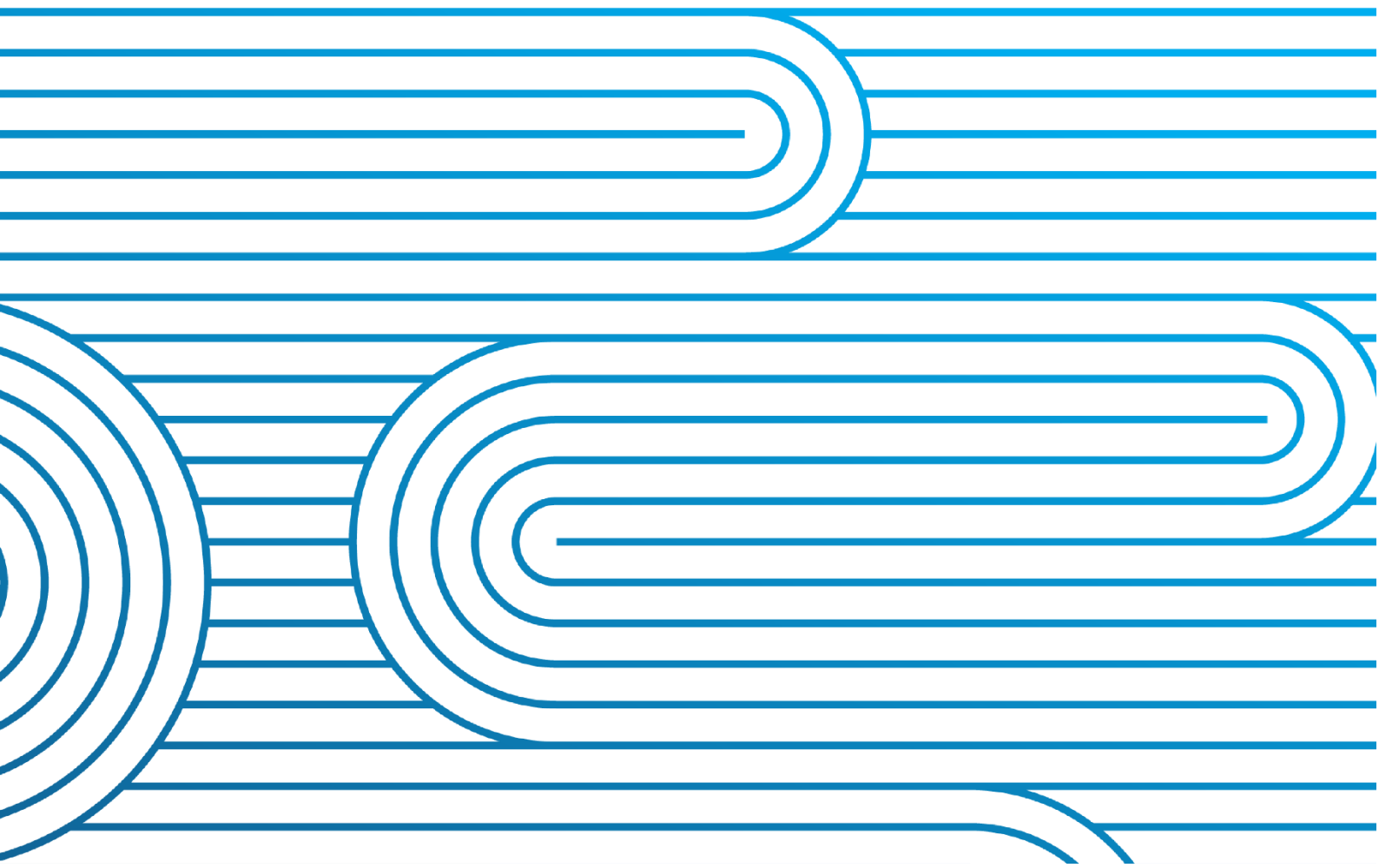


2026 Invitation to Tender for the Supply of Ancillary Services

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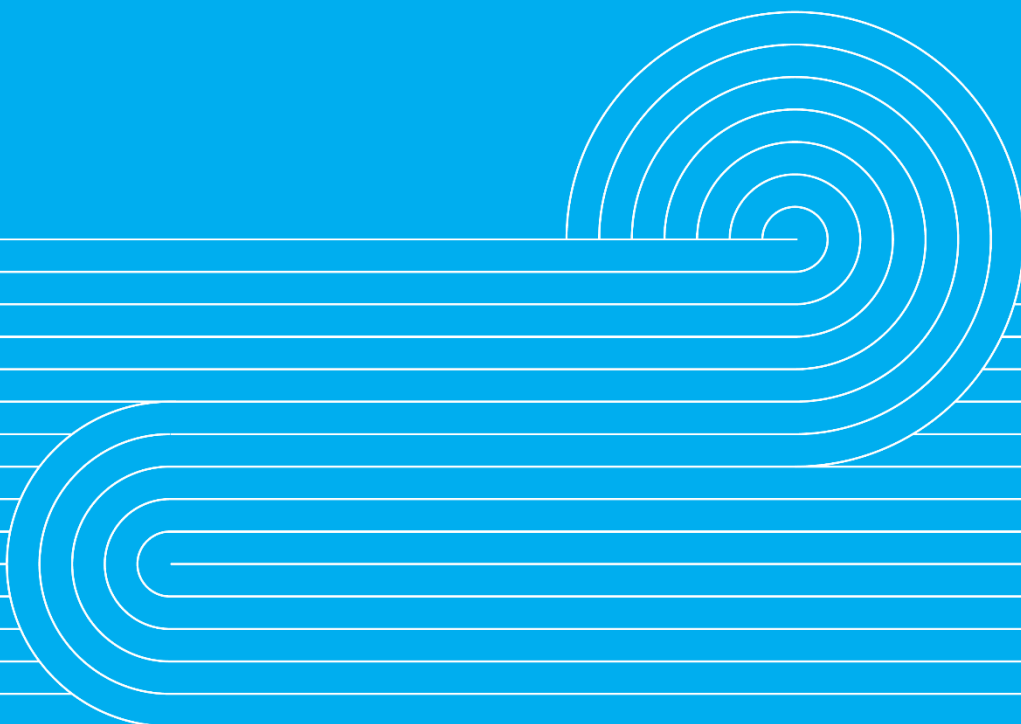
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1.0 Invitation to Tender



15 October 2026

Dear Ancillary Service Provider,

The System Operator invites tenders for the provision of the following ancillary services for the period from 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028:

- Over-Frequency Reserve: two-year term only
- Black Start (South Island): two-year term only

Tender Information

We enclose:

- Terms and Conditions of Tender;
- Tender Response Forms A, D, and E; and
- Standard Ancillary Service Procurement Contract (ASPC) for 2026 (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 2026. These are summarised in the table below.

Contracts (and therefore tender responses) must now contain pricing broken down by unit or station (as applicable).

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
<i>Black Start Schedule</i>		
1.1	Added and updated definitions, including Allowed Outage, Availability Fee, Black Start, Black Start Equipment, Black Start Service Test, Black Start Generating Unit, Event, Event Fee, Method, Outage, Performance Standard, POCP, Request, Station, Term and Unit. References to Code and Procurement Plan definitions added where appropriate.	To improve alignment between the Black Start (BS) contract, the Procurement Plan and the Code, reducing ambiguity and improving consistency of interpretation.
4.1–4.3	Section reordered and performance standards added for Monitoring Equipment.	Provides clarity.
5.1–5.4	New operational requirements section consolidating and expanding requirements for ongoing operational readiness and contract management.	To improve operational coordination and support ongoing management of BS capability.
6.1–6.4	Clause reworked to clarify the pricing, payment and annual fee adjustment arrangements for BS.	Clarifies the pricing, payment and annual fee adjustment arrangements for BS.
7.1–7.7	Section reworked for clarity. Outage exemptions constrained to the current contract term.	To align with operational treatment of outages.

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	Addition of requirement for outages to be entered into POCP.	
8.1–8.9	Testing requirements section restructured. New requirement for Ancillary Service Agents to email the System Operator with results of Black Start Equipment testing.	To provide clarity and to ensure auditability of compliance with testing requirements.
Appendix 1	Capability schedule updated to include more precise variable definitions.	To clarify the required input better.
<i>Over Frequency Reserve Schedule</i>		
1.1	Added and updated definitions, including Allowed Outage, Arm/Disarm Test, Availability Fee, Circuit Breaker Equipment, Control Equipment, Control system, Dispatch Instruction, Dispatched, Event Fee, Monitoring Equipment, Outage, Performance Standard, Provided, Relay Equipment, Required Frequency, Term and Test Form. References to Code and Procurement Plan definitions added where appropriate.	To improve alignment between the OFR contract, the Procurement Plan and the Code, reducing ambiguity and improving consistency of interpretation.
3.1-3.5	Added provisions allowing ramping plant control systems to receive remote signalling.	To support a broader range of OFR technologies, including ramping capable plant and BESS-based responses, and to align with Procurement Plan updates.
4.1-4.4	Section reordered and performance standards added for Control Systems, including	To support a broader range of OFR technologies, including ramping capable plant and BESS-based

Clause #	Description of Change	Rationale
	response time and monitoring requirements.	responses, and to better reflect operational OFR delivery arrangements.
5.1-5.4	New operational requirements section consolidating and expanding requirements for ongoing operational-readiness and contract-management requirements.	To improve operational coordination and support ongoing management of OFR capability.
6.4	Clause reworked to consolidate and clarify the annual fee-adjustment arrangements for OFR.	Clarify the annual fee-adjustment arrangements for OFR.
7.1-7.6	Section reworked for clarity. Outage exemptions constrained to the current contract term.	To align with operational treatment of outages.
8.1-8.8	Testing requirements section restructured and expanded to include ramping-based and BESS OFR.	To provide clarity and to support a broader range of OFR technologies, including ramping capable plant and BESS-based responses.
Appendix 1	Capability schedule updated to require Unit level values for Availability Fees and Event Fees.	To support Unit/Station-level procurement.
Appendix 3	OFR Test Form removed and replaced with a link in the Glossary.	To ensure consistency.

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 for Over-Frequency Reserve and Black Start (South Island). The 2025 Ancillary Service Procurement Plan came into effect on 7 August 2025 and will apply to the 2026 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 submit an electronic copy of your tender using the submission form on our [tender webpage](#), with tender response forms in Microsoft Word format in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Tender.

If you have difficulties using the form, please contact us at market.operations@transpower.co.nz.

The closing time for tenders is **5pm on Tuesday 3 November 2026**. We must have received your tenders by then.

We are holding a tender briefing at 10:30am on Thursday 22 October via Teams. We will cover the tender process, any relevant changes, and will provide an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Information on how to join the briefing is available on the [tender webpage](#).

During the tender period all communications, questions, and requests for information must be made to the Tender Coordinator, Bridget Legg, on 021 718 404 or by email to market.operations@transpower.co.nz.

We look forward to receiving your tenders.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures: Terms and Conditions of Tender
 Tender Response Forms A, D, and E
 Standard Ancillary Service Procurement Contract for 2026

