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Ancillary Services Tender 2025

Tender Briefing

21 October 2025



Agenda

- Tender Process
- Changes for 2026
- Questions/Patai



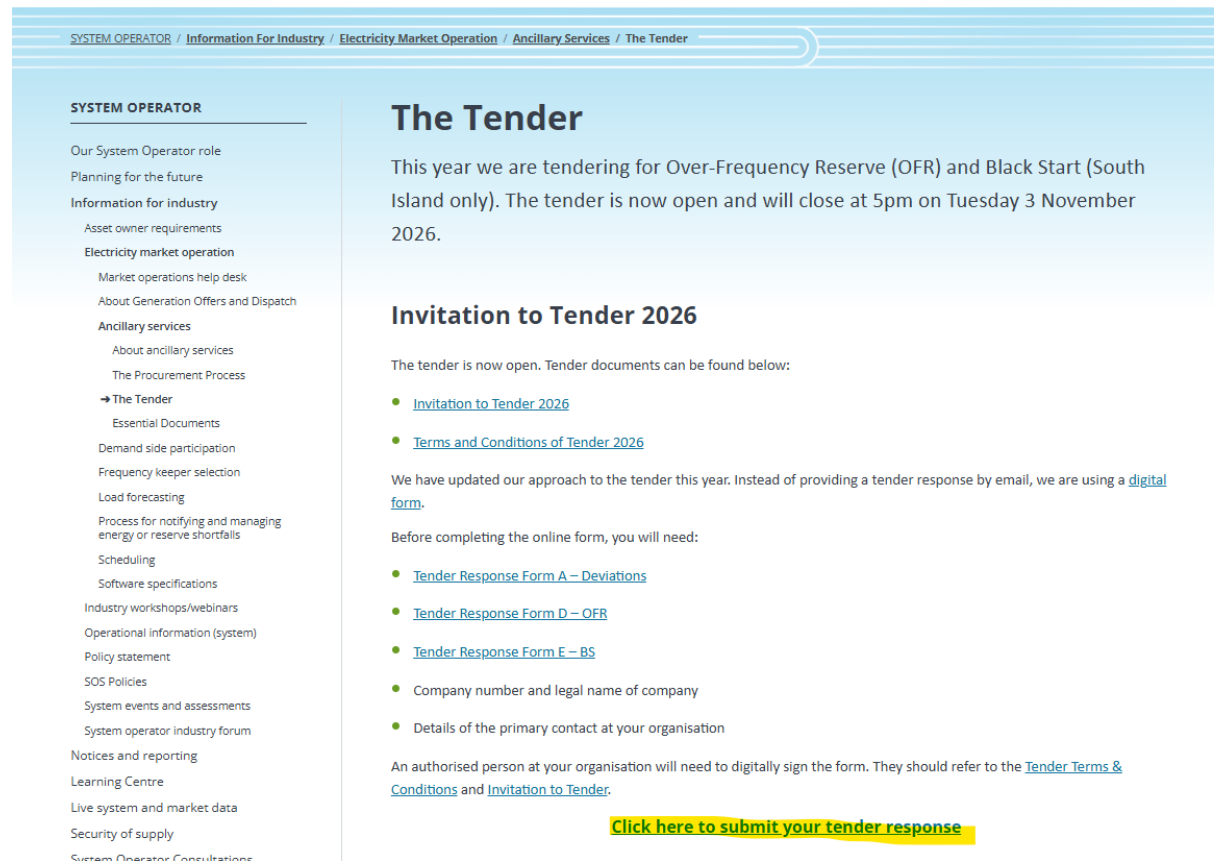
Tender Process

- Services tendered for (re)contracting
 - Over Frequency Reserve
 - Black Start (South Island only)
- All new and existing service providers
- Tender documents and draft contract on our [Ancillary Services Tender webpage](#)
- Key dates:
 - Tender close: 5pm Tuesday 3 November
 - Contract sign by: Friday 11 December 2026
 - Contract start: 12am Friday 1 January 2027



New Submission Portal

- <https://www.transpower.co.nz/system-operator/information-industry/electricity-market-operation/ancillary-services/tender>



SYSTEM OPERATOR / Information For Industry / Electricity Market Operation / Ancillary Services / The Tender

SYSTEM OPERATOR

- Our System Operator role
- Planning for the future
- Information for industry
 - Asset owner requirements
 - Electricity market operation
 - Market operations help desk
 - About Generation Offers and Dispatch
 - Ancillary services
 - About ancillary services
 - The Procurement Process
 - The Tender
 - Essential Documents
 - Demand side participation
 - Frequency keeper selection
 - Load forecasting
 - Process for notifying and managing energy or reserve shortfalls
 - Scheduling
 - Software specifications
 - Industry workshops/webinars
 - Operational information (system)
 - Policy statement
 - SOS Policies
 - System events and assessments
 - System operator industry forum
- Notices and reporting
- Learning Centre
- Live system and market data
- Security of supply
- System Operator Consultations

The Tender

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Before completing the online form, you will need:

- [Tender Response Form A – Deviations](#)
- [Tender Response Form D – OFR](#)
- [Tender Response Form E – BS](#)
- Company number and legal name of company
- Details of the primary contact at your organisation

An authorised person at your organisation will need to digitally sign the form. They should refer to the [Tender Terms & Conditions](#) and [Invitation to Tender](#).

[Click here to submit your tender response](#)



Ancillary Services Tender Response

Thank you for your participation in the ancillary services tender round. The information you provide will help Transpower understand your organisation's capability to offer an ancillary service, and your readiness to participate in the electricity market. Our team will be in touch with you. In the meantime,

If you have any questions about the form, contact market.operations@transpower.co.nz.

Organisation Name *

Include the legal name of your organisation and company number as provided in the NZ Companies Office or Limited Partnership [Registers](#).

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Organisation Address *

The location of your organisation

Primary Contact Name *

This should be the full name of the person managing the ancillary services onboarding in your organisation

Position *

Role within organisation

Which ancillary service(s) would you like to offer for the upcoming tender period? *

We are currently tendering for a contract period of 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028.

Attach your tender response form/s for the above service/s. *

The draft tender response forms are available on our Tender page.



Choose a file to upload or drag and drop here

Deviations from standard Ancillary Service Procurement Contract

Please indicate whether your application includes any deviations. Please note the restrictions on deviations in the Terms and Conditions of Tender (available on our Tender webpage). If you need more space than this, please attach a file later in the form.

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Attach any files or further information in support of your application.



Choose a file to upload or drag and drop here

Sign below to acknowledge and confirm the following: *

- 1. We have read all parts of the invitation to tender for the relevant tender round.
- 2. Our tender constitutes separate offers to supply the Ancillary Service(s) tendered for, which the System Operator may accept in accordance with paragraph 9.1 of the Terms and Conditions of Tender;
- 3. If the System Operator accepts our tender, a contract for the supply of the relevant Ancillary Service(s) will be formed between the System Operator and us, the terms and conditions of which will be those set out in the standard Ancillary Service Procurement Contract (available on the Essential Documents webpage), subject only to any deviations identified in this form. We will provide the Ancillary Service(s) in accordance with those terms and conditions and complete formal contract documents as soon as reasonably practicable after the System Operator accepts our tender;
- 4. The System Operator is not bound to accept the lowest, or any, tender it receives for any Ancillary Service; and
- 5. The person signing this application form is duly authorised to do so.

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Contract changes

- Now have a requirement for compliance with the relevant test guidelines GL-EA-1333
- CPI adjustments to be applied from the anniversary of the start of the contract term
- Restructured contracts with operational requirements section
 - Consolidates requirements
- Outage exemptions constrained to the current contract term
- 2025 deferred changes to the Procurement Plan have not been reflected in the new contracts
- General terms and other schedules were updated in 2025



Over Frequency Reserve

Incorporates 2025 PP changes

- BESS and other fast ramping plant
 - Performance standards added
 - Includes response time for control systems
 - Testing requirements added
- Yearly end-to-end testing required
- Exemption from testing if
 - Fully compliant in an event, and
 - Data has been provided for verification

Reminder to always keep POCP up to date



Over Frequency Reserve Capability

Appendix 1 - Capability

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Black Start Testing

BS Equipment - Diesel generators and/or aux hydro plant

- New requirement for an email to SO with test results
system.operator@transpower.co.nz
- Outages required to be logged in POCP with block code in the following format:
 - **XXX_BS_AUX** where XXX is the three-letter station code
 - Website demo will be available soon

Remote synch breaker clause remains in the contacts and any deviations to contracts will be assessed as per the normal process



Black Start Capability

Appendix 1 – Capability

Station ID	Unit ID	Island	Black Start Equipment	Automatic time <u>for Unit(s) to reach synchronous speed from disconnection (minutes)</u> *	~~Manual~~ Automatic time <u>for Unit(s) to reach synchronous speed from stationary (minutes)</u> **	Manual time <u>for Unit(s) to reach synchronous speed from stationary (minutes)</u> ***	Network Busbar(s) able to be re-energised (eg TBK1101)	Availability Fee (\$ per month)	Event fee (\$ per ~~event~~ Event)

*When Unit(s) are running but have been disconnected from the Grid.

**When Unit(s) are not running but can be started and brought to synchronous speed without manual intervention.

***When unit(s) are not running and require manual intervention to start and bring to synchronous speed.

Questions / Patai

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Thank you

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