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Meridian Energy monthly operating report for January 2026

13 February 2026

Attached is Meridian Energy Limited's monthly operating report for the month of January 2026.

Meridian Chief Executive Mike Roan says January has seen a continuation of wet summer conditions and high lake levels.

"We are in a really solid position as we move towards autumn. Both water and snow storage in the Waitaki catchment are well above historical averages for this time of year, putting the country in a good position ahead of the coming winter."

"Extended periods of spilling in both the Waitaki and Waiau catchments have now ended but drove wholesale prices to remarkably low levels in January. Our average generation sales price was just over \$1 per megawatt hour last month," says Mike Roan.

Key points this month include:

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- South Island storage decreased to **88%** of average and North Island storage decreased to **117%** of average by 9 February 2026.
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- To date this financial year, total inflows are **138%** of historical average, the second highest July to January inflows on record.
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- Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment was at **177%** of average in early February 2026.
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- January was wet with record rainfall for parts of both islands. By contrast, the West Coast of the South Island had below normal rainfall during the month. Temperatures were average or above average for most of the country.
- National electricity demand in January 2026 was **3.1%** higher than January 2025.
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelters Ltd (NZAS) average load during January 2026 was **576MW**, compared with 513MW a year ago, when NZAS volume was ramping up following Meridian exercising call options under the demand response agreement.
- Meridian's retail sales volumes in January 2026 were **2.9%** higher than January 2025.
- Compared to January 2025, segment sales in residential were 27.4% higher (including ex customers of Flick), small medium business 12.5% higher, large business 15.3% higher, agriculture 4.5% lower and corporate 8.5% lower.

Weekly lake storage updates are available on Meridian's website. See comparative lake levels at: www.meridianenergy.co.nz/power-stations/lake-levels

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Monthly operating report

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Market data

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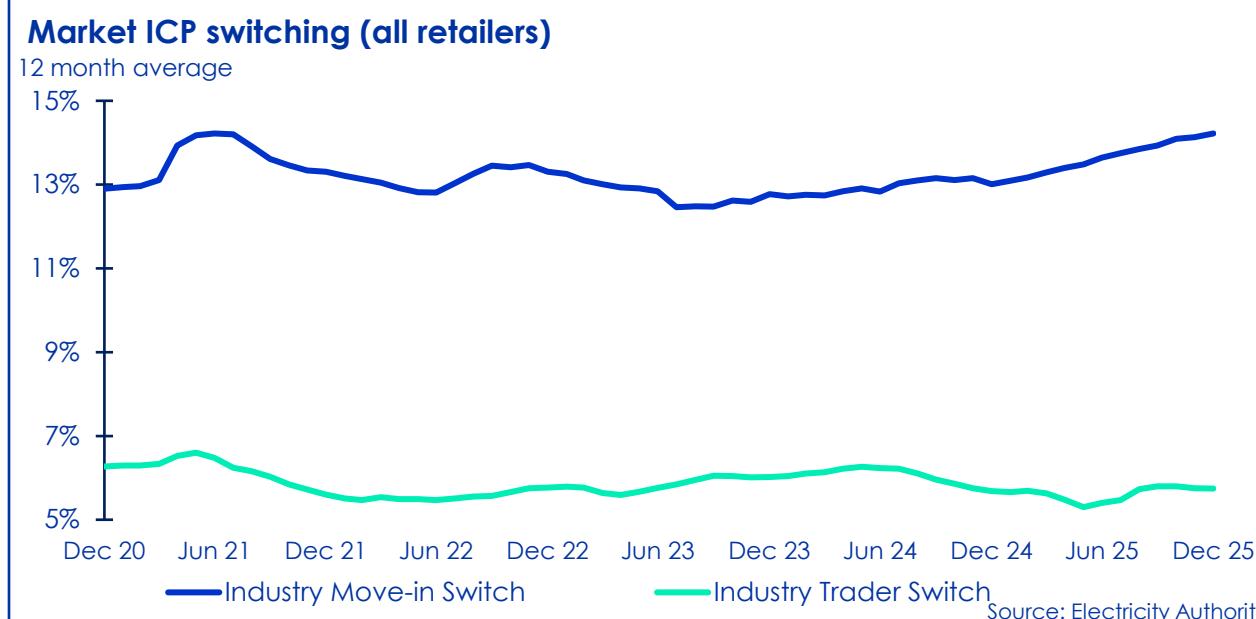
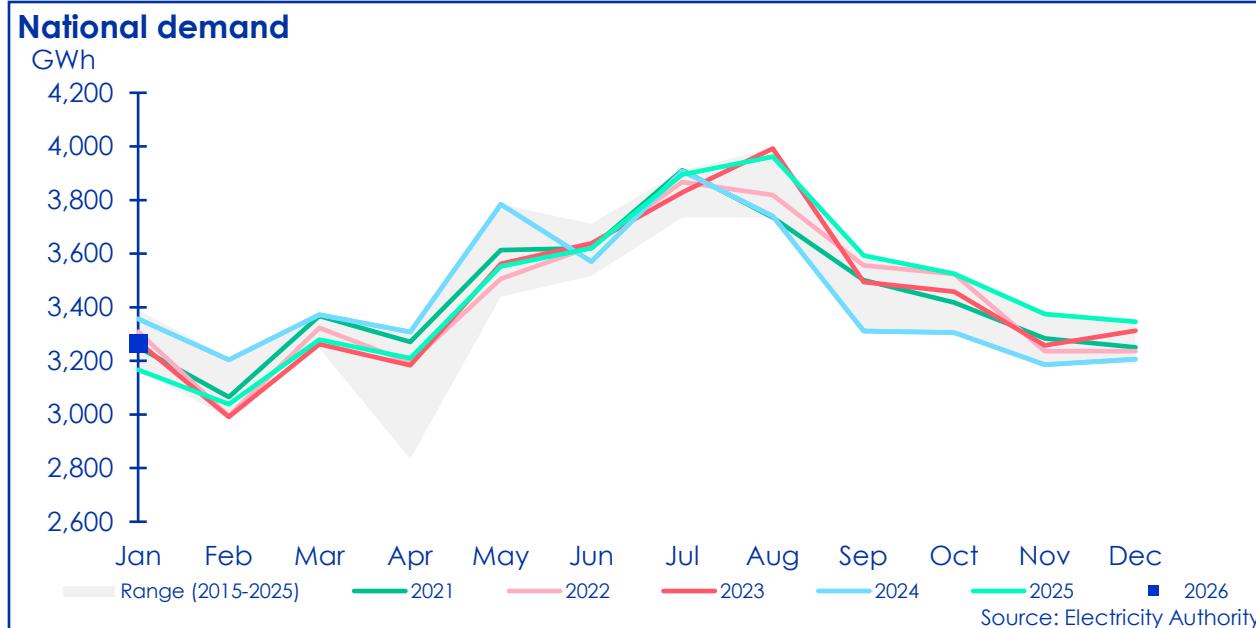
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Demand in the last 12 months was 1.5% higher than the preceding 12 months.

12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving ("trader" switch) was 5.7% at the end of December 2025.

12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers ("move-in" switch) was 14.2% at the end of December 2025.



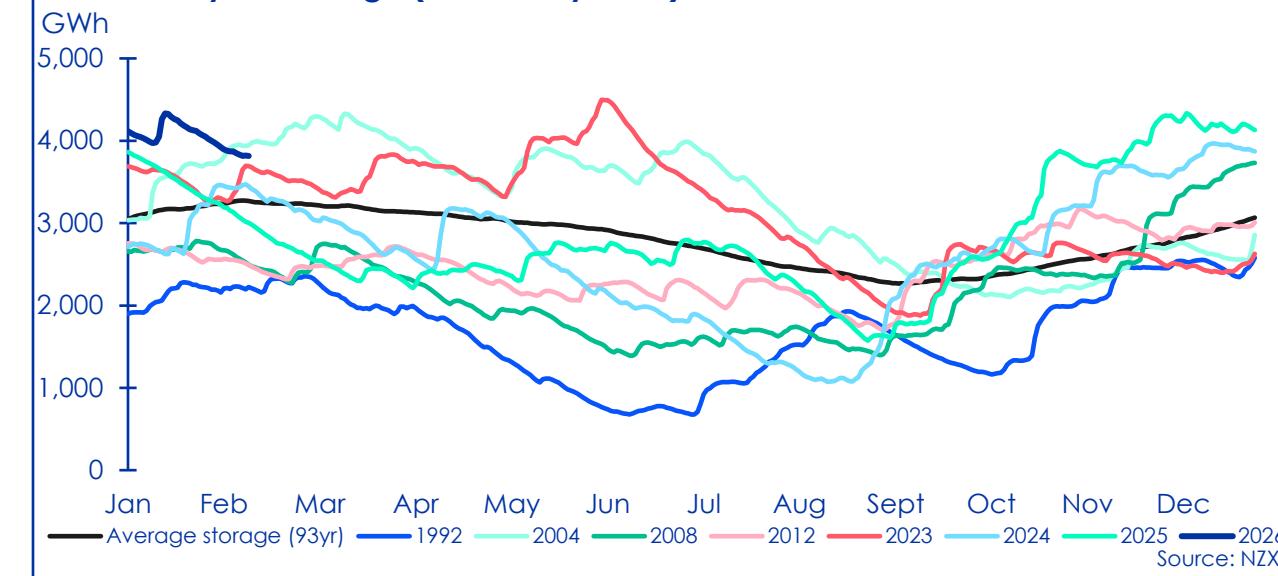
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January 2026 saw increases in 2026 ASX electricity futures prices.

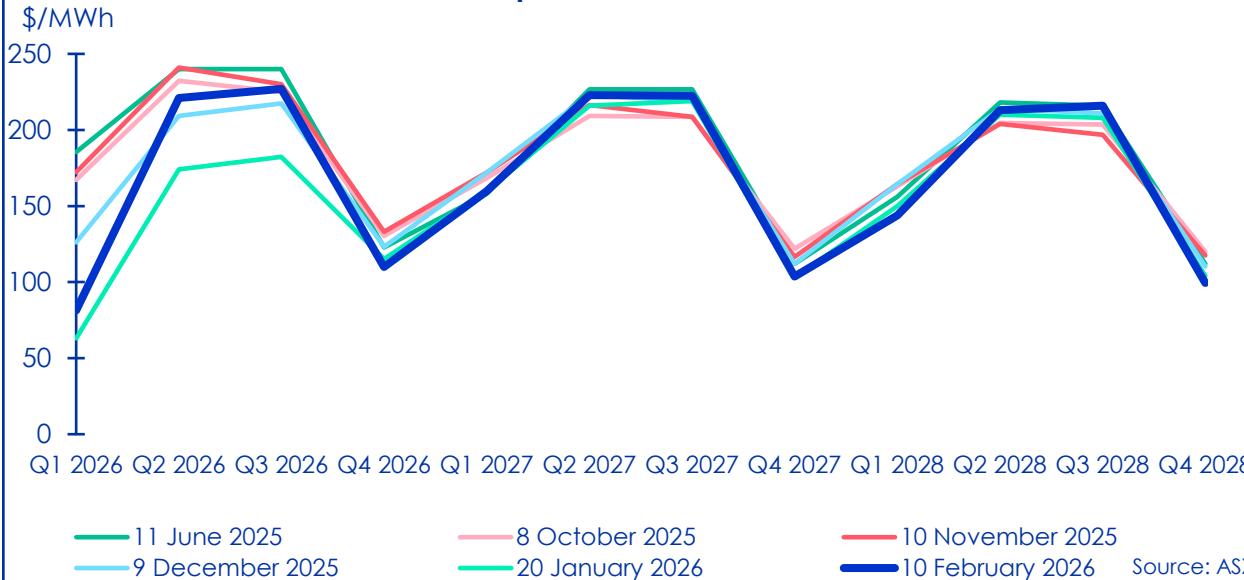
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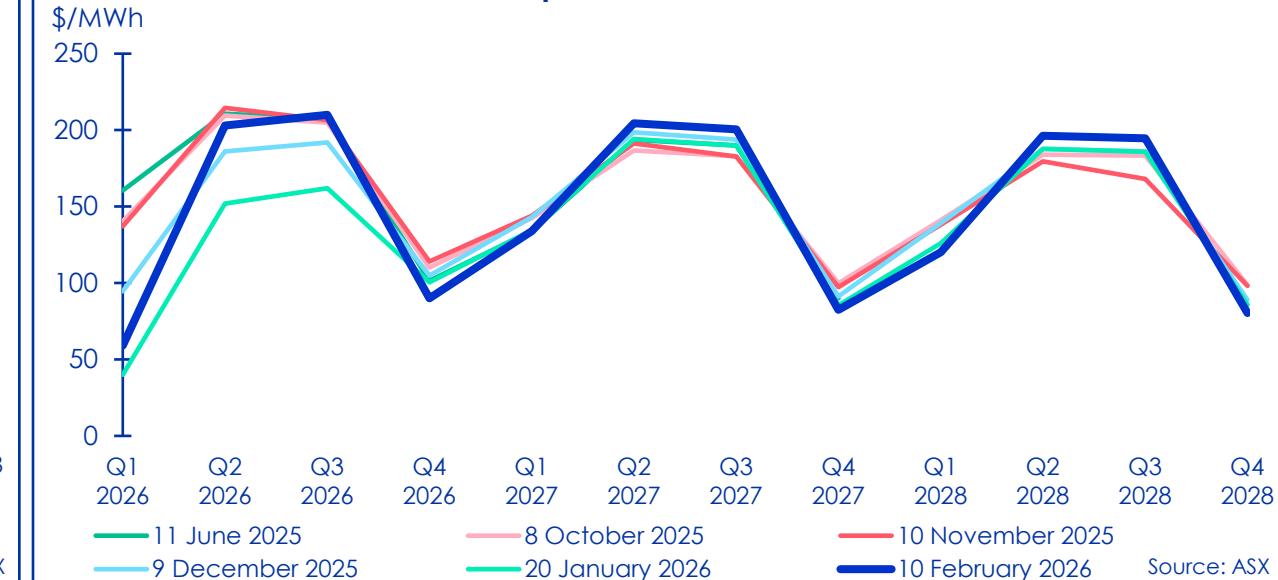
National hydro storage (9 February 2026)



Otahuhu ASX futures settlement price



Benmore ASX futures settlement price



Retail

Meridian's customer connection numbers decreased 0.2% during January 2026 and have increased 18.0% since January 2025.

Retail sales volumes in January 2026 were 2.9% higher than January 2025.

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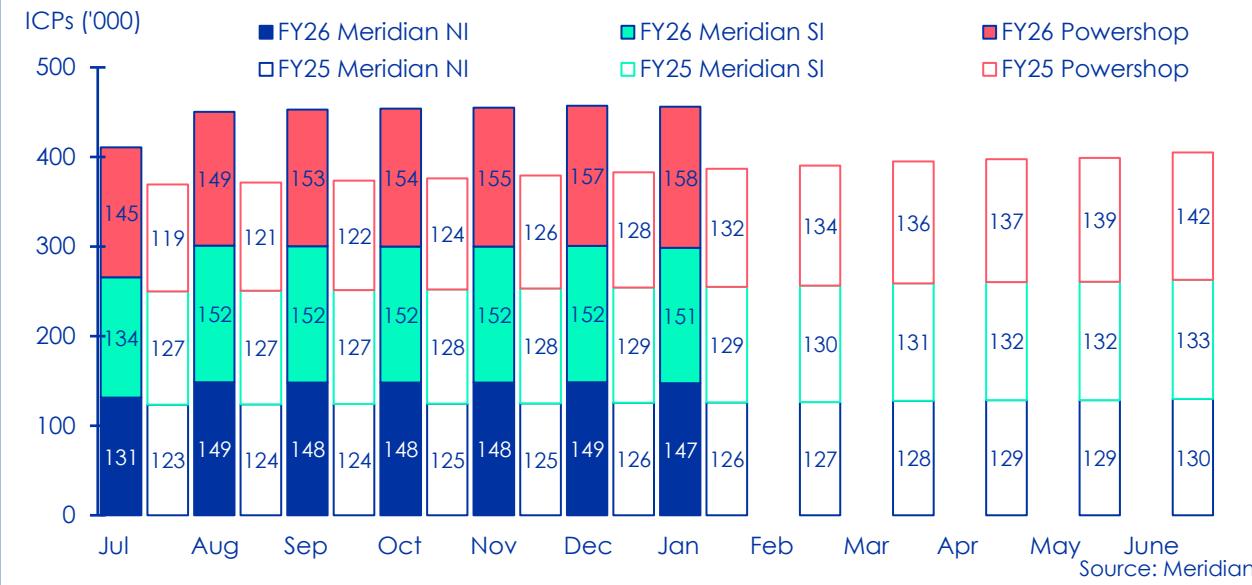
To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are 10.6% higher than the same period last year.

Compared to last financial year to date, segment sales in residential are 27.0% higher, small medium business 10.0% higher, large business 14.2% higher, agricultural 8.4% higher and corporate 3.2% higher.

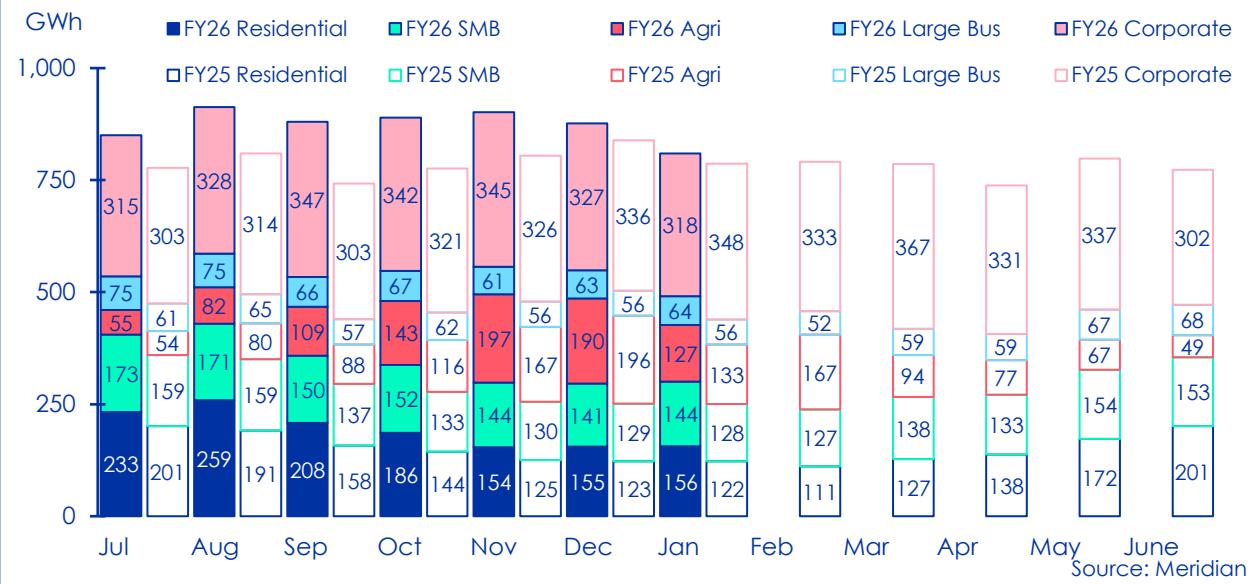
Residential sales from August 2025 include ex customers of Flick.

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

Meridian's customer connections



Meridian's retail sales volume*



Inflows and storage

January 2026 monthly total inflows were 108% of historical average.

Waiau catchment inflows in January 2026 were 87% of historical average, 221% higher than the same month last year.

To date this financial year, total inflows are 138% of historical average, the second highest July to January inflows on record.

Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 2,276GWh to 2,232GWh during January 2026.

Waitaki water storage at the end of January 2026 was 119% of historical average and 15% higher than the same time last year.

Snow storage in Meridian's Waitaki catchment is at 177% of average in early February 2026.

Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was 90% of average at the end of January 2026.

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Meridian's combined catchment inflows



Source: Meridian

Meridian's Waitaki storage



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Generation

Meridian's generation in January 2026 was 14.5% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and higher wind generation.

To date this financial year, Meridian's generation is 13.6% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and higher wind generation.

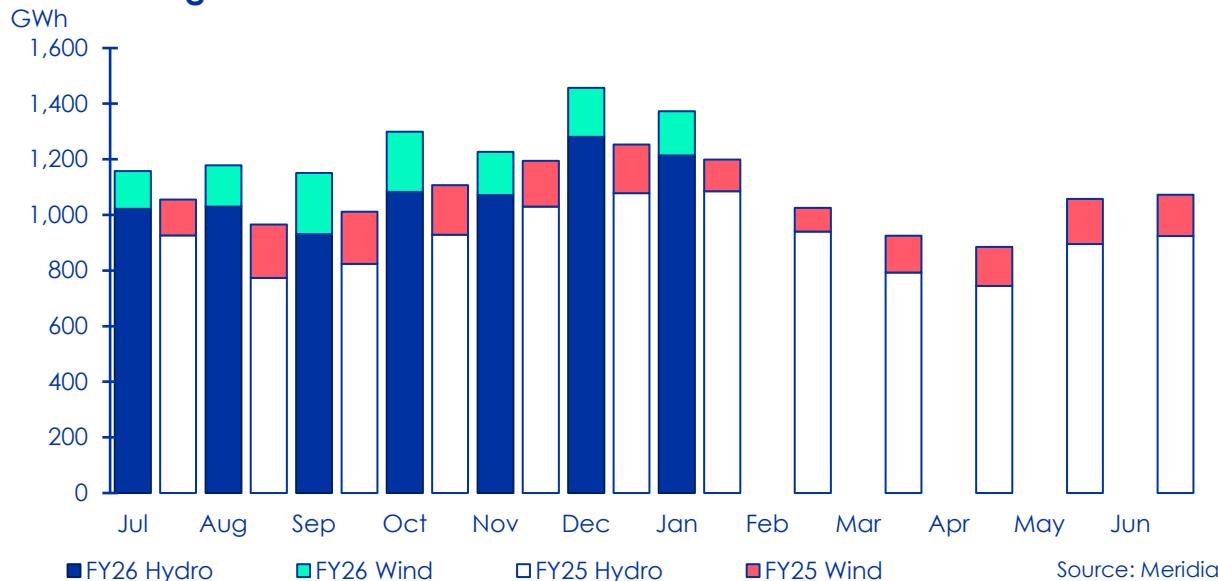
The average price Meridian received for its generation in January 2026 was 98.9% lower than the same month last year.

The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in January 2026 was 94.3% lower than the same month last year.

To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 56.5% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 57.1% lower.

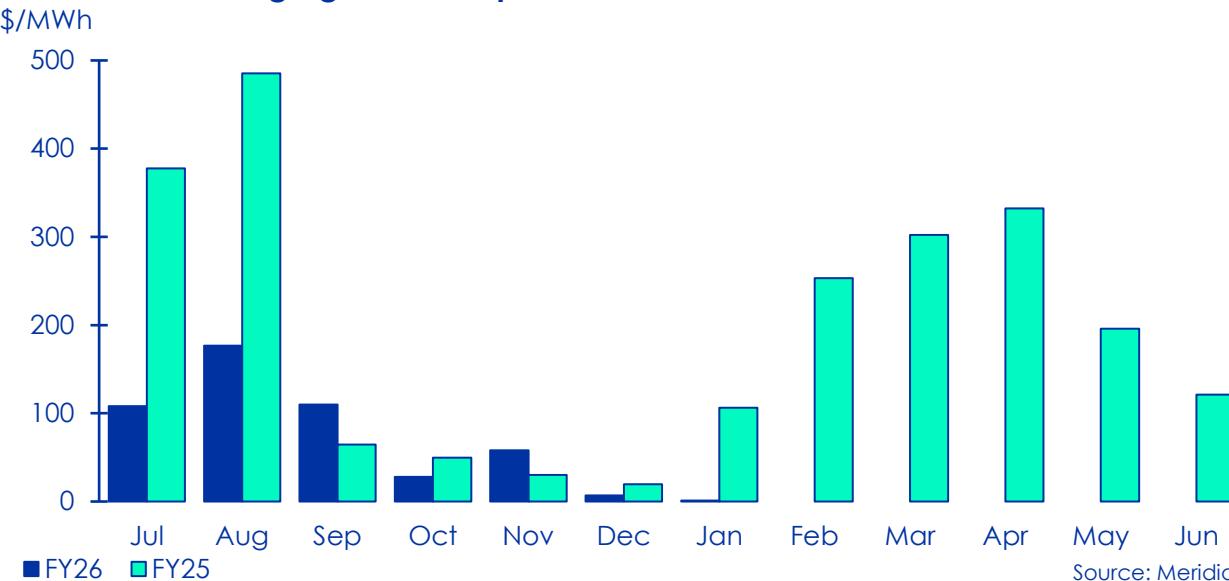
*price received for Meridian's physical generation

Meridian's generation



Source: Meridian

Meridian's average generation price*



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Monthly operating information

	JANUARY 2026 MONTH	JANUARY 2025 MONTH	DECEMBER 2025 MONTH	NOVEMBER 2025 MONTH	7 MONTHS TO JANUARY 2026	7 MONTHS TO JANUARY 2025
New Zealand contracted sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	156	122	155	154	1,351	1,064
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	144	128	141	144	1,074	976
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	127	133	190	197	903	833
Large business sales volume (GWh)	64	56	63	61	471	413
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	318	348	327	345	2,323	2,250
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	809	787	876	902	6,121	5,536
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$150.5	\$143.2	\$143.8	\$142.3	\$156.7	\$147.5
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	280	249	280	271	1,926	1,912
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	332	396	432	314	2,457	1,733
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$87.8	\$86.6	\$71.9	\$76.7	\$93.8	\$95.1
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	849	835	927	958	6,454	5,834
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$3.6	\$123.8	\$14.0	\$69.3	\$78.0	\$173.9
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$1.9	\$117.1	\$4.9	\$52.8	\$68.9	\$172.9
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$13.3	\$111.8	\$16.5	\$58.2	\$72.5	\$177.6
BESS supply volume (GWh)	2	-	3	4	18	-
Cost to supply BESS (\$NZ/MWh)	\$0.9	\$0.0	\$14.3	\$30.6	\$45.0	\$0.0
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$2.0	-\$7.3	-\$1.9	-\$1.9	-\$18.7	-\$96.8
Total New Zealand customer connections ⁴	456,274	386,645	457,336	455,035		

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New Zealand generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,214	1,086	1,281	1,072	7,632	6,647
Wind generation volume (GWh)	158	113	176	155	1,210	1,139
BESS generation volume (GWh)	1	0	2	3	11	0
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,373	1,199	1,459	1,229	8,853	7,786
Average generation price ⁵ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$1.1	\$106.3	\$6.8	\$57.9	\$65.4	\$150.4
New Zealand hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	417	416	420	440	3,130	2,762
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$139.5	\$150.7	\$125.0	\$122.2	\$167.0	\$181.5
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$8.0	\$124.8	\$18.7	\$67.3	\$77.2	\$178.3
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$1.6	-\$5.7	-\$1.5	\$2.4	-\$4.3	-\$22.6
New Zealand costs						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	22	20	26	25	174	168
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	5	1	5	5	38	35
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	13	5	10	11	66	75
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	18	7	15	16	104	110

Footnotes

1. Contracted sales volumes and volume weighted average price received from contracted customers less distribution costs.
2. Derivatives sold excluding the sell-side of virtual asset swaps.

3. Average price of both NZAS sales volume and derivative sales volumes.
4. Meridian Retail and Powershop New Zealand installation control points (ICPs), excluding vacants.
5. Volume weighted average price received for Meridian's physical generation.
6. Over the counter and ASX contract volumes excluding the buy-side of virtual asset swaps.

FY26 operating information

	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Q1 FY26	YoY change	Q2 FY26	YoY change	Q3 FY26	YoY change	Q4 FY26	YoY change
Retail contracted sales																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	233	259	208	186	154	155	156						700	+150	495	+104				
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	173	171	150	152	144	141	144						494	+38	436	+44				
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	55	82	109	143	197	190	127						246	+25	530	+51				
Large business sales volume (GWh)	75	75	66	67	61	63	64						215	+32	192	+18				
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	315	328	347	342	345	327	318						989	+70	1,015	+33				
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	850	913	880	890	902	876	809						2,644	+314	2,668	+248				
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$172.4	\$172.5	\$171.0	\$144.3	\$142.3	\$143.8	\$150.5						\$171.9	+\$9.6	\$143.4	+\$8.7				
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	267	276	271	280	271	280	280						814	-8	832	-10				
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	418	349	291	321	314	432	332						1,058	+335	1,067	+453				
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$117.1	\$116.4	\$111.4	\$75.8	\$76.7	\$71.9	\$87.8						\$115.1	-\$6.6	\$74.6	+\$4.0				
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	892	949	925	953	958	927	849						2,766	+322	2,838	+285				
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$113.3	\$184.4	\$119.3	\$36.4	\$69.3	\$14.0	\$3.6						\$139.7	-\$189.3	\$40.2	-\$1.7				
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$102.2	\$186.2	\$112.2	\$26.8	\$52.8	\$4.9	\$1.9						\$134.0	-\$202.4	\$27.9	-\$2.1				
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$105.1	\$171.5	\$117.5	\$32.7	\$58.2	\$16.5	\$13.3						\$130.4	-\$199.9	\$33.6	-\$6.6				
BESS supply volume (GWh)	1	2	3	4	4	3	2						5	+5	11	+11				
Cost to supply BESS (\$NZ/MWh)	\$86.5	\$138.1	\$73.7	\$11.1	\$30.6	\$14.3	\$0.9						\$95.1	+\$0.0	\$19.3	+\$0.0				
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$5.4	-\$3.1	-\$1.9	-\$2.5	-\$1.9	-\$1.9	-\$2.0						-\$10.4	+\$38.3	-\$6.3	+\$34.5				
Total New Zealand customer connections	410,865	450,317	452,970	454,057	455,035	457,336	456,274						452,970	+79,300	457,336	+74,628				
Generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,022	1,030	931	1,083	1,072	1,281	1,214						2,982	+458	3,435	+398				
Wind generation volume (GWh)	135	148	220	217	155	176	158						504	-5	548	+30				
BESS generation volume (GWh)	0	1	2	2	3	2	1						3	+3	7	+7				
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,157	1,179	1,153	1,302	1,229	1,459	1,373						3,490	+457	3,990	+436				
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$108.1	\$176.6	\$109.9	\$28.0	\$57.9	\$6.8	\$1.1						\$131.8	-\$174.3	\$29.5	-\$3.0				
Hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	473	472	437	472	440	420	417						1,382	+48	1,332	+320				
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$215.9	\$218.2	\$213.7	\$127.0	\$122.2	\$125.0	\$139.5						\$216.0	+\$5.6	\$124.8	-\$31.2				
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$107.4	\$174.2	\$115.7	\$36.4	\$67.3	\$18.7	\$8.0						\$132.9	-\$162.7	\$41.0	-\$4.6				
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$0.7	-\$1.0	-\$2.3	\$0.4	\$2.4	-\$1.5	-\$1.6						-\$4.0	\$21.5	\$3.1	-\$4.4				
Other																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	24	24	27	26	25	26	22						\$76	-\$4	\$77	+\$9				
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	5	9	5	5	5	5						\$18	+\$4	\$16	-\$5				
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	11	11	4	6	11	10	13						\$26	-\$7	\$27	-\$10				
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	14	16	13	11	16	15	18						\$43	-\$3	\$42	-\$15				

FY25 operating information

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Residential sales volume (GWh)	201	191	158	144	125	123	122	111	127	138	172	201	550	-5	392	-1	361	+4	511	+17	
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	159	159	137	133	130	129	128	127	138	133	154	153	456	-1	393	-1	393	+0	441	+15	
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	54	80	88	116	167	196	133	167	94	77	67	49	221	-20	479	+25	394	-160	194	-31	
Large business sales volume (GWh)	61	65	57	62	56	56	56	52	59	59	67	68	183	+9	174	+19	167	+5	193	+23	
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	303	314	303	321	326	336	348	333	367	331	337	302	920	-69	983	-12	1,048	+53	970	+40	
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	777	810	743	776	805	839	787	791	786	738	798	773	2,330	-87	2,419	+31	2,363	-98	2,309	+65	
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$162.4	\$162.9	\$161.6	\$136.9	\$135.2	\$132.3	\$143.2	\$141.5	\$149.8	\$161.6	\$171.4	\$165.6	\$162.3	+\$12.7	\$134.8	+\$5.7	\$144.9	+\$7.6	\$166.3	+8	
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	327	261	233	265	275	303	249	239	247	236	243	241	821	-441	842	-421	735	-510	720	-512	
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	295	222	206	192	210	212	396	318	407	281	319	281	723	-357	614	-70	1,121	+368	881	-20	
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$128.9	\$127.5	\$105.2	\$76.6	\$70.9	\$65.0	\$86.6	\$94.3	\$103.0	\$132.7	\$131.8	\$119.5	\$121.7	+\$43.9	\$70.6	+\$12.1	\$94.7	+\$21.9	\$128.1	+38	
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	813	866	766	818	858	877	835	834	821	776	825	809	2,444	-117	2,554	+7	2,491	-93	2,409	+51	
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$382.7	\$487.4	\$93.0	\$62.8	\$36.6	\$27.6	\$123.8	\$269.8	\$308.7	\$334.8	\$214.8	\$131.8	\$329.0	+\$196.4	\$41.9	-\$110.0	\$233.6	+\$43.4	\$225.6	-51	
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$388.9	\$509.9	\$68.2	\$49.3	\$23.3	\$19.2	\$117.1	\$269.1	\$324.0	\$345.1	\$205.2	\$121.2	\$336.4	+\$218.7	\$30.0	-\$105.0	\$236.0	+\$60.0	\$222.9	-33	
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$375.3	\$494.8	\$91.1	\$63.5	\$33.8	\$25.8	\$111.8	\$233.2	\$281.8	\$326.1	\$209.0	\$126.6	\$330.9	+\$211.4	\$40.3	-\$92.2	\$207.9	+\$31.6	\$220.1	-36	
BESS supply volume (GWh)										1	2	2	1					1	+1	4	+4
Cost to supply BESS (\$NZ/MWh)										\$304.8	\$327.0	\$178.2	\$133.2					\$304.8	\$304.8	\$235.0	\$235.0
Demand response payments (\$NZm)	-\$4.7	-\$19.1	-\$25.0	-\$18.7	-\$13.2	-\$8.8	-\$7.3	-\$5.0	-\$10.3	-\$10.7	-\$10.7	-\$18.3	-\$48.7	-\$48.7	-\$40.7	-\$40.7	-\$22.5	-\$22.5	-\$39.7	-\$39.7	
Total New Zealand customer connections	369,376	371,479	373,670	376,126	379,348	382,708	386,645	390,314	394,951	397,551	399,077	405,072	373,670	+8,217	382,708	+10,908	394,951	+21,619	405,072	+35,405	
Generation																					
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	927	773	825	929	1,030	1,079	1,086	940	792	745	895	925	2,524	-682	3,037	+15	2,818	-125	2,564	-391	
Wind generation volume (GWh)	129	192	187	179	164	174	113	85	133	141	163	148	509	+147	517	+159	332	-36	452	+99	
BESS generation volume (GWh)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	0	-	+0	-	+0	0	+0	2	+2	
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,056	965	1,012	1,107	1,194	1,253	1,199	1,025	925	886	1,058	1,073	3,033	-535	3,554	+174	3,149	-161	3,018	-290	
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$376.2	\$483.8	\$63.8	\$49.8	\$29.9	\$19.6	\$106.3	\$253.1	\$302.1	\$332.4	\$196.0	\$121.0	\$306.2	+\$187.2	\$32.5	-\$103.8	\$211.6	+\$34.7	\$209.4	-\$47.7	
Hedging																					
Hedging volume (GWh)	451	451	432	403	277	331	416	433	492	453	422	379	1,334	-168	1,011	-347	1,341	-105	1,253	-223	
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$174.5	\$226.1	\$231.4	\$196.2	\$134.2	\$125.3	\$150.7	\$162.1	\$169.3	\$203.4	\$201.7	\$200.6	\$210.4	+\$72.6	\$156.0	+\$46.9	\$161.2	+\$28.3	\$202.0	+\$54.0	
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$346.6	\$451.9	\$79.1	\$61.2	\$34.7	\$35.9	\$124.8	\$245.7	\$293.4	\$313.0	\$204.2	\$126.8	\$295.5	+\$171.5	\$45.6	-\$103.1	\$225.7	+\$39.0	\$220.1	-\$37.7	
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$13.0	-\$13.7	\$2.3	\$6.9	\$0.4	\$0.1	-\$5.7	-\$5.9	-\$4.4	\$0.3	-\$2.0	-\$0.6	-\$24.4	-43.0	\$7.4	+8.0	-\$16.0	-\$16.6	-\$2.2	\$4.7	
Other																					
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	26	25	30	21	23	23	20	21	25	26	24	26	\$80	+\$11	\$68	-\$3	\$65	-\$1	\$76	-\$0	
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	4	6	4	7	8	6	1	4	8	6	8	19	\$14	+\$0	\$20	+\$4	\$13	-\$10	\$33	+\$13	
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	12	9	11	11	8	18	5	4	1	14	3	17	\$32	-\$18	\$37	-\$46	\$10	-\$74	\$33	-\$26	
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	16	15	15	18	16	24	7	8	9	20	11	36	\$46	-\$18	\$57	-\$42	\$24	-\$83	\$66	-\$13	

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	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, 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 www.emi.ea.govt.nz
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