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### Meridian Energy monthly operating report for August 2022

16 September 2022

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month of August 2022.

#### Highlights this month include:

- In the month to 14 September 2022, national hydro storage increased from **144%** to **162%** of historical average
- South Island storage increased to **170%** of average and North Island storage increased to **134%** of average by 14 September 2022
- Meridian's August 2022 monthly total inflows were **231%** of historical average, the highest August month inflows on record
- Winter 2022 total inflows (June to August) were the highest winter inflows on record
- Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of August 2022 was **188%** of historical average
- Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was **141%** of average at the end of August 2022
- Waitaki snow storage in late August 2022 was **133%** of historical average
- National electricity demand in August 2022 was **2.2%** higher than the same month last year
- August 2022 had highly variable rainfall, including serious flooding in parts of the country. It was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> warmest August on record, with temperatures above average across almost all the country
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during August 2022 was **575MW**
- Meridian's New Zealand retail sales volumes in August 2022 were **5.8%** higher than August 2021
- Compared to August 2021, segment sales increased in small medium business +19.3%, agricultural +10.1% and large business +25.3% and corporate +1.0%. Residential sales decreased -1.3%

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# Monthly Operating Report

August 2022

## August highlights

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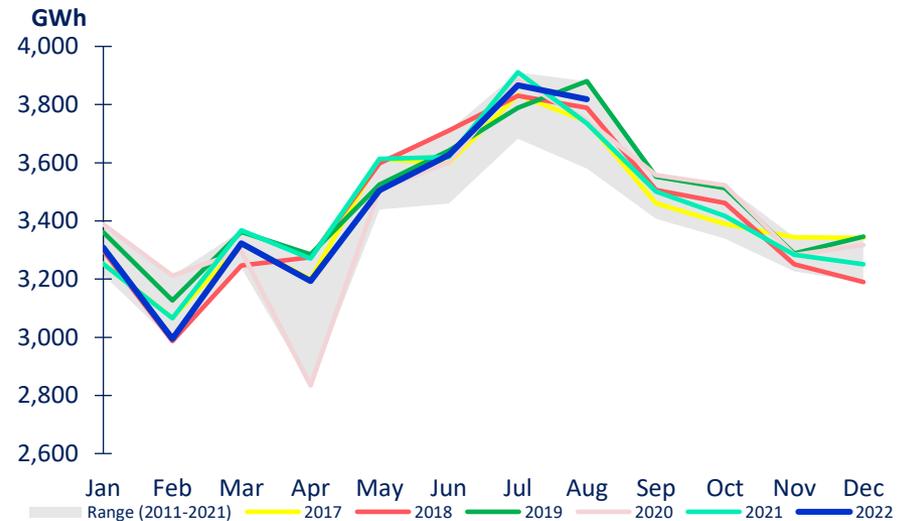
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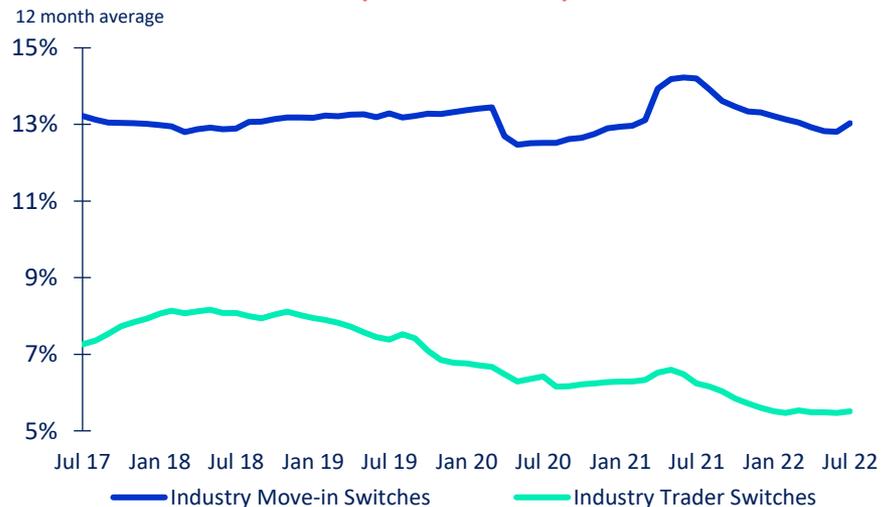
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- August 2022 had highly variable rainfall, including serious flooding in parts of the country. It was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> warmest August on record, with temperatures above average across almost all the country
- Demand in the last 12 months was 1.0% lower than the preceding 12 months
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during August 2022 was 575MW
- 12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving ("trader" switch) was 5.5% at the end of July 2022
- 12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers ("move-in" switch) was 13.0% at the end of July 2022

### NATIONAL DEMAND



Source: Electricity Authority (reconciled demand)

### MARKET ICP SWITCHING (ALL RETAILERS)

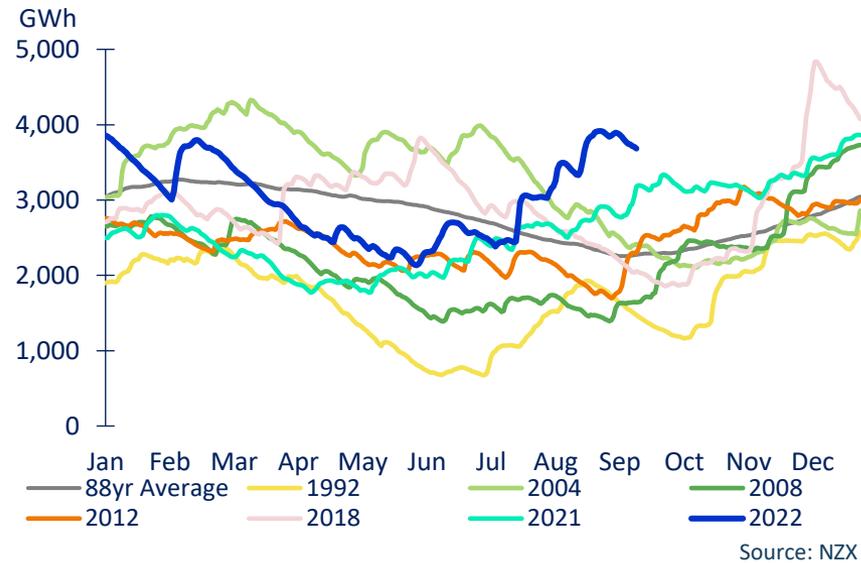


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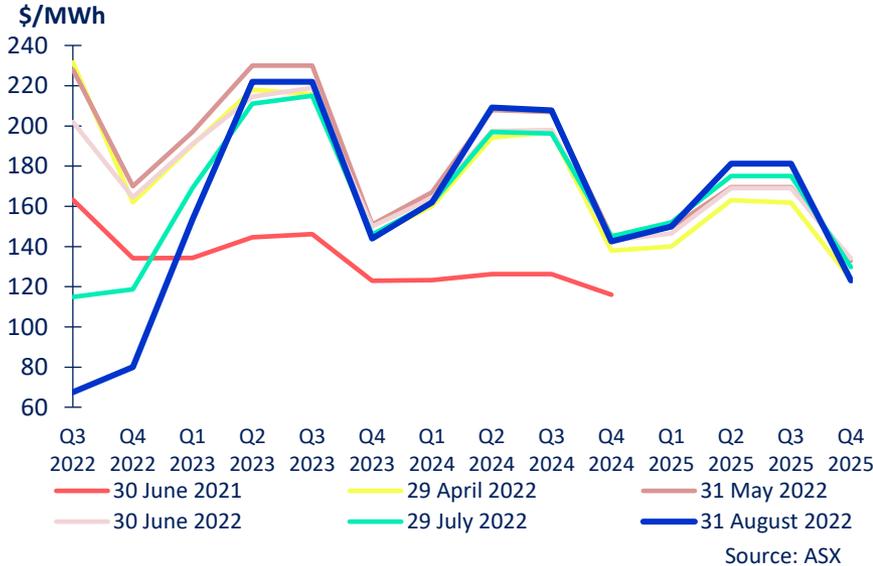
# Market data

- August 2022 saw further decreases in short dated ASX prices
- National storage increased from 144% of average on 9 August 2022 to 162% of average on 14 September 2022
- South Island storage increased to 170% of historical average by 14 September 2022. North Island storage increased to 134% of average

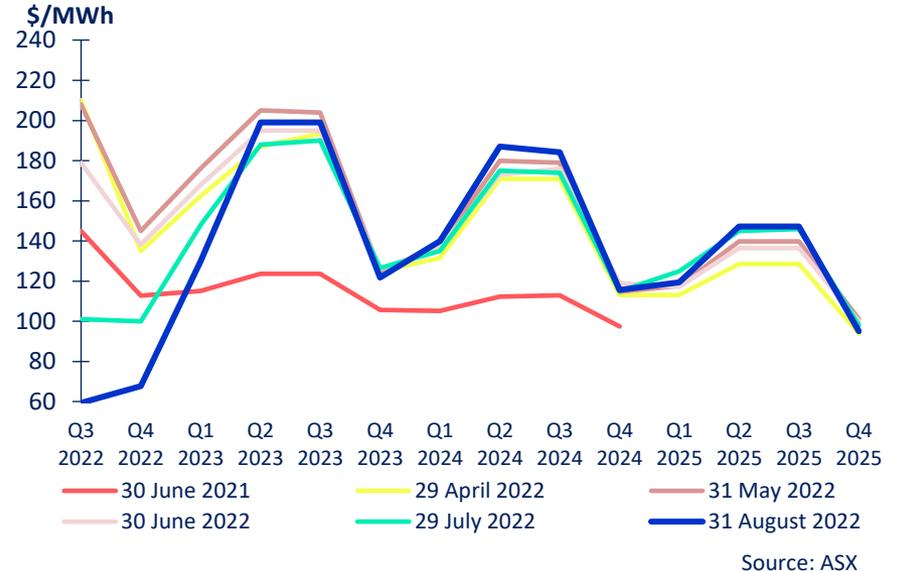
## NATIONAL HYDRO STORAGE (14 September 2022)



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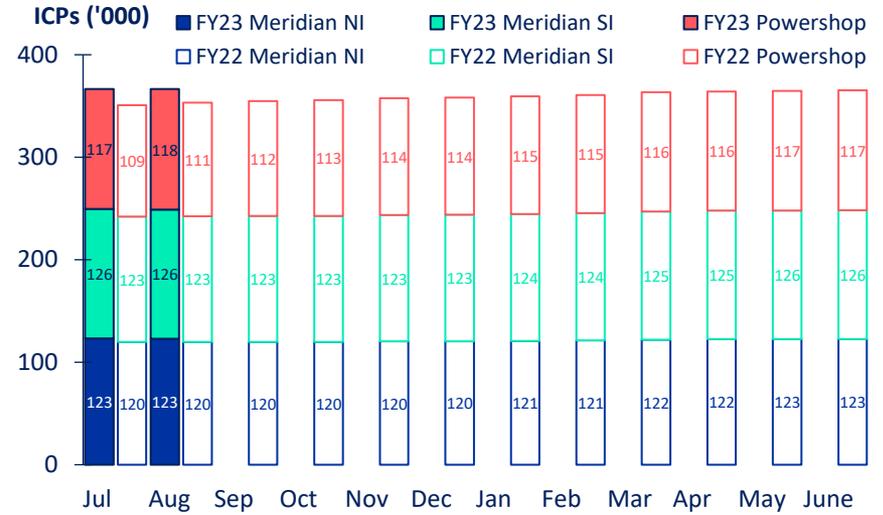


# New Zealand retail

- Meridian’s New Zealand customer connection numbers rose slightly during August 2022
- Retail sales volumes in August 2022 were 5.8% higher than August 2021
- Compared to August 2021, segment sales increased in small medium business +19.3%, agricultural +10.1%, large business +25.3% and corporate +1.0%. Residential sales decreased -1.3%
- To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are 4.1% higher than the same period last year
- This reflects increased segment sales in: small medium business +11.0%, agricultural +7.0%, large business +23.8% and corporate +0.3%. Residential sales are -0.3% lower

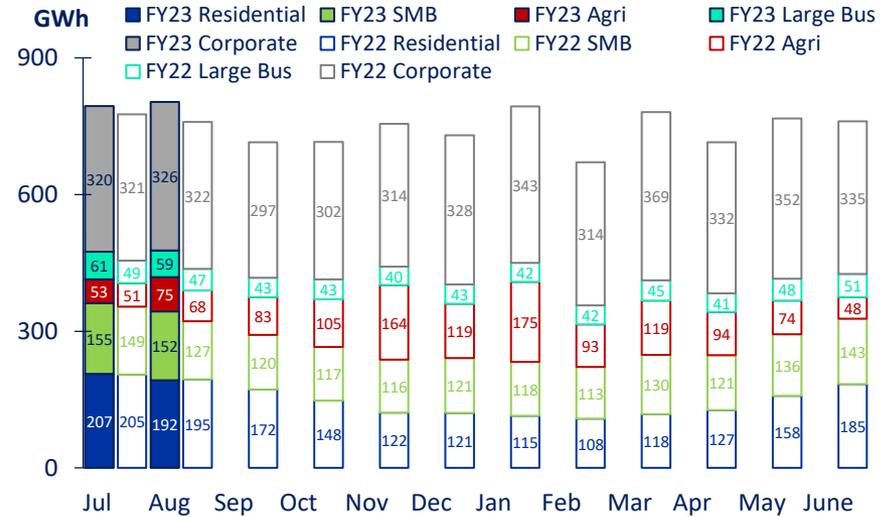
\*excludes volumes sold to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters and CFDs

## MERIDIAN'S NZ CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS



Source: Meridian

## MERIDIAN'S RETAIL SALES VOLUME\*

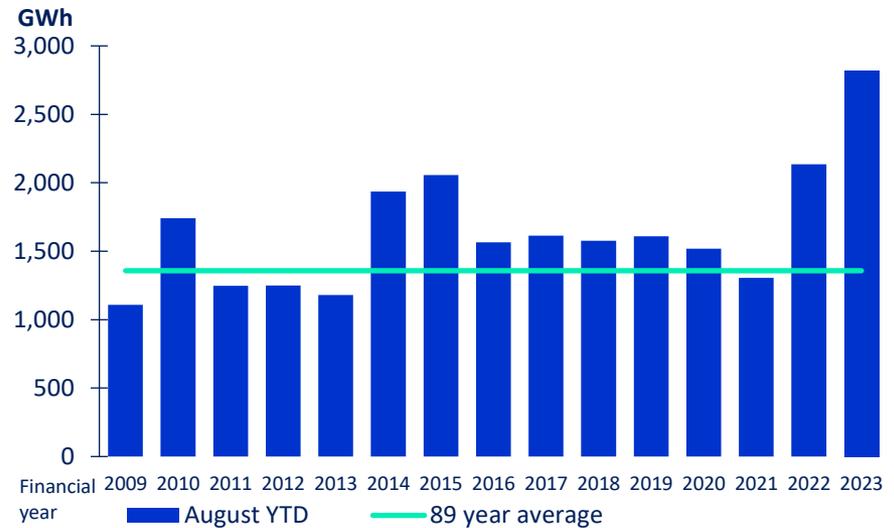


Source: Meridian

## New Zealand storage

- August 2022 monthly inflows were 231% of historical average, the highest August month inflows on record
- Winter 2022 total inflows (June to August) were the highest winter inflows on record
- To date this financial year, inflows are 208% of historical average
- Meridian’s Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 1,522GWh to 2,118GWh during August 2022
- Waitaki water storage at the end of August 2022 was 188% of historical average and 40% higher than the same time last year
- Water storage in Meridian’s Waiau catchment was 141% of average at the end of August 2022
- Waitaki snow storage in late August 2022 was 133% of historical average

### MERIDIAN'S COMBINED CATCHMENT INFLOWS



Source: Meridian

### MERIDIAN'S WAITAKI STORAGE

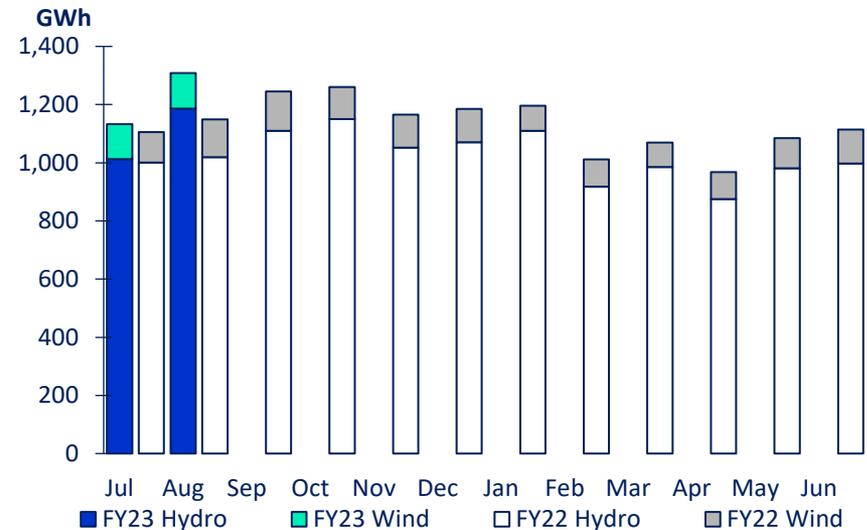


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## New Zealand generation

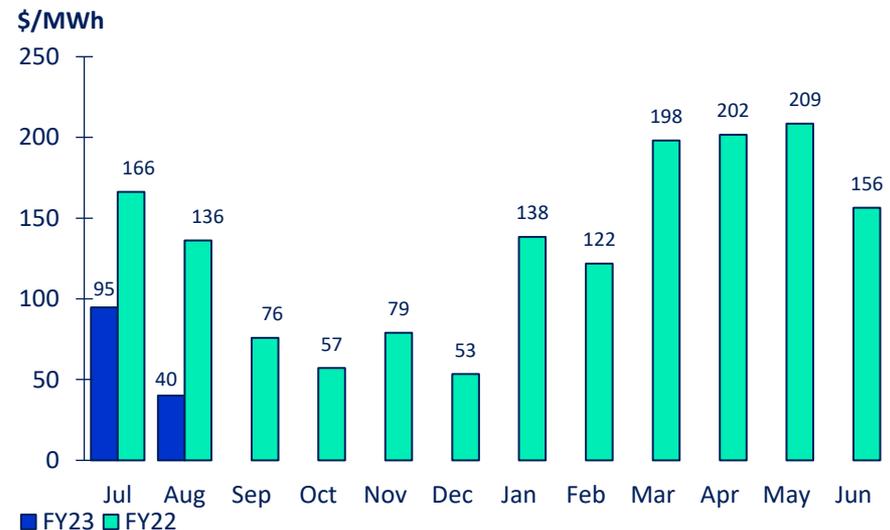
- Meridian's New Zealand generation in August 2022 was 13.9% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro and lower wind generation
- To date this financial year, Meridian's New Zealand generation is 8.3% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro and lower wind generation
- The average price Meridian received for its generation in August 2022 was 70.6% lower than the same month last year
- The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in August 2022 was 66.9% lower than the same month last year
- To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 56.7% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 52.2% lower

### MERIDIAN'S NEW ZEALAND GENERATION



Source: Meridian

### MERIDIAN'S AVERAGE GENERATION PRICE\*



\*price received for Meridian's physical generation

Source: Meridian

# New Zealand

	AUGUST 2022 MONTH	AUGUST 2021 MONTH	JULY 2022 MONTH	JUNE 2022 MONTH	2 MONTHS TO AUGUST 2022	2 MONTHS TO AUGUST 2021
<b>New Zealand contracted sales</b>						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	192	195	207	185	399	400
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	152	127	155	143	306	276
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	75	68	53	48	128	119
Large business sales volume (GWh)	59	47	61	51	119	96
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	326	322	320	335	645	643
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Average retail contracted sales price <sup>1</sup> (\$NZ/MWh)	\$134.2	\$124.0	\$133.3	\$127.0	\$133.8	\$123.3
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	425	426	426	412	851	851
Financial contract sales volumes <sup>2</sup> (GWh)	281	297	190	219	471	494
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price <sup>3</sup> (\$NZ/MWh)	\$60.4	\$78.4	\$65.4	\$66.9	\$62.7	\$76.0
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	843	795	835	814	1,678	1,611
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$49.1	\$165.3	\$110.6	\$168.0	\$79.7	\$178.0
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$40.2	\$115.9	\$97.6	\$152.1	\$68.9	\$139.3
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$58.7	\$137.5	\$120.6	\$157.1	\$83.7	\$146.4
Total New Zealand customer connections <sup>4</sup>	366,599	353,357	366,518	365,346		

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# New Zealand

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<b>New Zealand generation</b>						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,187	1,019	1,013	998	2,199	2,020
Wind generation volume (GWh)	122	129	120	116	242	234
<b>Total generation volume (GWh)</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>2,254</b>
Average generation price <sup>5</sup> (\$NZ/MWh)	\$39.9	\$136.1	\$94.7	\$156.4	\$65.3	\$150.9
<b>New Zealand hedging</b>						
Hedging volume <sup>6</sup> (GWh)	425	325	428	324	853	720
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$122.0	\$121.5	\$131.4	\$136.7	\$126.7	\$125.9
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$39.6	\$140.7	\$113.0	\$161.2	\$76.4	\$153.5
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	\$12.7	\$0.1	-\$1.1	\$10.9	\$11.6	-\$0.7

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<b>New Zealand costs</b>						
Employee and Operating Costs <sup>7</sup> (\$m)	20	17	19	25	39	33
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	4	3	3	6	7	6
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	9	4	9	9	18	13
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>

## 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
- Excludes electricity metering expenses, now reclassified into gross margin

# FY23 operating information

	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Q1 FY22	YoY change	Q2 FY22	YoY change	Q3 FY22	YoY change	Q4 FY22	YoY change
<b>New Zealand contracted sales</b>																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	207	192																		
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	155	152																		
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	53	75																		
Large business sales volume (GWh)	61	59																		
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	320	326																		
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>804</b>																		
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$133.3	\$134.2																		
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	425																		
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	190	281																		
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$65.4	\$60.4																		
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	835	843																		
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$110.6	\$49.1																		
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<b>Meridian Group</b>																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	19	20																		
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	4																		
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	9	9																		
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<b>New Zealand contracted sales</b>																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	205	195	172	148	122	121	115	108	118	127	158	185	572	+70	391	+45	341	+39	470	+15
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	149	127	120	117	116	121	118	113	130	121	136	143	396	+71	354	+55	362	+62	399	+30
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	51	68	83	105	164	119	175	93	119	94	74	48	202	-3	387	-81	388	-88	216	-10
Large business sales volume (GWh)	49	47	43	43	40	43	42	42	45	41	48	51	140	-16	126	-7	128	-1	140	+14
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	321	322	297	302	314	328	343	314	369	332	352	335	940	+111	943	+88	1,026	+93	1,019	+51
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>+233</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>+99</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>+105</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>+99</b>
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$122.6	\$124.0	\$123.2	\$109.9	\$109.8	\$105.2	\$111.2	\$115.5	\$116.6	\$122.8	\$128.5	\$127.0	\$123.2	+\$4.0	\$108.3	+\$3.8	\$114.4	+\$7.6	\$126.2	+\$7.2
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	426	411	426	412	426	426	384	426	402	418	412	1,262	+0	1,263	+0	1,236	+0	1,232	-18
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	197	297	234	374	280	208	280	244	249	178	203	219	728	+214	862	+376	773	+306	600	+161
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$73.2	\$78.4	\$65.1	\$62.3	\$56.9	\$59.8	\$63.3	\$63.7	\$64.2	\$68.1	\$74.9	\$66.9	\$72.5	-\$3.3	\$59.8	-\$8.9	\$63.7	+\$0.9	\$70.0	-\$5.4
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	816	795	752	764	798	776	828	709	821	747	815	814	2,363	+246	2,337	+123	2,358	+114	2,376	+123
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$190.3	\$165.3	\$91.0	\$74.6	\$92.7	\$57.2	\$148.4	\$146.4	\$213.2	\$210.5	\$221.5	\$168.0	\$150.3	+\$8.4	\$75.0	-\$40.8	\$170.4	-\$53.1	\$199.7	-\$87.0
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$162.7	\$115.9	\$62.6	\$51.2	\$76.5	\$45.5	\$156.9	\$120.5	\$216.0	\$225.2	\$215.0	\$152.1	\$114.3	-\$10.9	\$57.5	-\$36.4	\$165.9	-\$45.6	\$197.3	-\$67.6
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$159.9	\$137.5	\$104.8	\$66.0	\$78.8	\$68.2	\$160.4	\$117.0	\$180.6	\$219.0	\$207.7	\$157.1	\$133.0	+\$2.9	\$70.7	-\$34.0	\$153.2	-\$39.3	\$192.6	-\$70.9
<b>Total New Zealand customer connections</b>	<b>350,961</b>	<b>353,357</b>	<b>354,810</b>	<b>355,760</b>	<b>357,521</b>	<b>358,350</b>	<b>359,550</b>	<b>360,780</b>	<b>363,430</b>	<b>364,182</b>	<b>364,839</b>	<b>365,346</b>	<b>354,810</b>	<b>+26,208</b>	<b>358,350</b>	<b>+25,763</b>	<b>363,430</b>	<b>+25,379</b>	<b>365,346</b>	<b>+18,516</b>
<b>New Zealand generation</b>																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,000	1,020	1,110	1,150	1,052	1,071	1,110	918	986	876	982	998	3,130	+372	3,273	+119	3,014	+298	2,855	+185
Wind generation volume (GWh)	105	129	135	111	114	114	86	94	84	93	104	116	370	-16	339	-40	264	-23	313	-31
<b>Total generation volume (GWh)</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>+356</b>	<b>3,612</b>	<b>+79</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>+275</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>+154</b>
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$166.2	\$136.1	\$75.8	\$57.1	\$78.9	\$53.4	\$138.4	\$121.8	\$198.1	\$201.5	\$208.5	\$156.4	\$124.1	-\$2.3	\$63.0	-\$38.2	\$152.8	-\$58.0	\$188.0	-\$79.7
<b>New Zealand hedging</b>																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	394	325	255	327	332	346	404	421	459	438	353	324	975	+122	1,004	+141	1,283	+195	1,115	+35
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$129.6	\$121.5	\$117.7	\$93.6	\$94.8	\$109.3	\$104.1	\$117.0	\$120.0	\$127.8	\$134.6	\$136.7	\$123.8	+\$18.5	\$99.4	+\$5.2	\$114.0	-\$1.2	\$132.6	+\$17.2
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$164.1	\$140.7	\$115.6	\$74.4	\$88.3	\$69.2	\$168.3	\$138.8	\$205.9	\$197.5	\$217.2	\$161.2	\$143.6	+\$13.4	\$77.2	-\$32.5	\$172.1	-\$55.1	\$193.2	-\$68.0
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-0.7	0.1	0.2	-0.9	0.2	-0.1	-5.1	-1.5	10.0	-6.4	2.3	10.9	-0.5	+5.9	-0.8	+2.8	3.3	+13.0	6.8	+0.8
<b>Meridian Group</b>																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	16	17	18	18	20	8	15	18	21	19	21	25	51	+3	46	-3	54	+7	65	+1
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	3	4	3	6	2	-1	4	4	3	3	6	10	+1	11	+2	6	-2	13	+1
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	9	4	23	11	17	6	9	8	6	19	13	9	36	+25	34	+28	23	-14	41	+31
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>+26</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>+30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>+33</b>

# 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
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 <a href="http://www.emi.ea.govt.nz">www.emi.ea.govt.nz</a>
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
Virtual Asset Swaps (VAS)	CFDs Meridian has with Genesis Energy and Mercury New Zealand. They do not result in the physical supply of electricity