

BEFORE

The Electricity Rulings Panel

No: C-2026-001

BETWEEN

The Electricity Authority

Complainant

AND

Contact Energy Limited

Respondent

UNDER

The Electricity Industry Act 2010, The Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010, The Rulings Panel Procedures 2017 and The Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint made of breaches of clauses 11 of Schedule 15.3 and of 15.2(1)(a) of The Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010

Regulation 33 Notice

Dated: 12 May 2026

Notice of Complaint

- [1] On 12 May 2026, Contact Energy (the Complainant) filed a complaint with the Rulings Panel (the Complaint).
- [2] In accordance with regulation 32 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010, the parties to this Complaint are noted as being:
 - (a) Contact Energy Limited as the industry participant allegedly in breach (regulation 32(a)); and
 - (b) The Electricity Authority as Complainant (regulations 32(b) and 32(c)).
- [3] There are no known other parties to the investigation (regulation 32(d)). If other parties did join the investigation, the Panel is to be notified.
- [4] Pursuant to regulation 33 of the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010, the parties are notified that:
 - (a) the text of the Complaint is contained in the attached Notice of Complaint and in the further documents filed by the Complainant;
 - (b) any party to the Complaint may make written submissions to the Rulings Panel by 12 June 2026;
 - (c) any party may request a hearing to consider the Complaint by notice in writing to the Rulings Panel by the deadline for submissions above;
 - (d) if a hearing is not requested, the Panel may consider the Complaint on the papers; and
 - (e) if the Rulings Panel extends the deadline for submissions, it will notify all parties of the new deadline.

Procedural Directions

- [5] The Complainant is directed to serve the supporting information filed with the Panel on the Respondent.
- [6] Documents and correspondence to the Rulings Panel can be served at registrar@electricityrulingpanel.nz.
- [7] The Rulings Panel Members who will consider the Complaint will be advised in due course.

Directions Conferences

- [8] A directions conference may be called by the Rulings Panel Chair, or either party may request one.
- [9] The Parties may, instead of a directions conference, file a joint memorandum seeking directions.

Issued this 12th day of May 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M.J. Orange', written in a cursive style.

M.J. Orange
Rulings Panel Chair