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Meridian Energy monthly operating report for June 2020

22 July 2020

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month of June 2020.

Highlights this month include:

- In the month to 20 July 2020, national hydro storage decreased from 103% to 75% of historical average
- South Island storage sat at 75% of average and North Island storage at 76% of average on 20 July 2020
- Meridian's June 2020 monthly total inflows were 78% of historical average
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment storage at the end of June 2020 was 73% of historical average
- Storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was below average at the end of June 2020
- National electricity demand in June 2020 was 1.1% lower than the same month last year
- Weekly demand continued its relatively strong levels through Alert Level 1
- June 2020 was a warm start to winter across much of the country. While most of the North Island saw above average rainfall, southern and western parts of the South Island were comparatively dry
- Meridian made calls under the Genesis swaption during June 2020 and July 2020
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during June 2020 was 565MW as the 4th potline at Tiwai Point remains suspended in response to COVID-19
- Meridian's New Zealand retail sales volumes in June 2020 were 15.6% higher than June 2019
- Compared to June 2019, Meridian saw increased segment sales in all segments: residential (+6.0%), small medium business (+4.3%) agricultural (+19.4%), large business (+18.8%) and corporate (+26.3%)

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JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

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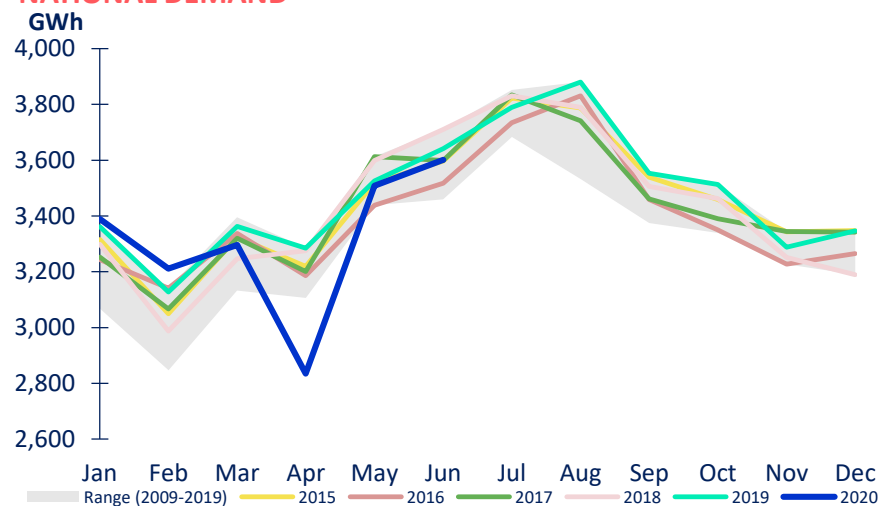
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MARKET DATA

¹for up to six months from April 2020

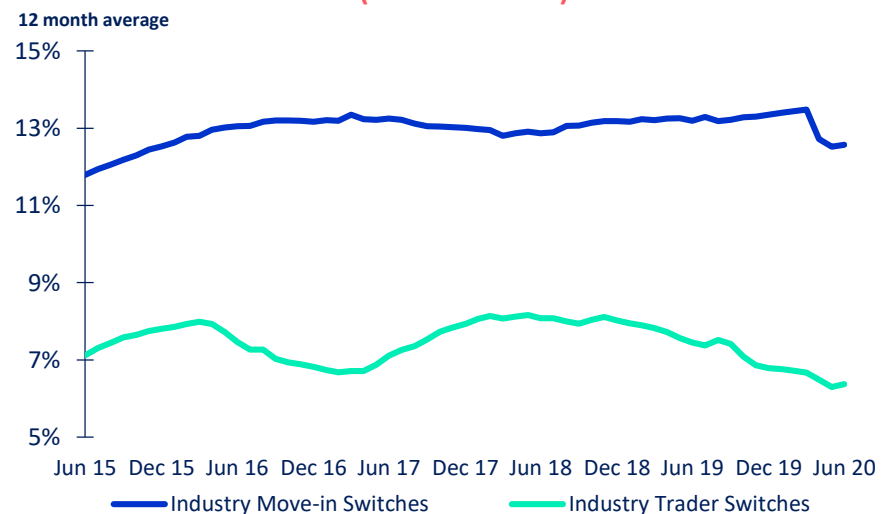
- National electricity demand in June 2020 was 1.1% lower than the same month last year
- June 2020 was a warm start to winter across much of the country. While most of the North Island saw above average rainfall, southern and western parts of the South Island were comparatively dry
- Demand in the last 12 months was 0.3% lower than the preceding 12 months
- Weekly demand continued its relatively strong levels through Alert Level 1
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during May 2020 was 565MW as the 4th potline at Tiwai Point remains suspended in response to COVID-19¹
- 12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving ("trader" switch) was 6.4% at the end of June 2020
- 12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers ("move-in" switch) was 12.6% at the end of June 2020

NATIONAL DEMAND



Source: Electricity Authority (reconciled demand)

MARKET ICP SWITCHING (ALL RETAILERS)

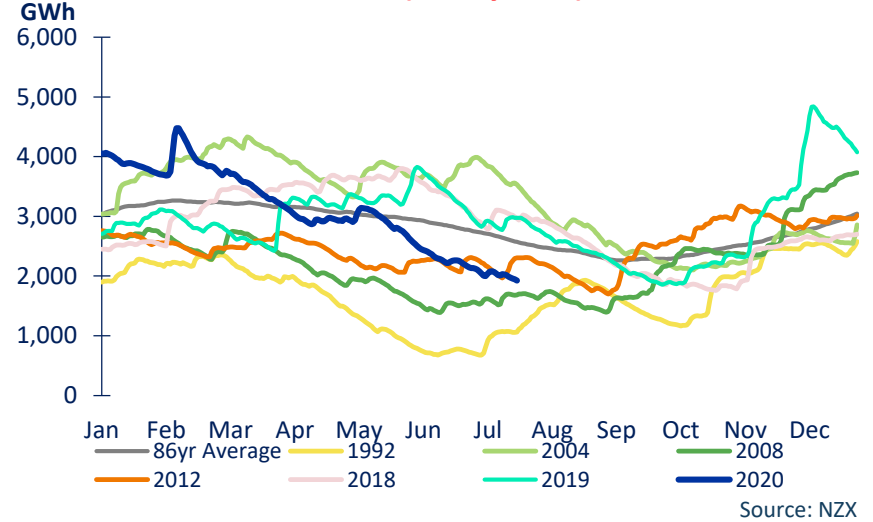


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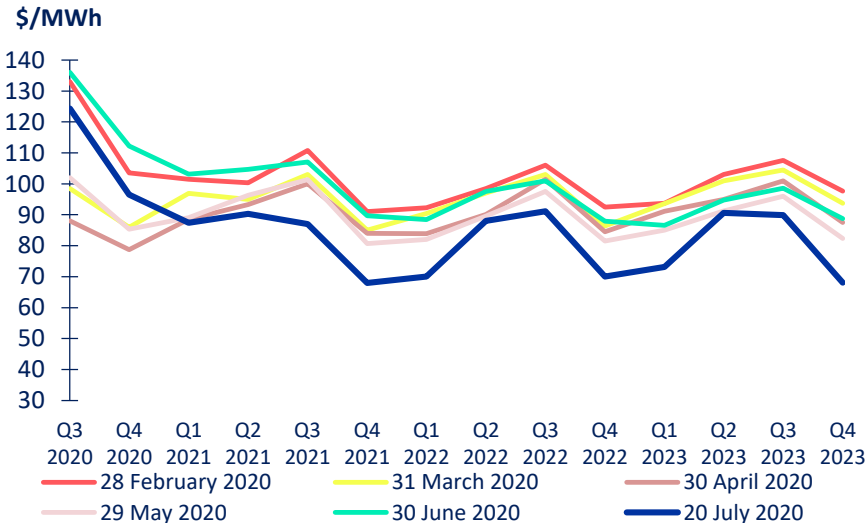
MARKET DATA

- June 2020 saw decreases in ASX prices following the Tiwai smelter contract termination notice announced by Rio Tinto
- National storage decreased from 80% of average on 11 June 2020 to 75% of average on 20 July 2020
- South Island storage decreased to 75% of historical average on 20 July 2020. North Island storage increased to 76% of average

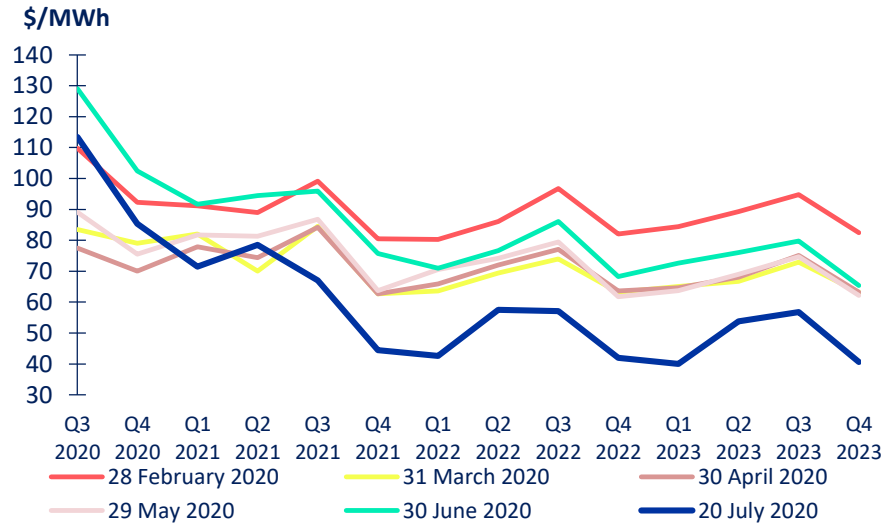
NATIONAL HYDRO STORAGE (20 July 2020)



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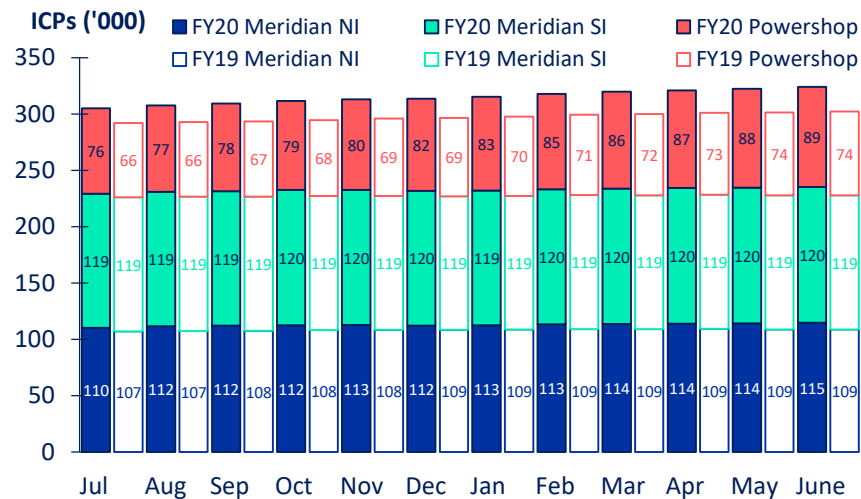
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NEW ZEALAND RETAIL

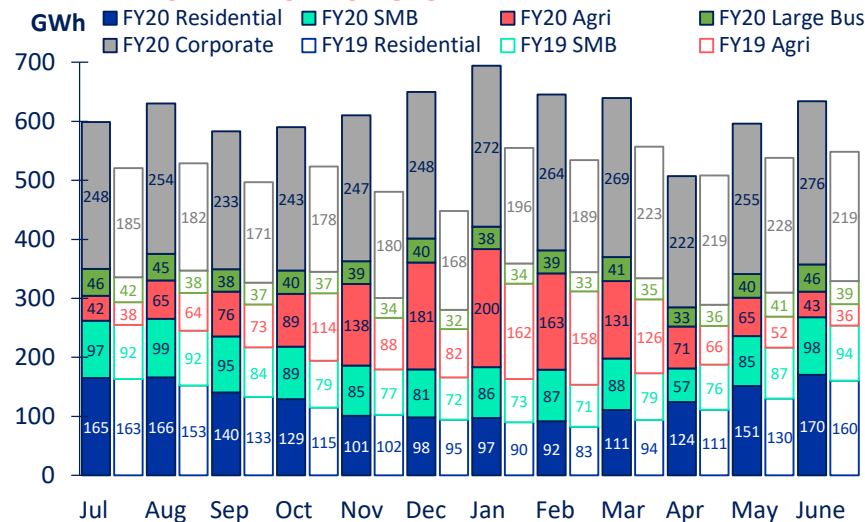
- Meridian's New Zealand customer connection numbers rose 0.6% during June 2020 and have risen 7.3% since June 2019
- Retail sales volumes in June 2020 were 15.6% higher than June 2019
- Compared to June 2019, Meridian saw increased segment sales in all segments: residential (+6.0%), small medium business (+4.3%) agricultural (+19.4%), large business (+18.8%) and corporate (+26.3%)
- This financial year, retail sales volumes are 18.2% higher than the same period last year
- This reflects increases across all segments; residential (+8.1%), small medium business (+7.3%), agricultural (+19.6%), large business (+10.6%) and corporate (+29.8%)

MERIDIAN'S NZ CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S RETAIL SALES VOLUME*



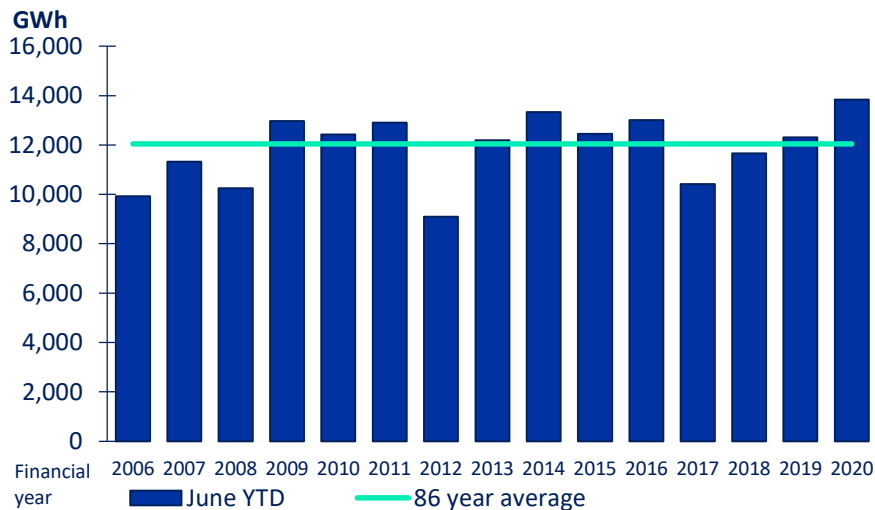
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*excludes volumes sold to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters and CFDs

NEW ZEALAND STORAGE

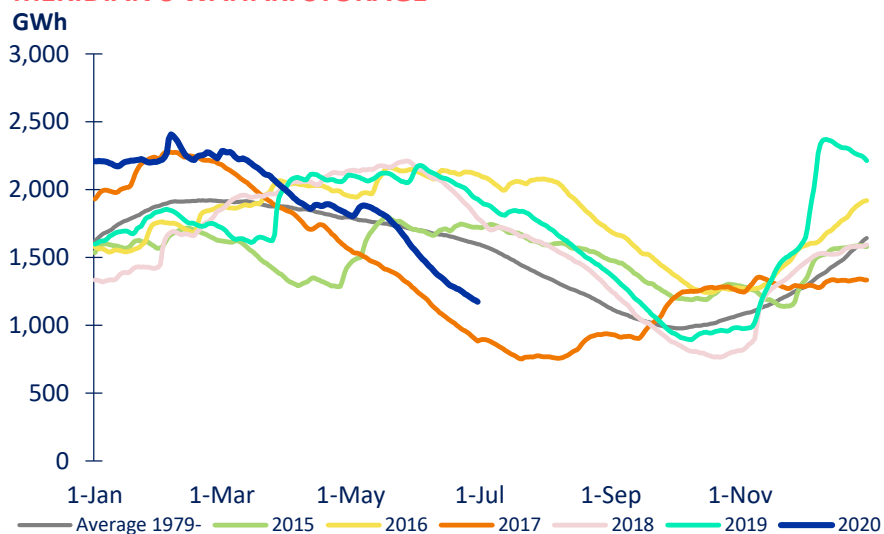
- June 2020 monthly inflows were 78% of historical average
- To date this financial year, inflows are 115% of historical average
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment storage moved from 1,560GWh to 1,173GWh during June 2020
- Waitaki storage at the end of June 2020 was 73% of historical average and 39% lower than the same time last year
- Storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was also below average at the end of June 2020

MERIDIAN'S COMBINED CATCHMENT INFLOWS



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S WAITAKI STORAGE

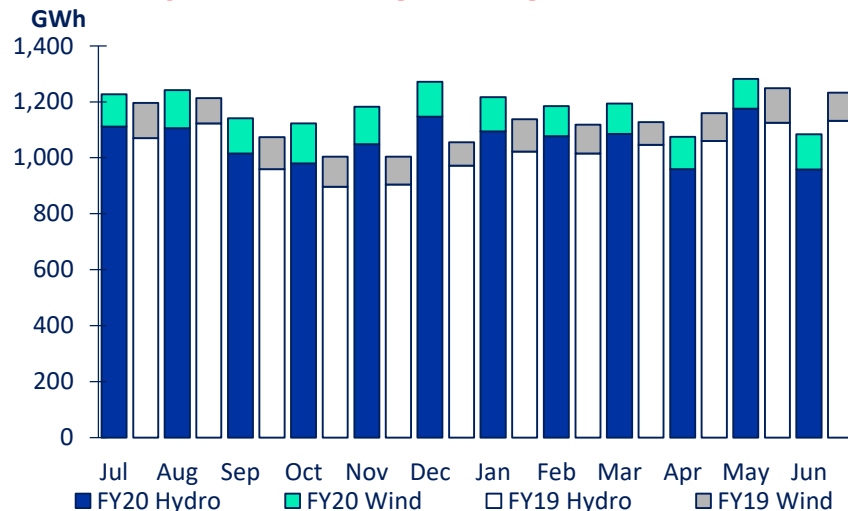


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NEW ZEALAND GENERATION

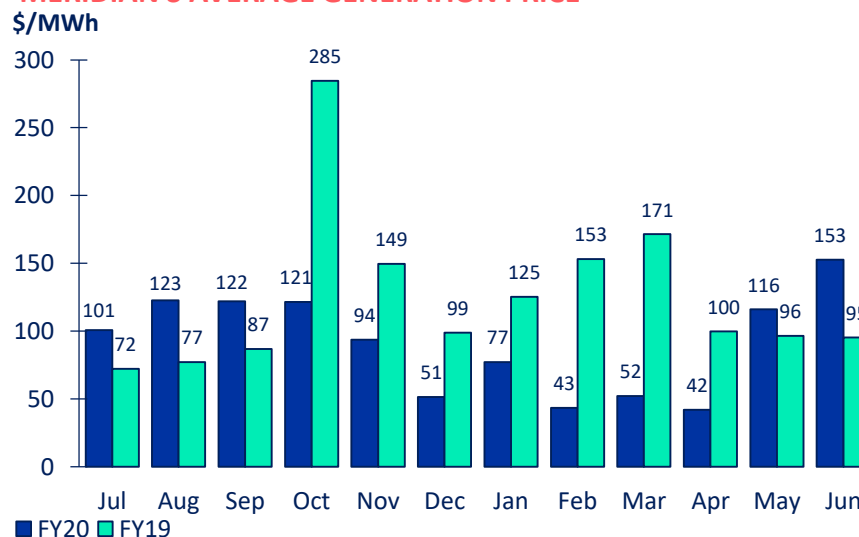
- Meridian's New Zealand generation in June 2020 was 12.0% higher than the same month last year, reflecting lower hydro and higher wind generation
- This financial year, Meridian's New Zealand generation is 4.8% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro and wind generation
- The average price Meridian received for its generation in June 2020 was 60.4% higher than the same month last year
- The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in June 2020 was 55.9% higher than the same month last year
- This financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 26.2% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 23.7% lower

MERIDIAN'S NEW ZEALAND GENERATION



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S AVERAGE GENERATION PRICE*



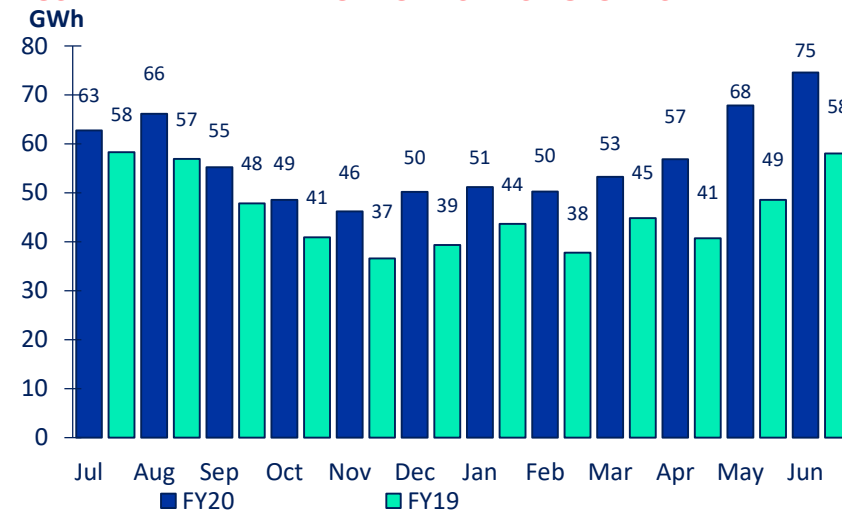
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*price received for Meridian's physical generation

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL

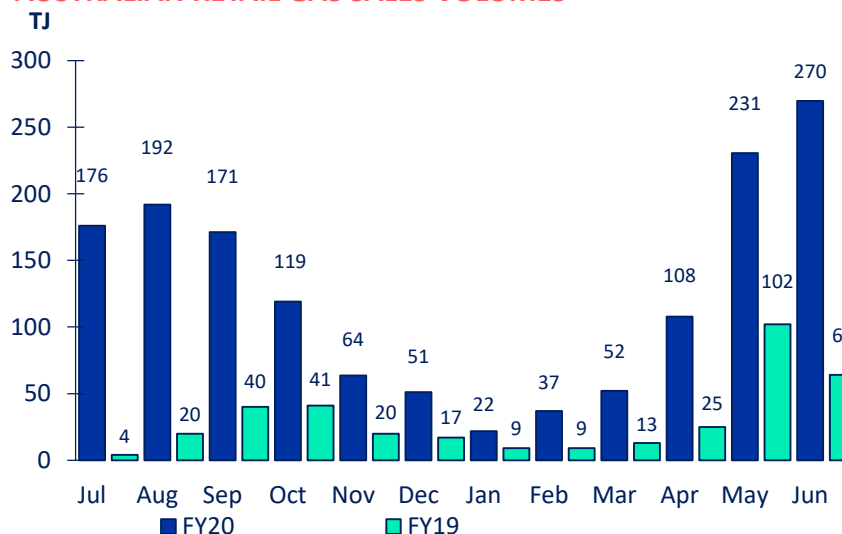
- Australian retail electricity sales volumes in June 2020 were 28.5% higher than the same month last year
- This financial year, Australian retail electricity sales volume is 23.5% higher than the same period last year
- Powershop Australia electricity customer connection numbers rose 0.4% during June 2020 and have risen 24.0% since June 2019
- Gas customer connection numbers rose 2.5% during June 2020, with total sales in the month of 270TJ

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL ELECTRICITY SALES VOLUMES



Source: Meridian

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL GAS SALES VOLUMES

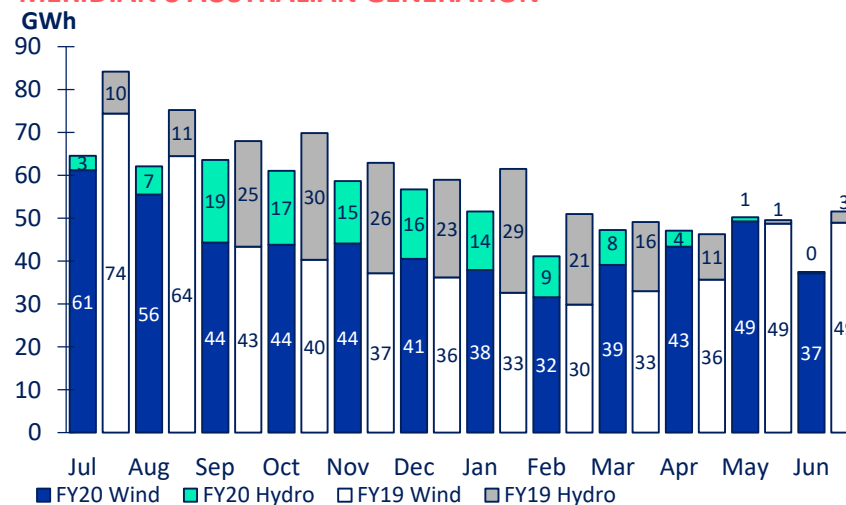


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AUSTRALIAN GENERATION

- Meridian's Australian generation in June 2020 was 27.3% lower than the same month last year, reflecting lower wind generation and higher hydro generation
- To date this financial year, Meridian's Australian generation is 11.9% lower than the same period last year, reflecting higher wind generation and lower hydro generation
- Demand in the Australian market in June 2020 was 1% lower than June 2019
- June 2020 average wholesale prices were 52% lower than the same month last year

MERIDIAN'S AUSTRALIAN GENERATION



Source: Meridian

	JUNE 2020 MONTH	JUNE 2019 MONTH	MAY 2020 MONTH	APRIL 2020 MONTH	12 MONTHS TO JUNE 2020	12 MONTHS TO JUNE 2019
New Zealand sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	170	160	151	124	1,547	1,431
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	98	94	85	57	1,046	975
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	43	36	65	71	1,265	1,058
Large business sales volume (GWh)	46	39	40	33	484	438
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	277	219	255	222	3,034	2,338
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	634	548	596	507	7,376	6,240
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$116.5	\$113.9	\$106.8	\$109.2	\$107.8	\$104.9
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	412	448	426	416	5,358	5,310
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	280	129	318	222	2,527	2,240
Avg. wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$67.4	\$69.6	\$65.4	\$64.8	\$66.9	\$69.4
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	724	592	624	537	7,794	6,608
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$159.4	\$102.8	\$132.3	\$50.1	\$104.5	\$142.8
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$155.4	\$89.7	\$113.4	\$43.4	\$88.8	\$123.5
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$130.6	\$103.0	\$98.9	\$52.1	\$86.3	\$122.7
Total New Zealand customer connections ⁴	324,253	302,277	322,448	321,051		

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New Zealand generation						
Hydro generation volumes (GWh)	958	1,132	1,176	959	12,758	12,326
Wind generation volumes (GWh)	126	100	106	116	1,465	1,244
Total generation volumes (GWh)	1,084	1,232	1,282	1,075	14,244	13,570
Average generation price ⁵ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$152.7	\$95.2	\$116.0	\$41.9	\$91.0	\$123.3

New Zealand hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	317	138	218	239	2,730	1,964
Hedging costs (\$NZ/MWh)	\$87.6	\$63.9	\$70.1	\$77.4	\$83.3	\$67.7
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$134.9	\$97.5	\$101.9	\$51.5	\$92.5	\$135.9
Future contract close outs (\$NZ m)	-\$2.3	-\$0.1	-\$4.3	-\$2.0	-\$13.9	-\$8.0

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Australian contracted sales						
Retail contracted electricity sales volume (GWh)	75	58	68	57	683	553
Average electricity contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/MWh)	\$147.6	\$159.7	\$146.5	\$121.1	\$146.8	\$158.3
Retail contracted gas sales volume (TJ)	270	64	231	108	1,491	364
Average gas contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/GJ)	\$12.5	\$19.4	\$15.4	\$12.5	\$14.8	\$19.9
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	22	42	19	7	537	612
Financial contracted sales average price (\$A/MWh)	\$59.8	\$80.9	\$69.5	\$176.6	\$92.5	\$78.2
Cost to supply electricity customers (\$A/MWh)	\$78.1	\$133.7	\$67.5	\$56.8	\$103.7	\$132.3
Cost to supply gas customers (\$A/GJ)	\$11.6	\$29.4	\$11.2	\$13.4	\$12.0	\$16.5
Cost of financial contracts (\$A/MWh)	\$42.3	\$100.5	\$39.8	\$87.4	\$80.3	\$101.8
Powershop electricity customer connections ⁷	136,202	109,804	135,628	135,205		
Powershop gas customer connections ⁸	37,878	22,612	36,955	36,077		

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Australian generation						
Wind generation volumes (GWh)	37	49	49	43	528	525
Average wind generation price ⁵ (\$/MWh)	\$79.2	\$125.3	\$61.4	\$54.2	\$130.8	\$145.9
Hydro generation volumes (GWh)	0	3	1	4	113	203
Average hydro generation price ⁵ (\$/MWh)	\$58.5	\$77.4	\$39.9	\$39.1	\$86.2	\$111.4
PPA generation received (GWh)	28	31	32	30	367	225
Average PPA generation price [net of costs] (\$/MWh)	-\$9.1	\$34.2	-\$13.1	-\$14.5	\$14.9	\$27.7
Australian hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	37	51	40	36	496	514
Hedging costs (\$/MWh)	\$80.6	\$94.7	\$49.6	\$79.3	\$99.0	\$98.7
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$55.0	\$98.5	\$42.9	\$41.7	\$76.9	\$106.9
Future contract close outs (\$A M)	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.7	\$0.8	\$2.7	\$0.0

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Meridian Group						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	28	31	22	23	288	282
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	6	9	3	3	45	48
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	3	1	1	1	19	16
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	9	10	4	4	64	64

Footnotes

- Contracted sales volumes and volume weighted average price received from contracted customers less distribution costs
- Derivatives sold excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps
- Average price of both NZAS sales volume and derivative sales volumes
- Meridian Retail and Powershop New Zealand installation control points (ICPs), excluding vacants
- Volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation
- Over the counter and ASX contract volumes excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps
- Financially responsible market participants, excluding vacants
- Meter installation registration numbers

FY20 OPERATING INFORMATION

	Jul 2019	Aug 2019	Sep 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020
New Zealand contracted sales												
Residential sales volume (GWh)	165	166	140	129	101	98	97	92	111	124	151	170
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	97	99	95	89	85	81	86	87	88	57	85	98
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	42	65	76	89	138	181	200	163	131	71	65	43
Large business sales volume (GWh)	46	45	38	40	39	40	38	39	41	33	40	46
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	249	254	233	243	247	248	272	264	269	222	255	277
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	599	630	583	590	610	650	694	646	639	507	596	634
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$113.5	\$115.4	\$109.5	\$102.7	\$99.8	\$100.0	\$103.3	\$109.5	\$108.3	\$109.2	\$106.8	\$116.5
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	463	463	447	463	448	463	463	433	463	416	426	412
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	150	176	148	129	135	164	170	283	354	222	318	280
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MW)	\$69.9	\$70.9	\$68.4	\$67.0	\$65.3	\$62.3	\$66.5	\$68.7	\$66.7	\$64.8	\$65.4	\$67.4
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	645	662	581	623	650	669	733	682	666	537	624	724
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$110.4	\$135.6	\$129.3	\$130.2	\$112.7	\$57.1	\$95.1	\$67.9	\$67.4	\$50.1	\$132.3	\$159.4
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$97.9	\$120.5	\$126.1	\$118.7	\$89.6	\$45.4	\$76.8	\$36.6	\$44.7	\$43.4	\$113.4	\$155.4
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$101.9	\$118.2	\$120.5	\$112.6	\$92.8	\$81.6	\$86.7	\$47.0	\$45.7	\$52.1	\$98.9	\$130.6
Total New Zealand customer connections	304,993	307,798	309,372	311,694	313,150	313,599	315,225	317,784	319,778	321,051	322,448	324,253
New Zealand generation												
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,111	1,106	1,015	980	1,049	1,147	1,095	1,077	1,085	959	1,176	958
Wind generation volume (GWh)	116	135	126	143	133	125	122	108	109	116	106	126
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,227	1,241	1,141	1,123	1,182	1,272	1,217	1,185	1,194	1,075	1,282	1,084
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$100.7	\$122.7	\$121.9	\$121.4	\$93.7	\$51.4	\$77.1	\$43.4	\$52.1	\$41.9	\$116.0	\$152.7
New Zealand hedging												
Hedging volume (GWh)	145	139	132	145	148	182	296	342	428	239	218	317
Hedging costs (\$NZ/MWh)	\$65.0	\$63.2	\$62.2	\$64.4	\$67.3	\$64.4	\$96.1	\$100.7	\$106.4	\$77.4	\$70.1	\$87.6
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$104.4	\$130.5	\$124.0	\$122.6	\$104.1	\$63.1	\$100.0	\$75.1	\$59.8	\$51.5	\$101.9	\$134.9
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-0.3	-0.6	-1.4	-1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-2.0	-4.3	-2.3
Australia contracted sales												
Retail contracted electricity sales volume (GWh)	63	66	55	49	46	50	51	50	53	57	68	75
Average electricity contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/MWh)	\$149.8	\$147.0	\$131.2	\$168.0	\$174.0	\$161.1	\$130.0	\$150.4	\$142.0	\$121.1	\$146.5	\$147.6
Retail contracted gas sales volume (TJ)	176	192	171	119	64	51	22	37	52	108	231	270
Average gas contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/GJ)	\$13.9	\$14.0	\$13.4	\$13.8	\$18.9	\$20.0	\$33.4	\$22.2	\$18.7	\$12.5	\$15.4	\$12.5
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	54	43	60	65	63	68	46	43	46	7	19	22
Financial contracted sales average price (\$A/MWh)	\$83.3	\$86.1	\$90.1	\$80.1	\$80.1	\$79.2	\$122.0	\$122.0	\$122.0	\$176.6	\$69.5	\$59.8
Cost to supply electricity customers (\$A/MWh)	\$105.5	\$126.4	\$118.0	\$119.9	\$89.2	\$82.2	\$257.6	\$111.9	\$53.6	\$56.8	\$67.5	\$78.1
Cost to supply gas customers (\$A/GJ)	\$11.8	\$11.4	\$9.8	\$8.6	\$14.0	\$9.9	\$41.1	\$20.4	\$13.6	\$13.4	\$11.2	\$11.6
Cost of financial contracts (\$A/MWh)	\$86.9	\$101.0	\$103.6	\$100.1	\$68.3	\$58.2	\$138.8	\$52.2	\$45.8	\$87.4	\$39.8	\$42.3
Powershop electricity customer connections ⁷	111,373	112,995	115,099	118,721	121,575	124,668	127,847	131,647	134,399	135,205	135,628	136,202
Powershop gas customer connections ⁸	24,096	25,240	26,529	27,858	29,182	30,465	32,387	33,428	35,392	36,077	36,955	37,878
Australia generation												
Wind generation volume (GWh)	61	56	44	44	44	41	38	32	39	43	49	37
Average wind generation price (\$A/MWh)	\$115.7	\$124.7	\$127.3	\$125.5	\$110.3	\$101.9	\$225.9	\$474.6	\$77.8	\$54.2	\$61.4	\$79.2
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	3	7	19	17	15	16	14	9	8	4	1	0
Average hydro generation price (\$A/MWh)	\$81.0	\$104.0	\$99.2	\$99.4	\$66.9	\$64.4	\$153.1	\$56.4	\$43.8	\$39.1	\$39.9	\$58.5
PPA generation received (GWh)	35	34	30	31	30	29	29	28	30	30	32	28
Average PPA generation price [net of costs] (\$A/MWh)	\$22.9	\$30.3	\$38.4	\$45.2	\$16.5	\$7.8	\$59.5	\$1.4	-\$8.9	-\$14.5	-\$13.1	-\$9.1
Australia hedging												
Hedging volume (GWh)	36	39	36	50	48	50	39	43	42	36	40	37
Hedging costs (\$A/MWh)	\$67.2	\$98.6	\$107.3	\$95.5	\$89.9	\$89.9	-\$23.1	\$197.7	\$185.1	\$79.3	-\$49.6	\$80.6
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$A/MWh)	\$99.6	\$105.4	\$111.4	\$107.7	\$72.3	\$58.6	\$130.3	\$58.6	\$43.5	\$41.7	\$42.9	\$55.0
Future contract close outs (\$A M)	\$0.0	\$0.2	-\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.7	-\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.5	-\$0.1	\$0.8	\$0.7	\$0.0
Meridian Group												
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	24	24	25	25	24	22	22	24	24	23	22	28
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	6
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	5	5	6	5	6	5	4	5	6	4	4	9

FY19 OPERATING INFORMATION

	Jul 2018	Aug 2018	Sep 2018	Oct 2018	Nov 2018	Dec 2018	Jan 2019	Feb 2019	Mar 2019	Apr 2019	May 2019	Jun 2019
New Zealand contracted sales												
Residential sales volume (GWh)	163	153	133	115	102	95	90	83	94	111	130	160
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	92	92	84	79	77	72	73	71	79	76	86	94
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	38	64	73	114	88	82	162	158	126	66	52	36
Large business sales volume (GWh)	42	38	37	37	34	32	34	33	35	36	41	39
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	185	182	171	178	180	168	196	189	223	219	228	219
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	521	529	497	523	480	448	555	534	557	508	538	548
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$113.1	\$110.7	\$106.7	\$98.3	\$98.5	\$95.5	\$98.2	\$102.0	\$101.3	\$105.4	\$112.7	\$113.9
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	426	411	439	444	463	463	418	463	448	463	448
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	386	196	140	149	146	217	157	196	187	168	168	129
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MW)	\$63.9	\$58.5	\$58.0	\$65.9	\$72.7	\$68.9	\$69.4	\$80.6	\$80.3	\$73.0	\$72.3	\$69.6
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	541	560	528	554	509	468	581	572	587	538	578	592
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$87.1	\$90.0	\$95.0	\$309.8	\$183.0	\$115.5	\$141.3	\$171.6	\$186.0	\$113.4	\$113.3	\$102.8
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$68.9	\$74.4	\$88.7	\$284.1	\$137.1	\$98.1	\$125.8	\$153.6	\$168.2	\$97.5	\$93.1	\$89.7
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$71.8	\$93.1	\$94.3	\$267.7	\$152.7	\$116.5	\$126.1	\$156.8	\$163.0	\$104.4	\$96.3	\$103.0
Total New Zealand customer connections	292,091	292,906	293,386	294,695	296,064	296,532	297,621	299,351	299,905	301,230	301,508	302,277
New Zealand generation												
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,070	1,123	959	897	905	972	1,022	1,015	1,047	1,060	1,125	1,132
Wind generation volume (GWh)	126	90	115	107	99	83	116	104	81	99	123	100
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,196	1,213	1,074	1,004	1,004	1,055	1,138	1,119	1,128	1,159	1,248	1,232
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$72.1	\$77.2	\$86.8	\$284.6	\$149.5	\$98.8	\$125.3	\$153.1	\$171.5	\$99.8	\$96.5	\$95.2
New Zealand hedging												
Hedging volume (GWh)	170	167	147	200	190	177	155	142	186	144	149	138
Hedging costs (\$NZ/MWh)	\$65.7	\$63.1	\$62.5	\$77.7	\$74.7	\$61.7	\$69.3	\$66.6	\$71.2	\$65.0	\$66.3	\$63.9
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$74.5	\$80.8	\$87.9	\$290.6	\$180.8	\$104.6	\$127.7	\$157.7	\$168.4	\$103.1	\$101.9	\$97.5
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	-2.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.1
Australia contracted sales												
Retail contracted electricity sales volume (GWh)	58	57	48	41	37	39	44	38	45	41	49	58
Average electricity contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/MWh)	\$149.6	\$168.9	\$159.4	\$150.4	\$151.5	\$165.9	\$160.0	\$159.2	\$157.2	\$153.2	\$162.2	\$159.7
Retail contracted gas sales volume (TJ)	4	20	40	41	20	17	9	9	13	25	102	64
Average gas contracted sales price ¹ (\$A/GJ)	\$16.1	\$15.5	\$14.2	\$15.7	\$20.7	\$24.7	\$39.2	\$45.2	\$45.1	\$27.2	\$15.4	\$19.4
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)											51	42
Financial contracted sales average price (\$A/MWh)											\$64.1	\$80.9
Cost to supply electricity customers (\$A/MWh)	\$103.1	\$105.7	\$114.1	\$108.7	\$113.3	\$111.4	\$332.0	\$108.0	\$152.3	\$101.2	\$112.4	\$133.7
Cost to supply gas customers (\$A/GJ)	\$14.8	\$12.8	\$15.0	\$6.8	\$8.9	\$14.0	\$19.3	\$35.6	\$38.8	\$13.1	\$11.7	\$29.4
Cost of financial contracts (\$A/MWh)											\$70.1	\$100.5
Powershop electricity customer connections ⁷	96,743	96,801	96,657	97,514	98,618	99,368	101,020	102,730	104,450	106,240	108,332	109,804
Powershop gas customer connections ⁸	1,137	4,776	7,558	9,577	11,333	12,508	14,309	16,751	18,225	19,990	21,426	22,612
Australia generation												
Wind generation volume (GWh)	74	64	43	40	37	36	38	30	33	36	49	49
Average wind generation price (\$A/MWh)	\$153.0	\$148.0	\$163.9	\$178.3	\$123.2	\$134.9	\$225.9	\$151.6	\$175.3	\$138.9	\$143.9	\$125.3
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	10	11	25	30	26	23	14	21	16	11	1	3
Average hydro generation price (\$A/MWh)	\$37.3	\$46.0	\$128.6	\$92.0	\$90.9	\$94.8	\$153.1	\$86.3	\$123.1	\$91.2	\$79.3	\$77.4
PPA generation received (GWh)	11	10	7	13	12	11	29	22	23	29	33	31
Average PPA generation price [net of costs] (\$A/MWh)	-\$66.0	-\$63.9	-\$71.3	-\$65.5	\$121.3	\$20.8	\$59.5	\$34.3	\$42.0	\$22.8	\$40.4	\$34.2
Australia hedging												
Hedging volume (GWh)											80	51
Hedging costs (\$A/MWh)											\$65.6	\$94.7
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$A/MWh)											\$58.2	\$98.5
Future contract close outs (\$A M)	-\$0.1	-\$0.1	\$0.1	-\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.2	\$0.1	-\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.1
Meridian Group												
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	22	23	24	22	22	22	22	22	23	22	26	29
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	5	3	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	4	5	9
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	6	4	5	6	5	4	4	5	4	5	7	10

GLOSSARY

Hedging volumes	buy-side electricity derivatives excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps
Average generation price	the volume weighted average price received for Meridian’s physical generation
Average retail contracted sales price	volume weighted average electricity price received from retail customers, less distribution costs
Average wholesale contracted sales price	volume weighted average electricity price received from wholesale customers (including NZAS) and financial contracts
Combined catchment inflows	combined water inflows into Meridian’s Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes
Cost of hedges	volume weighted average price Meridian pays for derivatives acquired
Cost to supply contracted sales	volume weighted average price Meridian pays to supply contracted customer sales and financial contracts
Contracts for Difference (CFDs)	an agreement between parties to pay the difference between the wholesale electricity price and an agreed fixed price for a specified volume of electricity. CFDs do not result in the physical supply of electricity
Customer connections (NZ)	number of installation control points, excluding vacants
FRMP	financially responsible market participant
GWh	gigawatt hour. Enough electricity for 125 average New Zealand households for one year
Historic average inflows	the historic average combined water inflows into Meridian’s Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes over the last 85 years
Historic average storage	the historic average level of storage in Meridian’s Waitaki catchment since 1979
HVDC	high voltage direct current link between the North and South Islands of New Zealand
ICP	New Zealand installation control points, excluding vacants
ICP switching	the number of installation control points changing retailer supplier in New Zealand, recorded in the month the switch was initiated
MWh	megawatt hour. Enough electricity for one average New Zealand household for 46 days
National demand	Electricity Authority’s reconciled grid demand www.emi.ea.govt.nz
NZAS	New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Limited
Retail sales volumes	contract sales volumes to retail customers, including both non half hourly and half hourly metered customers
Financial contract sales	sell-side electricity derivatives excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps
TJ	Terajoules
Virtual Asset Swaps (VAS)	CFDs Meridian has with Genesis Energy and Mercury New Zealand. They do not result in the physical supply of electricity