non-discretionary component is a guaranteed amount that will be discounted to consumers in the various load groups listed and will be payable in March 2014. The balance of the targeted discount shown in the Statement of Corporate Intent is the discretionary component, and the magnitude of this component will be determined by trading conditions during the year. Further information on the discount can be found in NWL's Discount Allocation Methodology available on the NWL website: [www.networkwaitaki.co.nz](http://www.networkwaitaki.co.nz).



## Appendix 4

### Electricity Authority Pricing Principles and Information Disclosure Guidelines

**A4.1** As part of the disclosures made under Section 2.4 of the 2012 IDRs, Clause 2.4.3(2) requires that an EDB demonstrate the extent to which its pricing methodology is consistent with Electricity Authority’s March 2010 Pricing Principles (“EA Principles and Guidelines”). The EA Principles and Guidelines, and NWL’s compliance with them are detailed in the table below.

Pricing Principle	How compliance has been shown
(a) Prices are to signal the economic costs of service provision, by:	
i. being subsidy free (equal to or greater than incremental costs, and less than or equal to standalone costs), except where subsidies arise from compliance with legislation and/or other regulation;	<p>For its Standard Contract consumers, NWL places these consumers in load groups according to actual transformer capacity used by each consumer. Capacity requirements are also taken into account when the charges of Individually Assessed Contract (“IND”) consumers are set. Dividing consumers into different groups according to capacity utilisation is reflective of the underlying cost drivers of incrementally supplying each load group and IND consumer.</p> <p>According to this Principle, being subsidy free means that for each consumer group or IND consumer, the revenues from that group or IND consumer should not be below the cost of connecting that consumer group or IND consumer to the distribution network (incremental cost) and this is indeed the case given NWL’s capacity utilisation reflective prices.</p> <p>Further, this Principle means that revenues from each consumer group or IND consumer should not exceed the costs of supplying that group or IND consumer as a standalone. It is difficult to accurately determine the standalone costs for most customers supplied by a common service via a meshed distribution network, however, it can be concluded, given the efficiencies of a well-run distribution network such as NWL’s, that standalone costs must be significantly higher than the average costs to supply different consumer load groups or IND consumers.</p>

	<p>Thus, with the exception of subsidies provided in compliance with the <i>Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004</i> (“DLU Regulations”), NWL’s prices are free of subsidies. And this is particularly the case for NWL, as no distinction is made between domestic and non-domestic consumers aside from the noted exception of DLU consumers.</p>
<p>ii. having regard, to the extent practicable, to the level of available service capacity; and</p>	<p>By dividing consumers into load groups according to transformer capacity NWL has particular regard for this principle.</p>
<p>iii. signalling, to the extent practicable, the impact of additional usage on future investment costs.</p>	<p>NWL is following a policy of increasing the proportion of variable line charges in comparison to its fixed line charges to consumers. By continuing to increase variable charges over time whilst holding fixed charges constant, NWL is sending a clear signal to consumers that additional usage will impact on the future investment costs of NWL.</p> <p>In addition, for NWL’s variable Day and Night charges, there is a higher charge in the congested Day period which signals that additional usage will impact on future investment costs.</p> <p>As a further signal, NWL offers discounted charges for consumers who opt for Controlled tariffs. Both distribution and transmission fixed charges are lower for controlled tariffs compared to the equivalent uncontrolled tariffs to signal the benefits of load control. The transmission fixed charge component of each controlled tariff is significantly lower to signal the clear and direct impact that load control has on reducing transmission charges.</p> <p>As well as directly impacting on transmission charges; across the whole electricity sector, load control systems are effective in reducing demand at peak times by deferring non-time critical electricity usage. The benefits of controlled load include greater predictability of the magnitude of peak demands, less need to build peak generation plants and potential to defer transmission and distribution capacity upgrades.</p> <p>Going forward, NWL is a member of the</p>

	<p>SmartCo group of EDBs and plans to deploy smart meters (Advanced Meter Infrastructure (“AMI”)) across its network. When it deploys AMI, NWL plans to offer a range of smart meter enabled controlled tariffs that will improve the controlled load signals that are sent to consumers.</p>
<p>(b) Where prices on ‘efficient’ incremental costs would under-recover allowed revenues, the shortfall should be made up by setting prices in a manner that has regard to consumers’ demand responsiveness, to the extent practicable.</p>	<p>NWL considers this principle matches the economic principle known as Ramsey Pricing, which is a form of price discrimination where if differential prices are appropriate, then the highest prices should be borne by consumers with the most inelastic demand.</p> <p>In practice, however, Ramsey Pricing is only ever used to provide guidance in pricing development as it is not practical to accurately observe the price elasticity of different consumers. Further, Ramsey pricing also requires an ability to segment consumers by their respective characteristics, e.g. cinemas can easily differentiate between adults, children, students and senior citizen viewing audience by the time of day and day of the week of movie screenings, with prices set accordingly to reflect the differences in willingness to pay between these different groups. However, it is much more difficult for an EDB to differentiate between consumer groups, and particularly so for an EDB like NWL which uses interposed arrangements with retailers.</p> <p>With the exception of DLU customers, NWL does not differentiate between customers on Standard Contracts – the cost to do so would be prohibitively expensive. NWL contends, however, that by weighting its charges towards variable charges, it is to some extent discriminating between differences in end consumers’ willingness to pay when it is unknown what elasticity each consumer group has.</p> <p>For Individually Assessed Contract customers, however, where the transaction costs of developing non-standard arrangements are small in relation to the value of the network service, customers’ charges are calculated as an annually recalculated fixed charged based 50% on contracted capacity and 50% on the</p>

	<p>contribution the customer's installation makes to system demand. The contribution an installation makes to system demand is less subject to demand response than other measures, and is thus reflective of this principle.</p>
<p>(c) Provided that prices satisfy (a) above, prices should be responsive to the requirements and circumstances of stakeholders in order to:</p>	
<p>i. discourage uneconomic bypass;</p>	<p>This principle considers that it is not economically efficient to replicate sunk assets and therefore requires that prices should not be at a level so high that it becomes economic for a competitor to supply a consumer from an alternative network supply.</p> <p>For Standard Contract customers NWL follows this principle by ensuring that at a load group level, prices faced by consumers reflect the true economic cost of their service provision. Each load group utilises some or all of NWL's network assets to a greater or lesser degree, and the cost recovery from each load group is based on its utilisation of these assets. Allocation of the assets utilised by each group is based on the capacity (kVA) requirements of each load group, and the after-diversity maximum demand (kW) that they place on the network.</p> <p>Further, for Individually Assessed Contract customers, NWL discourages uneconomic bypass by analysing on a case-by-case basis the specific needs of the customer, tailoring pricing to reflect the cost to supply and unique needs of the customer.</p>
<p>ii. allow for negotiation to better reflect the economic value of services and enable stakeholders to make price/quality trade-offs or non-standard arrangement for services; and</p>	<p>NWL is 100% owned by the Waitaki Power Trust ("Trust"). Trustees of the Trust represent the interests of consumers and engage with NWL to ensure that NWL makes appropriate price/quality trade-offs.</p> <p>In addition, for Individually Assessed Contract customers, through a process of one-to-one consultation, NWL negotiates a service tailored to the requirements of the individual consumer, making a price-quality trade-off appropriate for that customer.</p>
<p>iii. where network economics warrant, and to the extent practicable,</p>	<p>NWL is always keen to work with consumers and to advise them of</p>

<p>encourage investment in transmission and distribution alternatives (e.g. distributed generation or demand response) and technology innovation.</p>	<p>distribution alternatives such as distributed generation from wind or solar, which the company has some expertise in.</p> <p>NWL further incentivises consumer investment in distributed generation by way of its high variable to fixed charge apportionment – consumers who invest in distributed generation can decrease their usage and thus the variable cost of their line charges. Moreover, with its involvement in SmartCo, NWL plans to develop AMI enabled smart tariffs which will further encourage investment in distributed generation.</p>
<p>(d) Development of prices should be transparent, promote price stability and certainty for stakeholders, and changes to prices should have regard to the impact on stakeholders.</p>	<p>For transparency and as mandated by the 2012 IDR, NWL's prices are available in a wide number of locations for customers to view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two advertisements run each year in the Otago Daily Times newspaper;</li> <li>• pricing schedules are sent to all retailers with whom NWL has a use of system agreement;</li> <li>• NWL's website; and</li> <li>• in hard copy at NWL's offices in central Oamaru.</li> </ul> <p>Further, through its ownership by the Waitaki Power Trust, and the regular engagement with Trustees of the Trust (who represent the interests of consumers), NWL ensures that its prices are transparent to the Trust and have full regard to the impact they have on consumers.</p> <p>When NWL changes the structure of its tariffs, it consults with retailers on its network and takes on-board any feedback from them on the proposed new tariff structures. From feedback it received, beginning in 2013/14, NWL has divided its DLU category into the new sub-groups DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C. These sub-groups all have the same line charge and will receive the same discount and there will be no impact from this change on consumers. However, the change will greatly assist retailers in determining what the equivalent standard tariff for a consumer should be when that consumer moves off of DLU.</p>

	<p>As a 100% Consumer Trust owned company, NWL is exempt from following the Default Pricing-Quality Path (“DPP”)<sup>4</sup> that most EDBs are obliged to follow, however, to the extent it is practicable in order to ensure price stability, NWL follows the DPP when it reviews its prices each year, and keeps price increases net of Recoverable and Pass-Through Costs at a rate limited to CPI – X.</p> <p>The magnitude of the X rate of change term is determined by the NWL Board. When it decides on what the X should be, the Board is mindful of the extent to which price increases will impact on consumers and balances this against the requirements inherent in providing a reliable and secure electricity supply and the need for future investment in asset replacement and network development.</p>
<p>(e) Development of prices should have regard to the impact of transaction costs on retailers, consumers and other stakeholders and should be economically equivalent across retailers.</p>	<p>NWL’s tariffs do not favour one retailer over another. NWL’s pricing methodology and applicable prices are identical across all retailers, with no discrimination in regards to available tariff options, applicable charges, calculation methodology, or discount. NWL’s prices are therefore economically equivalent across retailers.</p> <p>Further, through its engagement with Trustees of the Waitaki Power Trust and its consultation with retailers from time-to-time, NWL gives regard to the impact of transaction costs on consumers and other stakeholders. By dividing its DLU category into the sub-groups DLU15U, DLU15C, DLU30U, DLU30C, DLU50U, and DLU50C, electricity retailers are now able to tell straightaway without having to consult NWL, what the standard tariff a consumer should be on when it moves off of DLU. This will reduce transaction costs for retailers.</p>

### Summary of Compliance with Information Disclosure Guidelines

Information Disclosure Guideline	How compliance has been shown
(a) Prices should be based on a well-	NWL makes all of its communications clear

<sup>4</sup> See Consolidated Version of Commerce Act (Electricity Distribution Default Price-Quality Path) Determination 2010 at: <http://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/Electricity/2010-2015-Default-Price-Quality-Path/Default-Price-Quality-Path-Determination/Commerce-Act-Electricity-Distribution-Default-Price-Quality-Path-Determination-2010-Consolidated-7-April-2011.pdf>

defined, clearly explained and published methodology, with any material revisions to the methodology notified and clearly marked.	and easy to understand. This Pricing Methodology is published on NWL's website at: <a href="http://www.networkwaitaki.co.nz">www.networkwaitaki.co.nz</a> from 1 April 2013. No material revisions have been made to the methodology. Revisions have been made to this document in order to comply with the 2012 IDRs, but these revisions are not material so have not been marked-up.
(b) The pricing methodology should demonstrate:	
(i) how the methodology links to the pricing principles and any non-compliance;	The tables in Appendix 4 demonstrate how the methodology links to the pricing principles. NWL considers that there are no areas of non-compliance.
(ii) the rationale for the consumer groupings and the method for determining the allocation of consumers to the consumer groupings	Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4 show the rationale for consumer groupings and the method for determining the allocation of consumers to those consumer groupings.
(iii) quantification of key components of costs and revenues;	The tables at paragraph 3.6 and in Appendices 1 and 2 show the quantification of key components of costs and revenues.
(iv) an explanation of the cost allocation methodology and the rationale for the allocation to each consumer grouping;	Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.8 explain NWL's cost allocation methodology and the rationale for the allocation to each consumer group.
(v) an explanation of the derivation of the tariffs to be charged to each consumer group and the rationale for the tariff design; and	Paragraphs 5.2 to 5.7 provide an explanation of the derivation of the tariffs to be charged to each consumer group. Paragraphs 2.1 to 3.4 provide a rationale for tariff design.
(vi) pricing arrangements that will be used to share the value of any deferral of investment in distribution and transmission assets, with the investors in alternatives such as distributed generation or load management, where alternatives are practicable and where network economics warrant.	NWL does not have any such arrangements in place at this time. NWL will negotiate this on a case-by-case basis with prospective investors as opportunities arise.
(c) The pricing methodology should:	
(i) employ industry standard terminology, where possible; and	Through on-going consultation with retailers NWL from time-to-time reviews its terms and definitions to better align to industry standards.
(ii) where a change to the previous pricing methodology is implemented, describe the impact on consumer classes and the	There have been no material changes to the previous pricing methodology, so this guideline does not currently apply.

transition arrangements implemented to introduce the new methodology.	
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## Appendix 5

### Compliance with 2012 Information Disclosure Requirements

#### 2.4 Pricing and Related Information - Disclosure of Pricing Methodologies

Clause in Determination	Section of Pricing Methodology which complies with the clause
2.4.1 Every EDB must publicly disclose, before the start of each disclosure year, a pricing methodology which-	
(1) Describes the methodology, in accordance with clause 2.4.3 below, used to calculate the prices payable or to be payable;	See below for compliance with clause 2.4.3.
(2) Describes any changes in prices and target revenues;	See the tables in Appendix 3 for changes to prices.  See the table on paragraph 3.6 for changes to target revenues.
(3) Explains, in accordance with clause 2.4.5 below, the approach taken with respect to pricing in non-standard contracts and distributed generation (if any);	See below for compliance with clause 2.4.5 for pricing in non-standard contracts.  NWL does not have special pricing for distributed generation.
(4) Explains whether, and if so how, the EDB has sought the views of consumers, including their expectations in terms of price and quality, and reflected those views in calculating the prices payable or to be payable. If the EDB has not sought the views of consumers, the reasons for not doing so must be disclosed.	See paragraph 2.6 Consumer Engagement for an explanation of how NWL has sought the views of consumers.
2.4.2 Any change in the pricing methodology or adoption of a different pricing methodology, must be publicly disclosed at least 20 working days before prices determined in accordance with the change or the different pricing methodology take effect.	There have been no material changes to the pricing methodology since publication of the last methodology in 2012.
2.4.3 Every disclosure under clause 2.4.1 above must-	
(1) Include sufficient information and commentary to enable interested persons to understand how prices were set for each consumer group, including the assumptions and statistics used to determine prices for each consumer group;	Paragraphs 5.1 to 5.8 explain how prices were set for each consumer group.  The tables in Appendix 1 and 2 detail the statistics used to determine prices for each consumer group.
2) Demonstrate the extent to which the pricing methodology is consistent with the pricing principles and explain the	Appendix 4 details the consistency of NWL's pricing methodology with the Electricity Authority Pricing Principles and

reasons for any inconsistency between the pricing methodology and the pricing principles;	Information Disclosure Guidelines. NWL considers its pricing methodology to be fully consistent with these.
(3) State the target revenue expected to be collected for the disclosure year to which the pricing methodology applies;	The table in paragraph 3.6 shows the target revenue to be collected in the disclosure year 2013/14.
(4) Where applicable, identify the key components of target revenue required to cover the costs and return on investment associated with the EDB's provision of electricity lines services. Disclosure must include the numerical value of each of the components;	The table in Appendix 2 details the key components of target revenue.
(5) State the consumer groups for whom prices have been set, and describe- (a) the rationale for grouping consumers in this way; (b) the method and the criteria used by the EDB to allocate consumers to each of the consumer groups;	Paragraph 5.1 details consumer groups and the rationale for grouping consumers this way and the method and criteria that NWL has used to allocate consumers to each group.
(6) If prices have changed from prices disclosed for the immediately preceding disclosure year, explain the reasons for changes, and quantify the difference in respect of each of those reasons;	Note 1 of the table in Appendix 3 details this - fixed charges for all consumer groups have remained the same, however variable distribution and transmission charges have increased.
(7) Where applicable, describe the method used by the EDB to allocate the target revenue among consumer groups, including the numerical values of the target revenue allocated to each consumer group, and the rationale for allocating it in this way;	Section 4, Revenue Factors describes the method that NWL has used to allocate target revenue amongst consumer groups.  The table in Appendix 2 shows numerical values of the target revenue allocated to each consumer group.
(8) State the proportion of target revenue (if applicable) that is collected through each price component as publicly disclosed under clause 2.4.18.	This is not applicable as NWL does not have different revenue targets for price components. NWL's revenue is only targetted across consumer groups and not to a lower level.
2.4.4 Every disclosure under clause 2.4.1 above must, if the EDB has a pricing strategy-	This is section is not applicable as the Directors of NWL have yet to decide on any such pricing strategy.
(1) Explain the pricing strategy for the next 5 disclosure years (or as close to 5 years as the pricing strategy allows), including the current disclosure year for which prices are set;	Not applicable as above.
(2) Explain how and why prices for each consumer group are expected to change as a result of the pricing strategy;	Not applicable as above.
(3) If the pricing strategy has changed from the preceding disclosure year, identify the changes and explain the reasons for the changes.	Not applicable as above.
2.4.5 Every disclosure under clause 2.4.1 above must-	

<p>(1) Describe the approach to setting prices for non-standard contracts, including-</p>	
<p>(a) the extent of non-standard contract use, including the number of ICPs represented by non-standard contracts and the value of target revenue expected to be collected from consumers subject to non-standard contracts;</p>	<p>The number of ICPs and the value of targeted revenue from non-standard contracts is detailed in the table in Appendix 2.</p>
<p>(b) how the EDB determines whether to use a non-standard contract, including any criteria used;</p>	<p>NWL has a number of historic non-standard contracts. However, it now has a policy that it will not offer non-standard contracts to any new customers.</p>
<p>(c) any specific criteria or methodology used for determining prices for consumers subject to non-standard contracts and the extent to which these criteria or that methodology are consistent with the pricing principles;</p>	<p>The methodology for determining prices for non-standard contracts is detailed in paragraph 5.4 for distribution and 5.7 for transmission.</p>
<p>(2) Describe the EDB's obligations and responsibilities (if any) to consumers subject to non-standard contracts in the event that the supply of electricity lines services to the consumer is interrupted. This description must explain-</p>	<p>This is not applicable as NWL does not treat interruptions to non-standard contract consumers any differently to those on standard contracts.</p>
<p>(a) the extent of the differences in the relevant terms between standard contracts and non-standard contracts;</p>	<p>Not applicable as above.</p>
<p>(b) any implications of this approach for determining prices for consumers subject to non-standard contracts;</p>	<p>Not applicable as above.</p>
<p>(3) Describe the EDB's approach to developing prices for electricity distribution services provided to consumers that own distributed generation, including any payments made by the EDB to the owner of any distributed generation, and including the-</p>	<p>Not applicable as NWL does not have prices specific to distributed generation consumers.</p>
<p>(a) prices; and</p>	<p>Not applicable as above.</p>
<p>(b) value, structure and rationale for any payments to the owner of the distributed generation.</p>	<p>Not applicable as above.</p>