

## FOURTH QUARTER MEETING – 2021

**Date:** 17 November 2021      **Venue:** Te Wharewaka o Pōneke  
**Time:** 1.30pm – 6.00pm      2 Taranaki Street, Wellington Central  
**MC:** Emily Calvert - BusinessNZ Energy Council      (on the Whairepo lagoon, near Te Papa)

### Agenda

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- 1.10pm      **DOORS OPEN:** Registration and networking – tea & coffee
- 1.30pm      Introduction, welcome from the MC  
**Emily Calvert** – *Senior Policy Advisor*, BusinessNZ Energy Council
- 1.35pm      **Pathway to and impacts of electrification – fueling the transition**  
 Insights into Transpower’s rapidly changing connections landscape, how we are responding to meet new connection challenges, and considerations for traders as we continue to electrify and displace fossil fuels.  
**Rupert Holbrook** – *Customer Connections Project Director*, Transpower
- 2.00pm      **Purchasing power**  
 In October 2021 Contact Energy signed two new 10-year deals to supply renewable electricity to forestry products manufacturer Pan Pac Forest Products and pulp and paper company Oji Fibre Solutions. Under the new power purchase agreement (PPA), Contact will supply both companies with “a portion of their electricity requirements” through until 2034.  
 The deals followed a procurement process – the New Zealand Renewable Energy Generation Project – initiated by the Major Electricity Users’ Group in late 2019 aimed at achieving long-term access to affordable electricity.  
 Find out more about the project, process and the benefits of a PPA.  
**David Thomas** – *Director*, Energy & Environment
- 2.25pm      **Market Update | Electricity spot market, hydro, demand, supply and prices**  
**George Jenner** – *Operational Business Analyst*, NZX

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2.35pm **Insights into the quest for 100% renewables (via Zoom)**

**Greg Sise** – *Managing Director, Energy Link*

3.00pm **30-minute networking break – tea & coffee**

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3.30pm **Market Update | Futures – electricity and gas (via Zoom)**

**Bradley Campbell** – *GM Commodities & Equity Derivatives, ASX*

3.40pm **Market Update | Gas Market**

**Kerry Wilkins** – *Markets Manager, emsTradePoint*

3.50pm **Market Update | Electricity Authority**

**Dean Yarrall** – *Principal Analyst, Market Policy, Electricity Authority*

4.00pm **Bending the curve with grid scale solar (via Zoom)**

Newcomer Lodestone Energy will roll out 229 MW of utility-scale solar capacity in the upper North Island during the next four years, in what is easily the country's biggest-ever solar project.

- What are the market implications for more solar generation?
- How do affordable batteries change the situation?
- How do the economics stack up and who are the winners?

**Gary Holden** – *Managing Director, Lodestone Energy*

4.25pm **Spotlight on market settings for retailers: Octopus Energy**

Octopus Energy needs a substantial improvement in the wholesale electricity market before it can launch its residential retail offering.

**Margaret Cooney** – *Chief Customer Officer, Octopus Energy*

4.50pm **Wrap up from MC and networking**

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