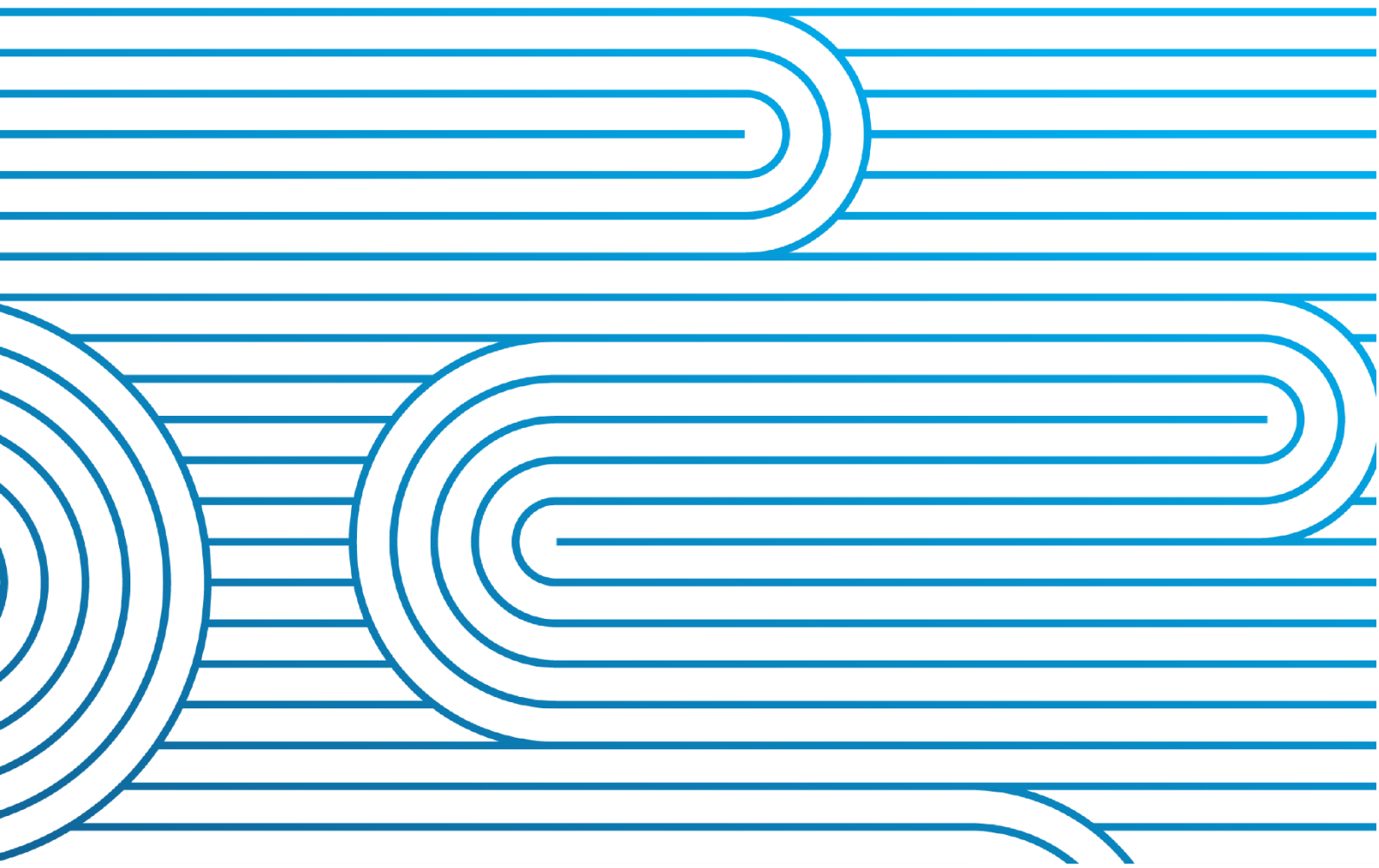


2025 Invitation to Tender for the Supply of Ancillary Services

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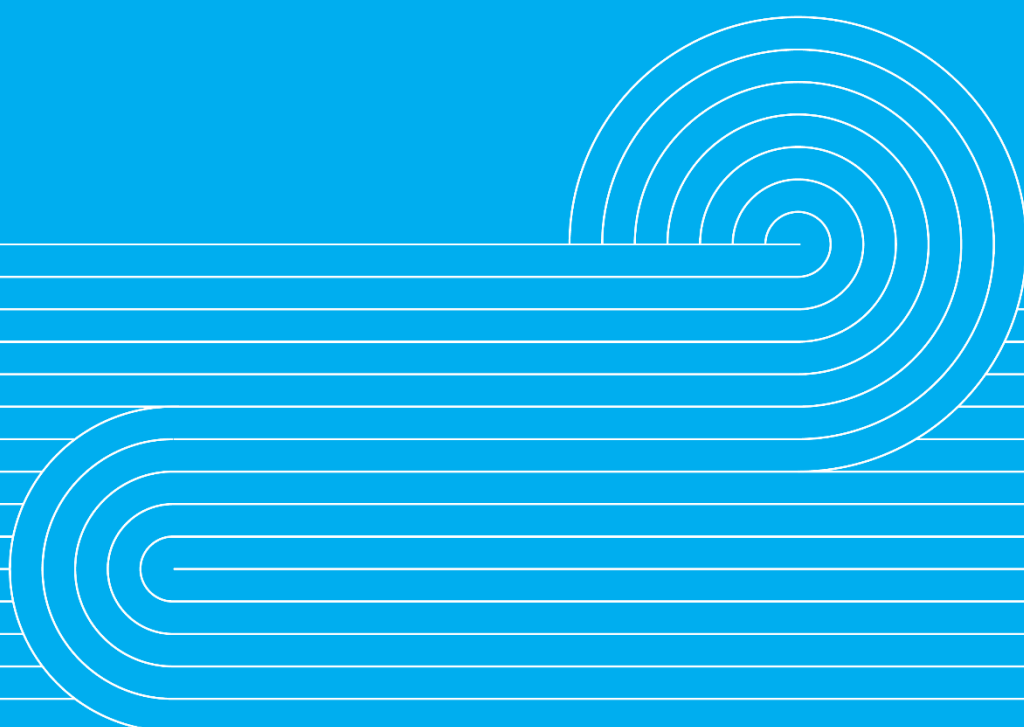
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1.0 Invitation to Tender



9 October 2025

Dear Ancillary Service Provider,

The System Operator invites tenders for the provision of the following ancillary services for the period from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027:

- Instantaneous Reserve: two-year term only
- Back-up Single Frequency Keeping: two-year term only
- Multiple Frequency Keeping: two-year term only
- Black Start (North Island): two-year term only

Tender Information

We enclose:

- Terms and Conditions of Tender;
- Tender Response Letter and Tender Response Forms A, B, C1, C2 and E; and
- Standard Ancillary Service Procurement Contract (ASPC) for 2025 (Parts A, A1, A2, B, and the relevant Ancillary Service Schedules).

1.1 Changes to Contract Standard Terms

We made changes to the standard terms of the Ancillary Service Procurement Contracts in 2025 as well as changes to the service schedules. These are summarised in the table below.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
<i>Part A - Foundation</i>		
1.1	Addition of NZBN Number	Easier and more precise identification of companies.
2.6	Updated job title of Transpower contact person.	To reflect current contact person's job title.
4.4	Added list of schedules included in the present agreement	Clarity and ease of reference.
<i>Part A1 – Glossary and Interpretation</i>		
Definition of "Procurement Plan"	Updated from "Procurement Plan commencing on 3 May 2022" to "Ancillary Services Procurement Plan commencing on 7 August 2025".	Reflect full title of the Procurement Plan. Reflect current version of the Procurement Plan.
Definition of "CPI"	Update "Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand" to "Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand".	Reflect exact name of the body referred to.
3.3(a)	Minor rewording.	Readability and clarity.
3.10	Remove mention of statutes referenced "in this clause 3.10".	Unnecessary; there are no statutory references in clause 3.10.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
<i>Part A2 – General Terms</i>		
1.1(b)	Added requirement to test and maintain equipment, and to ensure operators are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice.	These requirements were previously covered in the schedules and have been moved here for readability and completeness. Requirement to test has been made explicit here for clarity.
3.3(a)(ii)	Add wording to clarify that restoring Interruptible Load without a Dispatch Instruction constitutes a failure to comply with Dispatch Instructions, for the purpose of these contracts.	Interruptible Load should not be restored in conflict with Dispatch Instructions. Addition of wording clarifies this.
3.3(a)	System Operator is now required to give notice within 40 Business Days of the System Operator becoming aware of a failure, rather than within 40 Business Days of the failure itself.	Ensures the System Operator can take action even in the case where an Ancillary Service Agent did not notify them of, or did not become aware of, a failure within the 40 Business Day period.
3.3(d)	Addition of 3.3(d)(v) and 3.3(d)(vi). Minor rewording.	For consistency with change to 3.3(a) above.
4.2	Added requirement for data to be provided in a format reasonably required by the System Operator.	For clarity and completeness.
4.9	Added requirement for Ancillary Service Agent to notify the System Operator if they are unable to carry out a test.	Completeness.
4.10	Updated to match wording in the Procurement Plan,	To align with recent changes to the Procurement Plan.

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	reflecting requirement to use test guidelines published on the System Operator's website, where available.	
6.3	Insertion of "or that a Force Majeure has occurred".	For completeness.
7.4(a)	Change "12 months" to "1 year".	For consistency.
7.4(a)	Added "irrespective of the number of defaults".	For consistency with the Procurement Plan.
7.9(a)	Added "irrespective of the number of defaults".	For consistency with the Procurement Plan.
13.8	Addition of wording relating to jurisdiction.	It is usual for jurisdiction to be addressed in contracts alongside governing law provisions. Added for completeness.
<i>Part B - Trading Agent</i>		
1	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
2.1	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
4.1	Minor rewording.	Clarify that this clause also applies in the case of a replacement Trading Agent (not only a new Trading Agent).
Form	Added title "Deed of Undertaking".	Formatting.
<i>Instantaneous Reserve Schedule</i>		
Throughout	Subheadings removed at lower heading levels.	Formatting.
1.1	Added definition of "BESS".	For consistency with the Procurement Plan and to improve clarity.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
1.1	Within definition of “Block”, added cross-reference to characteristics in Appendix 1.	Characteristics in Appendix 1 were previously not referenced in the body of the contract. Adding cross-references improves clarity as to how these are expected to relate to the services.
1.1	Definition of “Equipment” changed to “GR Equipment”, and wording of definition updated.	For consistency with the Procurement Plan and to improve clarity.
1.1	Definition added for “IL Equipment”.	For consistency with the Procurement Plan and to improve clarity.
1.1	Definition added for “IR Equipment”.	For consistency with the Procurement Plan and to improve clarity.
1.1	Within definition of “Hold Delay”, clarified that this term is only relevant for Interruptible Load. Removed note about time delays usually being set in seconds.	Clarity and conciseness.
1.1	Within the definition of “Load Control Equipment”, removed references to Appendix 1.	For consistency with contents of Appendix 1 and greater clarity.
1.1	Minor rewording of definition of “Load Source”.	Clarity.
1.1	Within definition of “Monitoring Equipment”, update “Equipment” to “IR Equipment”, and “MW” to “MW or kW”.	For consistency with updated definitions. Allow for measurement equipment to record in either MW or kW.
1.1	Within definition of “Operating Time”, clarify that this only applies to Interruptible Load, and minor rewording.	Clarity.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
1.1	Update definition of “Permanently Armed” to be “Permanently Armed IL” and minor rewording of definition text.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
1.1	Within definition of “Station”, add reference to characteristics specified in Appendix 1.	Characteristics in Appendix 1 were previously not referenced in the body of the contract. Adding cross-references improves clarity as to how these are expected to relate to the services.
1.1	Within definition of “Unit”, add mention of BESS and reference to characteristics specified in Appendix 1.	Explicit mention of BESS for clarity. Characteristics in Appendix 1 were previously not referenced in the body of the contract. Adding cross-references improves clarity as to how these are expected to relate to the services.
2.1	“Equipment” updated to “IR Equipment”.	Consistent use of updated terminology.
3.1	Added cross reference to information in Appendix 1.	Characteristics in Appendix 1 were previously not referenced in the body of the contract. Adding cross-references improves clarity as to how these are expected to relate to the services.
3.1(a)	Added provision specifying that the Ancillary Service Agent is not authorised to provide Reserve Offers for equipment or GXPs not specified in Appendix 1.	Completeness.
3.2	Removed reference to Extended Reserve.	Extended Reserve scheme is no longer active.
3.2(b)	Removed reference to other manual load shedding agreements.	No longer required.
3.2	Added clarification that equipment armed for AUFLS or other load	Clarity and completeness.

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	shedding agreements may not be the subject of any Reserve Offer.	
3.4	Change “offer” to “Load Source”.	Consistent use of terminology.
3.5	New provision relating to disaggregation of Interruptible Load.	Required to address changes to nature of constraints in some geographical regions.
3.6	Minor rewording; change “written notice” to “notice”.	Clarity; all notices are required to be in writing under the general terms.
3.7(a)	Removal of word “Distributor”.	Clarity.
3.8	Added requirement for personnel to be trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice.	Completeness.
3.8	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
3.9	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
3.10	Change “written notice” to “notice”. Minor rewording.	Clarity; all notices are required to be in writing under the general terms.
3.11	Clause rewritten to better incorporate BESS and for clarity of testing requirements.	Better incorporate BESS and for clarity and completeness.
3.12	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
4.1	Add “are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice” in relation to requirements for personnel.	Reflect requirement as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
4.1	Removed reference to pagers. Added requirement for personnel to be trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice.	Removes outdated requirement. Consistency.
5	Performance Standards section has been rewritten in line with the updated Procurement Plan. This provides better coverage of BESS in particular, but also incorporates various other changes.	Ensure consistency with the Procurement Plan, improve coverage of BESS and provide greater clarity.
5.1	Interruptible load reserve response times have been incorporated from the procurement plan.	Completeness and usability.
5.1(a)	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
5.2	Generation reserve response times have been incorporated from the definitions in the Code.	Completeness and usability.
5.2(d)	Connection requirements specified for generation reserve.	Aligns with the procurement plan. Improves completeness and usability.
5.3	Performance requirements for Generation Reserve which is not BESS specified.	Aligns with the procurement plan and Code requirements. Provides completeness.
5.4	Performance requirements for BESS specified including requirement for controlled dynamic response and controlled ramp rates,	Aligns with the procurement plan requirements. Provides completeness.
5.7	Wording condensed.	Conciseness and readability.

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5.7(d)	Additional requirement for monitoring equipment to record net of other sources at the same Grid Point of Connection.	Provides more accurate data for assessment of performance.
5.8	Hydro station data to be provided at the Unit level for Stations providing both Partly Loaded Spinning Reserve and Tail Water Depressed Reserve.	Aligns with procurement plan.
5.9	Requirement for IL data to be provided in the format specified by the System Operator.	Allows for ease of assessment of performance.
5.10	"Capability data" clause moved from clause 7.	Improves readability.
7.1	Section rearranged into subclauses for Interruptible Load and Generation Reserve. Rewrite of clause to reflect latest Procurement Plan updates and ensure provisions are suitable and clear.	Provide greater clarity on categories of Instantaneous Reserve and testing provisions applying to each. Ensure consistent use of terminology throughout the contracts.
7.2	Update to terminology to match updated definitions, and minor rewording.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
	Removed sub-clause "Test Requirements – Equipment".	Replaced by new clause 7.5 "Test Requirements – IR Equipment".
7.3	Minor rewording to reflect updated terminology.	Consistent use of terminology.
7.3	Change "within 20 Business Days of such Trading Period" to "within	Ensures the System Operator can take action even in the case where an Ancillary Service Agent did not notify

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	20 Business Days of becoming aware of the failure by the Ancillary Service Agent”.	them of, or did not become aware of, a failure within the 20 Business Day period.
7.4	New clause “Test After Changes to IR Equipment”.	Specify requirements for testing after changes are made to the equipment, and to notify the System Operator of such changes.
7.5	New clause “Test Requirements – IR Equipment”.	Replaces removed section “Test Requirements – Equipment” with updated wording to reflect updated terminology.
7.6	Sub-clause “Test Requirements – Monitoring Equipment” moved from 7.4 to 7.6.	Readability.
7.7	New clause “Provision of Data for Compliance”.	Clearly specify requirements for providing data after completion of a test and treatment of time delays.
7.8	New clause “Breach of this Clause 7”.	Ensure there are clear enforcement provisions if testing requirements are not met.
	Clause “Capability Data” moved to clause 5.8.	No change to content of clause. Moved for readability.
8.1	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
Appendix 2	Headings updated.	Remove reference to pager numbers.
Appendix 3	Headings updated.	Remove reference to pager numbers.
<i>Back-Up Single Frequency Keeping Schedule</i>		
Throughout	Subheadings removed at lower heading levels.	Formatting.
1.1	Within definition of “Equipment”, remove mention of ‘trained	Clarity.

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	operators in lieu of Control Equipment”, and minor rewording.	
1.1	Removed definition of “Frequency Time Error Limits”.	No longer required; references to frequency time error removed throughout contracts.
1.1	Added definition of “FK Site”.	To align with updated terminology in the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Within definition of “Monitoring Equipment”, remove reference to Frequency Time Error.	References to frequency time error removed throughout contracts.
1.1	Removed definition of “New FK Site”.	Term no longer used within the BSFK Schedule.
1.2	Minor rewording.	Readability.
2	Removed section addressing “Pre-Contract Technical Review”.	No longer required. Pre-contract technical reviews will be completed prior to contracts being entered, so will not form part of the contract itself.
4.4(b)	“Written notice” amended to “notice”.	Clarity – offers may be cancelled by other means as required e.g. via software systems. All notices are required to be in writing under the general terms.
4.7	Removed the requirement for Ancillary Service Agents to provide the System Operator with a written monthly report of cancellations and revised submissions under clauses 4.5 and 4.6.	No longer required.
4.8	Added requirement for personnel are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice.	Reflect requirement as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency. Completeness.

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4.8	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
4.9	Updated “Information System approved by the Authority” to reference WITS and the relevant clause of the Code.	Specificity and clarity.
4.10	Updated “Information System approved by the Authority” to reference WITS and the relevant clause of the Code.	Specificity and clarity.
4.11	Minor rewording.	Clarity and readability.
4.12	Remove “written” from notice requirement. Add “or its Monitoring Equipment” after “Equipment”.	All notices are required to be in writing under the general terms. Testing for either Equipment or Monitoring Equipment may affect the ability of Ancillary Service Agent to provide the service; amendment to wording reflects this more clearly.
4.13	Minor rewording. Add specification that test results must be assessed and approved by the System Operator, and that if the requirement is met by providing Frequency Keeping rather than by testing, then this must have been provided to the reasonable satisfaction of the System Operator.	Clarity and completeness.
4.14	Clarify that offers submitted in breach of clause 4.13 will not be accepted.	Provides completeness.
5.2	Added requirement for personnel to be trained in	Reflect requirement as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	accordance with Good Industry Practice.	
5.2	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
5.3	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
5.5	New clause.	Provides additional detail for block dispatch groups, station dispatch groups and groups of load sources.
6.1	Update to referenced clauses.	Completeness; adds reference to new outage provisions.
6.1(a)	Minor rewording. Additional requirement for back-up single frequency keeping sites to available at all times.	Clarity.
6.1(b)(ii)	Minor wording changes.	Readability.
6.1(c)	Requirement reduced from keeping the Frequency Time Error within the defined limits, to “as close as possible to zero”.	To reflect changed requirements in the Procurement Plan.
6.2	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
6.3	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
6.3(c)	Removed 6.3(c) “Frequency Time Error”.	To reflect changed requirements in the Procurement Plan and planned changes to the Code.
6.6	Requirement for data to be held extended from 15 to 30 business days.	To reflect updated requirements in the Procurement Plan.
6.7	Clause “Capability Data” moved from section 8.	No change to content. Moved for readability.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
7.1(a)	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
7.3	Clause rewritten to reflect updated requirements.	Change to process required for operational reasons.
7.5	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
8	New section covering outage provisions.	Clarity, completeness and to reflect Procurement Plan updates.
9.1	Clause 9.1 has been restructured for clarity and to better reflect the testing provisions as required in the Procurement Plan.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
9.2	Minor rewording.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
	Clauses “Test Requirements – Equipment” and “Test Requirements – Monitoring Equipment” have been moved to clauses 9.5 and 9.6 respectively.	No change to wording. Moved for better readability.
	Removal of clause “Testing Arrangements”.	Further detail on testing arrangements can now be found in clause 4.10 of Part A2.
9.3(b)	Changed “within 20 Business Days of such Trading Period” to “20 Business Days of becoming aware of the failure by the Ancillary Service Agent”.	Ensures the System Operator can take action even in the case where an Ancillary Service Agent did not notify them of, or did not become aware of, a failure within the 20 Business Day period.
9.3	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
9.4	New clause “Test After Changes to Equipment”.	Specify requirements for testing after changes are made to the equipment, and requirement to notify the System Operator of such changes.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
9.5	Clause “Test Requirements – Equipment” relocated from above.	No change to content. Improved readability.
9.6	Clause “Test Requirements – Monitoring Equipment” relocated from above.	No change to content. Improve readability.
9.7	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
	Clause “Capability Data” removed; relocated to clause 6.7 above.	No change to content. Improve readability.
9.8	New clause “Breach of this clause 9”.	Ensure there are clear enforcement provisions if testing requirements are not met.
Appendix 3	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
Appendix 4	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
<i>Multiple Frequency Keeping Schedule</i>		
Throughout	Subheadings removed at lower heading levels.	Formatting.
1.1	Definition of “Assessment Period” removed.	No longer required.
1.1	Within definition of “Equipment”, minor rewording.	Clarity.
1.1	Definition of “FK Site” added.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
1.1	Removed definition of “New FK Site”.	No longer required.
1.2	Added clarification that references to an End-to-End test for an FK site	Clarity and completeness.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	mean an end-to-end test of all equipment and monitoring equipment relating to the FK site.	
2	Removed section addressing "Pre-Contract Technical Review".	No longer required. Pre-contract technical reviews will be completed prior to contracts being entered, so will not form part of the contract itself.
4.4(b)	Minor rewording; change "written notice" to "notice".	Clarity; all notices are required to be in writing under the general terms.
4.7	Removed the requirement for Ancillary Service Agents to provide the System Operator with a written monthly report of cancellations and revised submissions under clauses 4.5 and 4.6.	No longer required.
4.8	Add "are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice" in relation to requirements for personnel.	Reflect requirement as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency.
4.8	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
4.9	Updated "Information System approved by the Authority" to reference WITS and the relevant clause of the Code.	Specificity and clarity.
4.10	Updated "Information System approved by the Authority" to reference WITS and the relevant clause of the Code.	Specificity and clarity.
4.11	Minor rewording.	Clarity.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
4.12	Remove “written” from notice requirement. Add “or its Monitoring Equipment” after “Equipment”.	All notices are required to be in writing under the general terms. Testing for either Equipment or Monitoring Equipment may affect the ability of Ancillary Service Agent to provide the service; amendment to wording reflects this more clearly.
4.13	Minor rewording. Add specification that test results must be assessed and approved by the System Operator, and that if the requirement is met by providing Frequency Keeping rather than by testing, then this must have been provided to the reasonable satisfaction of the System Operator.	Clarity and completeness.
4.14	Clarify that offers submitted in breach of clause 4.13 will not be accepted.	Provides completeness.
5.3	Add “are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice” in relation to requirements for personnel.	Reflect requirement as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency.
5.3	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
5.4	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
5.6	New clause.	Provides additional detail for block dispatch groups, station dispatch groups and groups of load sources.
6.5	Requirement for data to be held extended from 15 to 30 business days.	To reflect updated requirements in the Procurement Plan.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
6.6	Moved requirements on capability data from clause 8.7 to new clause 6.6.	Readability.
7.3	Clause rewritten to reflect updated requirements.	Change to process required for operational reasons.
8.1	Clause 8.1 has been restructured for clarity and to reflect updated testing requirements in the Procurement Plan. Subclause 8.1(b) moved elsewhere.	Clarity, consistent use of terminology and to reflect updates to the Procurement Plan.
8.2	Minor rewording.	Clarity and consistent use of terminology.
	Clauses “Test Requirements – Equipment” and “Test Requirements – Monitoring Equipment” have been moved to clauses 8.5 and 8.6 respectively.	No change to wording. Moved for better readability.
8.3(b)	Changed “within 20 Business Days of such Trading Period” to “20 Business Days of becoming aware of the failure by the Ancillary Service Agent”.	Ensures the System Operator can take action even in the case where an Ancillary Service Agent did not notify them of, or did not become aware of, a failure within the 20 Business Day period.
8.3	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
8.4	New clause “Test After Changes to Equipment”.	Specify requirements for testing after changes are made to the equipment, and to notify the System Operator of such changes.
8.5	Clause relocated from above.	No change to content. Improve readability.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
8.6	Clause relocated from above.	No change to content. Improved readability.
8.7	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
	Clause “Capability Data” removed; relocated to clause 6.7 above.	No change to content. Improve readability.
8.8	New clause “Breach of this clause 8”.	Ensure there are clear enforcement provisions if testing requirements are not met.
Appendix 3	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
Appendix 4	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.
<i>Black Start Schedule</i>		
Throughout	Subheadings removed at lower heading levels.	Formatting.
1.1	Definition of “Equipment” changed to “Black Start Equipment” and wording updated.	Definitions updated for clarity, internal consistency and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Definition of “Unit” changed to “Black Start Generating Unit” and wording updated.	Definitions updated for clarity, internal consistency and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Definition updated for “Station” changed to “Black Start Station” and wording updated.	Definitions updated for clarity, internal consistency and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Within definition of “Equipment”, the term “Unit” has been changed to “Black Start Generating Unit”.	To maintain consistency with the updated definitions.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
1.1	Updated definition of "Equipment".	Definition updated for clarity, internal consistency and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Definition of "Requested" changed: term changed to "Request" and "requested to provide Black Start" changed to "a request to provide Black Start".	Clarity.
1.1	Updated definition of "Request Procedure".	Definitions updated for clarity, internal consistency and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
1.1	Updated definition of "Test Switching Event".	Conciseness and clarity.
3.1	Changed "Whenever Black Start is required" to "If Black Start is required".	Clarity.
3.2	Change "Black Start request issued by the System Operator to provide Black Start Reserve" to "Request".	Conciseness.
3.2	Add "are trained in accordance with Good Industry Practice" in relation to requirements for personnel.	Reflect requirement for personnel to be changed as per the Procurement Plan. Provides consistency.
3.2	Removed requirement for pager in Appendix 4.	Removes outdated requirement.
4.1(a)	Moved and amalgamated requirement for sufficient Units from 4.1(a) below. Change "each item of Equipment" to "sufficient Equipment".	Clarity. Clarity and conciseness.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
4.1(b)	Minor rewording.	Clarity. Consistency with Procurement Plan.
4.1(c)	Change “Unit” to “Black Start Generating Unit”.	For consistency with changes to definitions.
4.1(c)	Add “when” before “Requested” and remove “and” after semicolon.	Minor wording changes for clarity.
	Removed 4.1(d) relating to maintenance requirements.	This is now covered elsewhere. Removed to avoid duplication.
4.2	Change “must ensure that it provides Black Start” to “must provide Black Start”.	Conciseness.
4.2(a)	Minor rewording of clause.	Reflect changes to definitions of terms; clarity. Aligns with Procurement Plan.
4.2(b)	Change “Unit” to “Black Start Generating Unit”.	Reflect changes to definitions of terms.
4.2(c)	Change “Unit” to “Black Start Generating Unit”.	Reflect changes to definitions of terms.
4.2(d)	Clause added to capture the requirement for remaining units to start and synchronise to the busbar.	Aligns with Procurement Plan.
	Sub-clause removed that required initial charging of the circuits and other assets and progressive energising.	Removes replication and consistency with Procurement Plan.
4.2(e)	Change “Unit” to “Black Start Generating Unit”.	Reflect changes to definitions of terms.
4.2(g)	Change “frequency regulating reserve” to	Clarity and conciseness.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	"frequency regulation" and remove "to".	
4.3	Moved requirements on capability data from clause 7.9 to new section 4.3.	Readability.
5	"Fee" changed to "Fees" throughout clause 5.	Clarity.
5.1(a)	Added clarification that availability fees are paid even if there are no Black Start events.	Clarity.
5.1(b)(i)	Clause removed.	Conciseness. No longer relevant.
5.2	Wording updated for clarity, and to reflect updated definitions.	Clarity, and to reflect updated definitions.
5.3	Wording updating for clarity.	Clarity.
5.4	CPI adjustment dates updated to reflect contract dates for this tender round.	Update dates for current tender round.
6.1	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
6.3	Sub-clauses reordered and minor rewording.	Clarity and readability.
6.4	Update references to clauses 6.3(a) and 6.3(b) to refer to all of clause 6.3.	Clarity and readability.
6.4(b)	Change "adhere" to "comply".	Clarity.
6.5	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
6.7	Minor rewording.	Clarity.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
7.1(a)	Rewritten for clarity and consistency with the Procurement Plan.	Clarity and consistency with the Procurement Plan.
7.1(b)	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
7.3	Minor rewording. Clause 7.4 amalgamated into clause 7.3 as new subclause 7.3(c).	Clarity.
7.4	Minor rewording. Clause 7.6 amalgamated into clause 7.4.	Clarity.
	Removal of clause "Testing Arrangements".	No longer required.
	Removal of clause "Compliance with Clause 7.1(a)".	Removes repetition.
7.5	Minor rewording.	Clarity.
7.5(b)	Changed "within 20 Business Days of such Trading Period" to "20 Business Days of becoming aware of the failure by the Ancillary Service Agent".	Ensures the System Operator can take action even in the case where an Ancillary Service Agent did not notify them of, or did not become aware of, a failure within the 20 Business Day period.
7.6	New clause "Test After Changes to Equipment".	Specify requirements for testing after changes are made to the equipment, and requirement to notify the System Operator of such changes.
7.7	New clause "Provision of data for compliance".	Clearly specify requirements for providing data after completion of a test and treatment of time delays.
7.8	New clause "Breach of this Clause 7".	Ensure there are clear enforcement provisions if testing requirements are not met.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	Clause "Capability Data" moved to clause 4.3.	No change to content of clause. Moved for readability.
8.1	Change "Generating Units" to "Black Start Generating Units".	Reflect changes to definitions of terms.
Appendix 4	Removed reference to pagers.	Removes outdated requirement.

1.2 Changes between 2022 and 2025 Procurement Plan

The 2022 Ancillary Service Procurement Plan was in effect for the previous Ancillary Service Procurement Contracts. The 2025 Ancillary Service Procurement Plan came into effect on 7 August 2025 and will be effective for the 2025 Ancillary Service Procurement Contracts.

The differences between the 2022 and 2025 Procurement Plans can be found on the [consultation page](#) on our website.

1.3 Submission of Tenders

Please send an electronic copy of your tender, in both PDF format (including scanned signatures) and in Microsoft Word format in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Tender to: system.operator@transpower.co.nz.

Please note you do not need to send an original copy by post. The closing time for tenders is **5pm on Wednesday 5 November 2025**. We must have received your tenders by then.

All communications and requests for information must be made to the Tender Coordinator, Bridget Legg, on 021 718 404 or by email to system.operator@transpower.co.nz.

We look forward to receiving your tenders.

Yours sincerely,



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