

23 June 2016

Mr N McLean
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By Email

Dear Mr N McLean

Official Information Act request – Supply the original "Final Price" half-hourly data that were omitted for 26/3/2011

I refer to your request of 3 June 2016, in which you requested:

“A copy of the data that were originally supplied for that date, not the values that were (years later) publicised after the litigation was resolved.

Thus, the request is for the suppressed final price data, the values with their timestamps, as they has been routinely calculated by the standard process as used in March 2011.”

The Authority has processed your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On the grounds that the information requested is publicly available, I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA.

Information about the UTS on 26 March 2011 is available on the Authority's website at <http://www.ea.govt.nz/code-and-compliance/uts/undesirable-trading-situations-decisions/uts-26-march-2011/>. In particular, this link provides information about the remedy adopted by the Authority to the UTS of 26 March 2011, and how this remedy manifested itself in the final prices for 26 March 2011 ultimately being published on 22 February 2013. As the pricing manager did not deem the prices for 26 March 2011 to be final until 22 February 2013, the half-hourly data for the "final prices" for 26 March 2011 were not suppressed.

The final prices for 26 March 2011 are available at www.emi.ea.govt.nz/r/c5hhn.

Final prices arranged as monthly CSV files are available to be downloaded at www.emi.ea.govt.nz/Datasets/Wholesale/Final_pricing/Final_prices.

Prices in the New Zealand wholesale electricity market (final, real-time, pre-dispatch, etc) are determined using the model called SPD. The Authority holds every published SPD case file. Final pricing cases (which are only final when the pricing manager determines them to be such) are published by the Authority as soon as they are received at www.emi.ea.govt.nz/Datasets/Wholesale/Final_pricing/Raw_case_files.

The SPD case files contain three files that relate to 26 March 2011. Each of these three files start with MSS_25 (25th in UTC is 26th in NZ time) and they were published on 27 March 2011, 28 March 2011, and 22 February 2013, respectively – see the time and date stamps.

The information you have requested can be extracted from these files.

Further information on SPD case files, including naming convention, is available at <http://www.emi.ea.govt.nz/Forum/chat/spd-case-files>.

You are entitled to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review the Authority's decision to refuse your request.

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The address for contacting the Ombudsmen is:

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Yours sincerely



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