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Meridian Energy monthly operating report for May 2015

12 June 2015

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month ending 31 May 2015.

Highlights this month include:

- National storage increased to 103% of historical average by 10 June 2015
- Meridian's May 2015 monthly inflows were 163% of historical average
- South Island storage now sits at 101% of average and North Island storage at 116% of average
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment storage increased from 80% to 101% of average by 31 May 2015
- Electricity demand in May 2015 was 0.4% higher than the same month last year
- Demand in the last 12 months is 2.3% higher than preceding 12 months

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Monthly Operating Report

May 2015



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May Highlights



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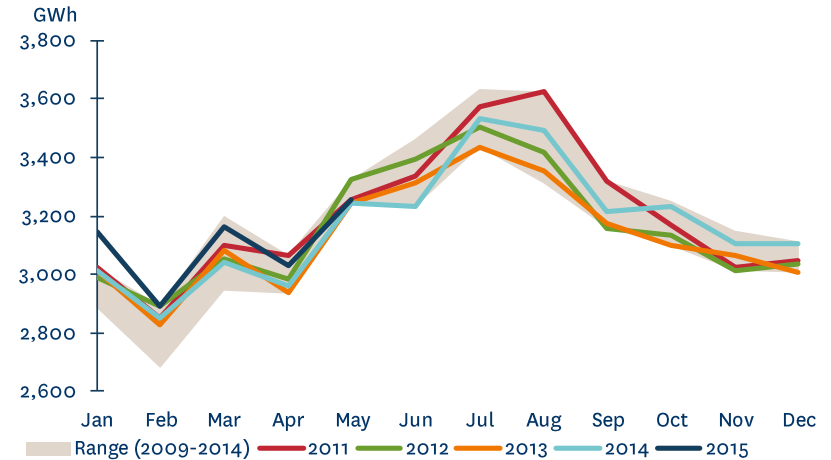
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Inland Revenue has reached a final decision on tax treatment of hydro powerhouse structures. This will have a positive impact on Meridian's 2015 Net Profit after Tax, reversing previous years' impacts. The decision does not materially affect Meridian's 2015 cash flow position.

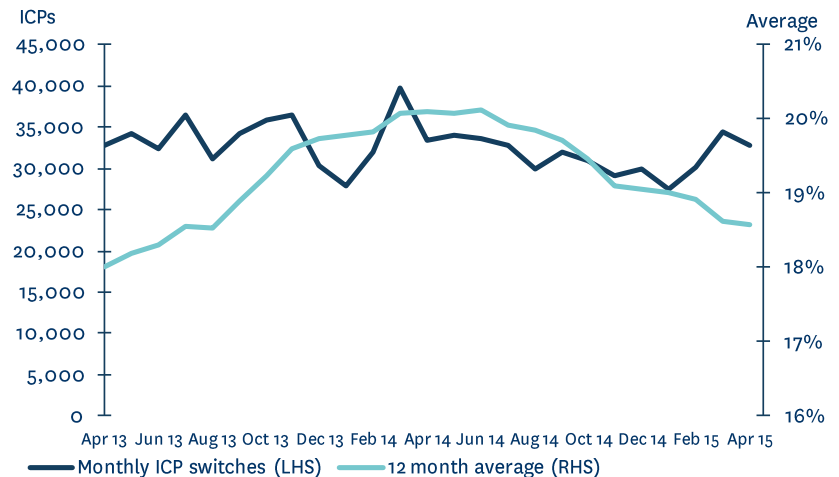
Market Data

- National electricity demand in May 2015 was 0.4% higher than the same month last year
- Demand in the 2015 calendar year is showing around 2.5% growth compared with the same five month period last year
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during May 2015 was slightly above the 572MW base quantity of the NZAS agreement
- The number of switches for all retailers in April 2015 was 4.7% lower than the previous month and 2.1% lower than April 2014
- The 12 month average switching rate for all retailers was 18.6% at the end of April 2015

NATIONAL DEMAND

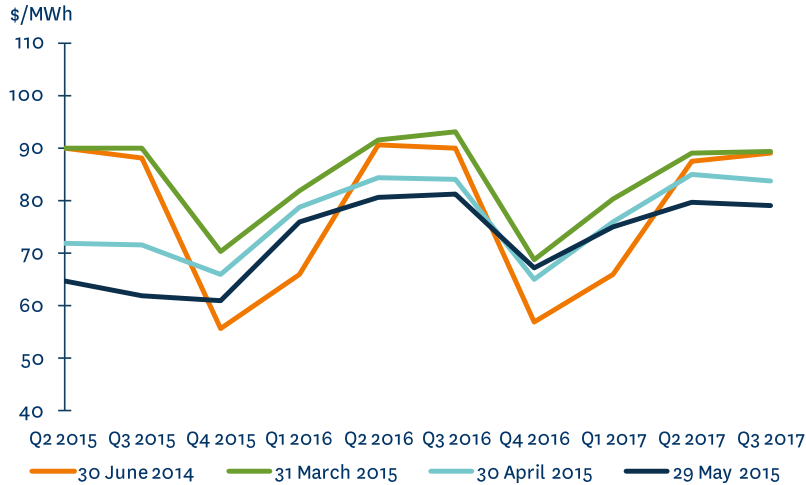


MARKET ICP SWITCHING (ALL RETAILERS)

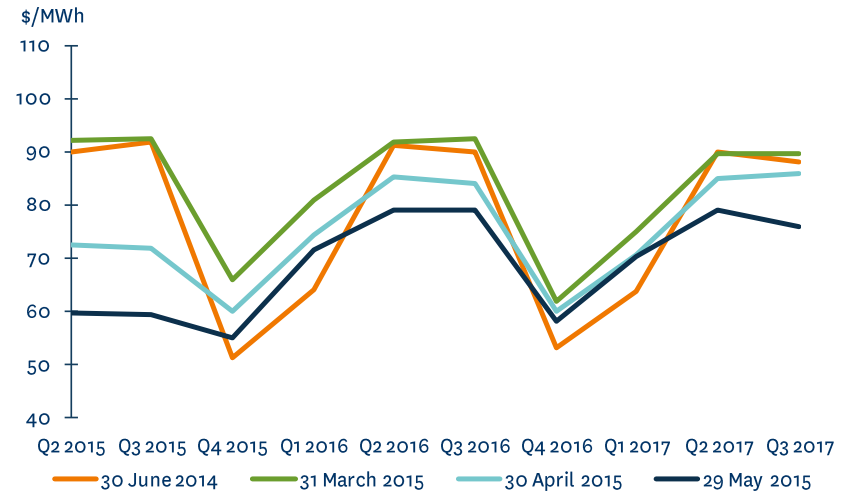


Market Data

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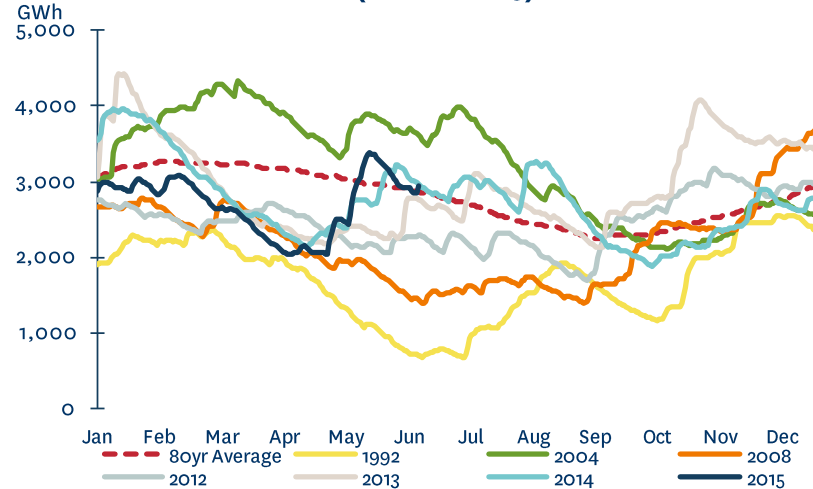


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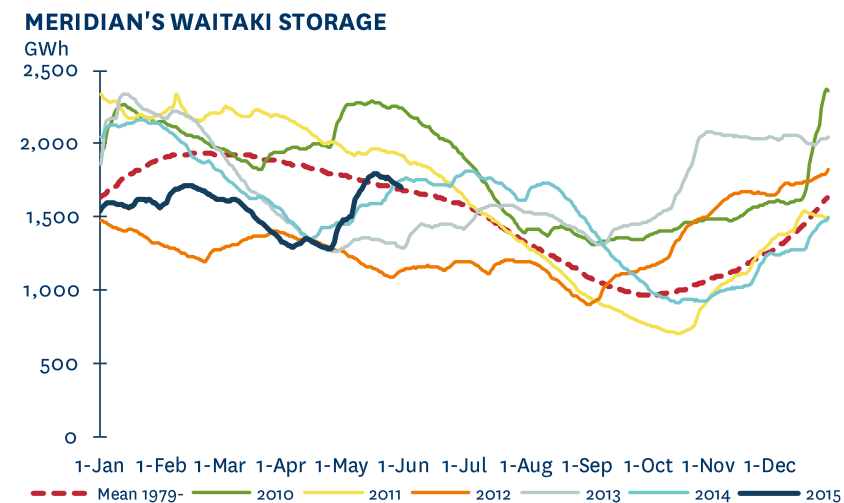
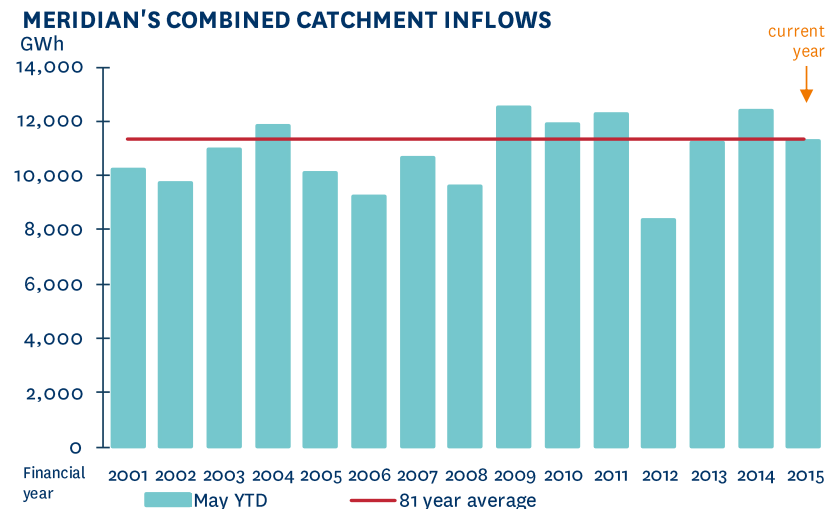
- May 2015 saw decreases in near-term ASX futures prices with higher national hydro storage in early May. Longer term prices for winter quarters have also fallen, possibly reacting to speculation on future Tiwai Point supply arrangements
- National storage increased from 102% of the 80 year average on 12 May 2015 to 103% of average by 10 June 2015
- South Island storage decreased to 101% of historical average by 10 June 2015. North Island storage increased to 116% of average

NATIONAL HYDRO STORAGE (10 JUNE 2015)



Meridian Operating Information

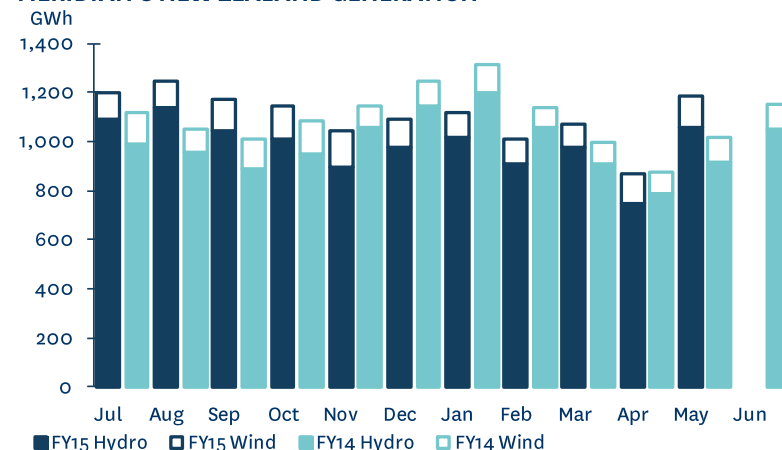
- May monthly inflows were 163% of historical average
- To date this financial year inflows are 100% of historical average
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment storage moved from 1,440GWh to 1,707GWh during May 2015
- Storage at the end of May 2015 was 101% of historical average, compared with the position a month earlier, where storage was at 80% of historical average
- Waitaki storage at the end of May 2015 was 3% lower than the same time last year
- Storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment also rose during May 2015



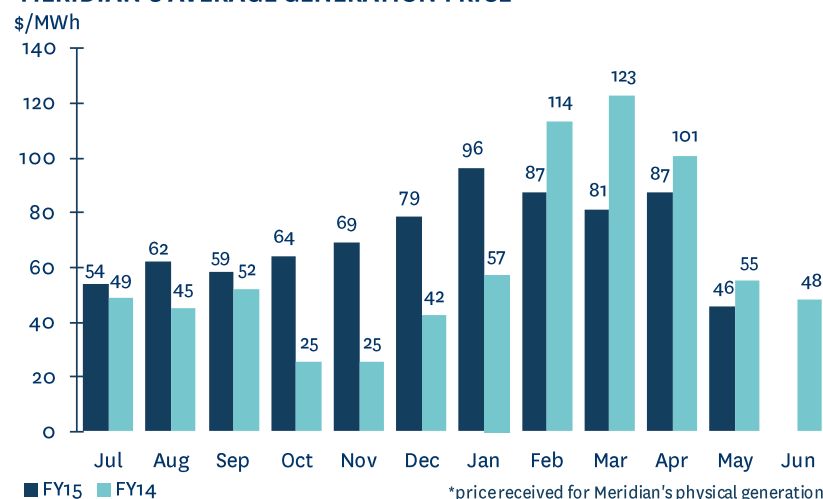
Meridian Operating Information

- Meridian's New Zealand generation in May 2015 was 16.8% higher than the same month last year
- To date this financial year Meridian's New Zealand generation is 1.3% higher than the same period last year
- The average price Meridian received for its generation in May 2015 was 17.3% lower than the same month last year
- The average price Meridian paid to supply contracted sales in May 2015 was 16.8% lower than the same month last year
- To date this financial year, the average price Meridian has received for its generation is 14.8% higher than the same period last year

MERIDIAN'S NEW ZEALAND GENERATION



MERIDIAN'S AVERAGE GENERATION PRICE*

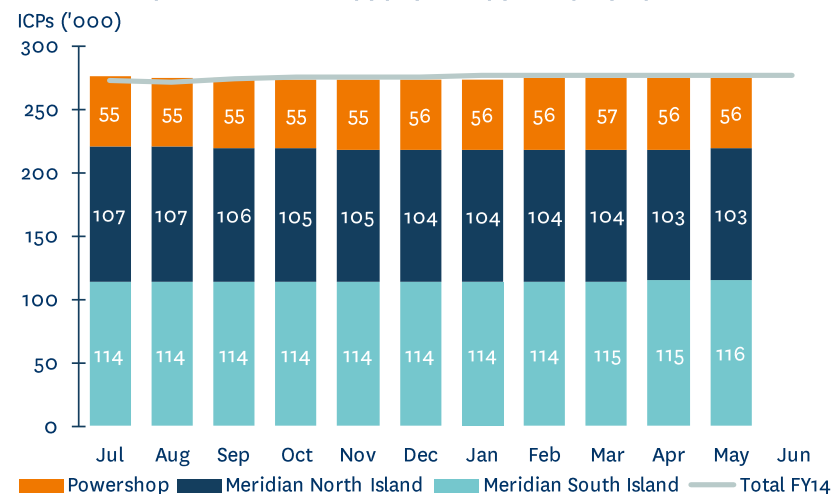


*price received for Meridian's physical generation

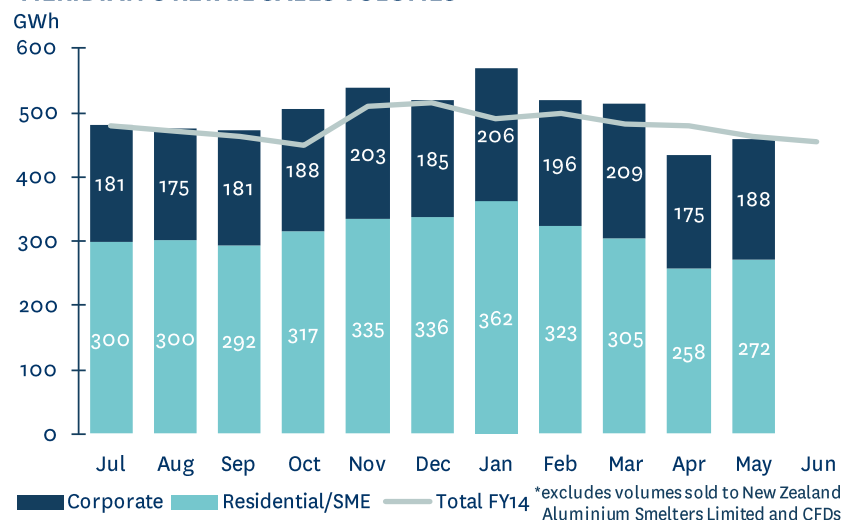
Meridian Operating Information

- Meridian's New Zealand customer connection numbers increased 0.2% during May 2015
- Retail sales volumes in May 2015 decreased by 0.5% compared to May 2014
- Compared to May 2014, residential/SME sales volumes increased by 2.3% and corporate sales volumes decreased by 4.3%
- To date this financial year Meridian's retail sales volumes are 3.6% higher than the same period last year
- This reflects a 8.6% increase in residential/SME sales volumes and a 3.7% decrease in corporate sales volumes

MERIDIAN'S NEW ZEALAND CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS



MERIDIAN'S RETAIL SALES VOLUMES*



Meridian Operating Information

	May 2015 month	May 2014 month	April 2015 month	March 2015 month	11 months to May 2015	11 months to May 2014
New Zealand Contracted Sales¹						
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	460	462	434	514	5,488	5,299
Average retail contracted sales price (\$/MWh)	\$117.0	\$116.0	\$110.4	\$94.6	\$101.2	\$102.4
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	426	412	426	4,599	4,599
Sell side derivative volumes ² (GWh)	209	57	11	49	1,000	811
Wholesale contracted sales average price (\$/MWh)	\$49.0	\$54.6	\$49.8	\$52.1	\$51.0	\$51.2
Total New Zealand customer connections ³	275,360	277,412	274,881	275,488		
Powershop Australia customer connections ⁴	<i>not disclosed</i>	<i>not disclosed</i>	<i>not disclosed</i>	35,138		
New Zealand Generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,057	915	745	977	10,868	10,855
Wind generation volume (GWh)	132	103	121	95	1,285	1,144
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,189	1,018	865	1,072	12,153	11,999
Average generation price ⁵ (\$/MWh)	\$45.6	\$55.1	\$87.1	\$81.0	\$70.4	\$61.3
Acquired generation volume ⁶ (GWh)	194	146	114	40	976	1,148
Cost of acquired generation (\$/MWh)	\$60.6	\$89.2	\$86.6	\$80.1	\$79.3	\$85.1
Cost to supply contracted sales (\$/MWh)	\$48.7	\$58.6	\$91.2	\$83.2	\$75.0	\$66.2

1. Contracted sales volumes and volume weighted average price received from contracted customers less distribution costs

2. Excludes the sell-side of virtual asset swaps

3. Meridian Retail and Powershop New Zealand installation control points (ICPs), excluding vacants

4. Financially responsible market participants, excluding vacants

5. Volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation

6. Excludes the buy-side of virtual asset swaps

Glossary

Acquired generation 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
Combined catchment inflows	combined water inflows into Meridian's Waitaki and Waiau hydro storage lakes
Cost of acquired generation	volume weighted average price Meridian pays for derivatives acquired to supplement generation
Cost to supply contracted sales	volume weighted average price Meridian pays to supply contracted customer sales
Customer connections (NZ)	number of installation control points, excluding vacants
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 Manapouri hydro storage lakes over the last 81 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	Transpower's Daily Demand reporting, adjusted for embedded generation from Meridian's Te Uku, White Hill and Mill Creek wind farms
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
Sell side derivatives	sell-side electricity derivatives excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps