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# Meridian Energy monthly operating report for March 2026

17 April 2026

Meridian Energy Limited has released its monthly operating report for the month of March 2026 (attached).

The month underscored the strength of Meridian's strategy and market conditions, with strong retail sales growth, rising customer demand and hydro storage holding close to historical averages despite softer monthly inflows. At the same time, ASX forward prices have declined further, likely reflecting the high levels of investment in new renewable generation and the system security provided by agreements signed for Huntly capacity.

"We've maintained momentum through the March quarter after a very strong half-year result and the lakes are looking really good as we get closer to winter. These things can change, however at this stage we have 40% more water than we did at the same time last year," says Meridian CEO Mike Roan.

"The continued fall in ASX prices is significant and a sign that power will get more affordable as the massive ongoing investment in new renewable generation lands. We expect this to flow through into contracted electricity prices."

Mandy Simpson (CFO) and Owen Hackston (Investor Relations Manager) will host a quarterly operating result call via a Microsoft Teams Live event today, Friday 17 March at 10.00am NZST (8.00am AEST).

Click on the link below at this time to join the call.

### **Meridian Energy Quarterly Operating results - Microsoft Teams Live Event**

Please submit any questions using the Q&A panel on the right-hand side of the call window. If the Q&A panel doesn't automatically appear, please select the small 'Q&A' speech bubble'.

#### **Key points this month include:**

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- Compared to Q3 last year, Meridian's generation was **16.4%** higher at a **71.2%** lower average price.
- 2026 electricity futures prices decreased during Q3.
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- Summer 2025/26, influenced by weakening La Niña conditions, was characterised by a warm start, transitioning to a cooler February and generally near-average temperatures overall. The country experienced active summer weather patterns, with periods of high pressure interspersed by heavy rain events that brought record rains to parts of both islands.
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# March 2026

## Monthly operating report

# March key points

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# Market data

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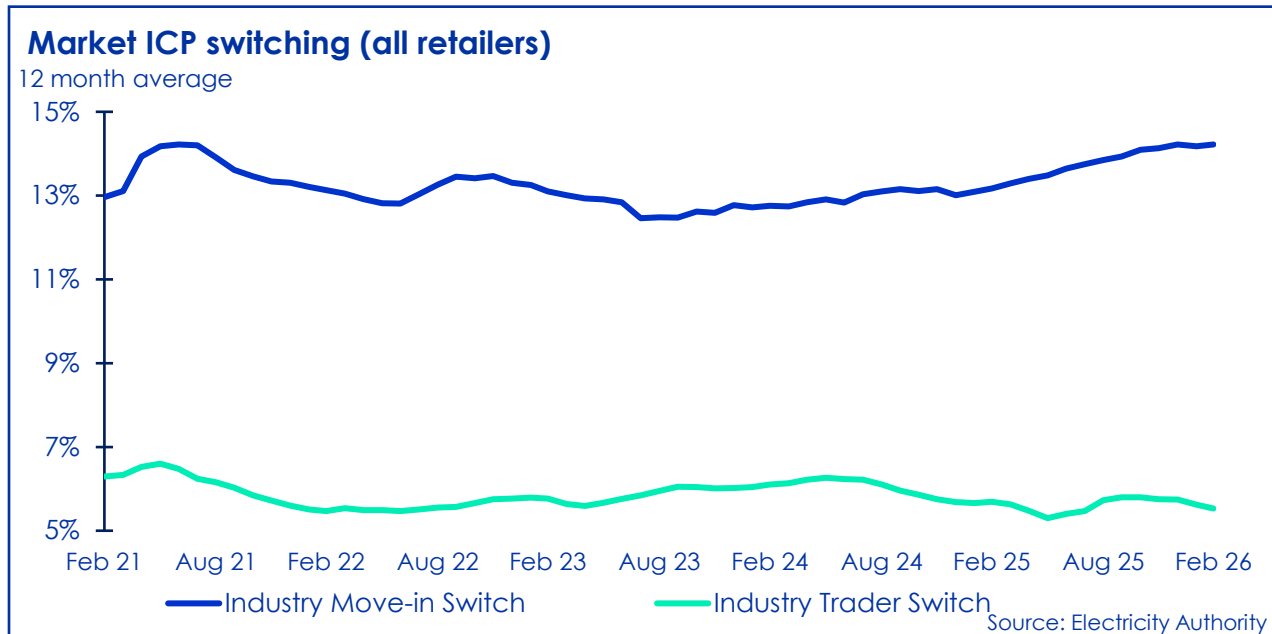
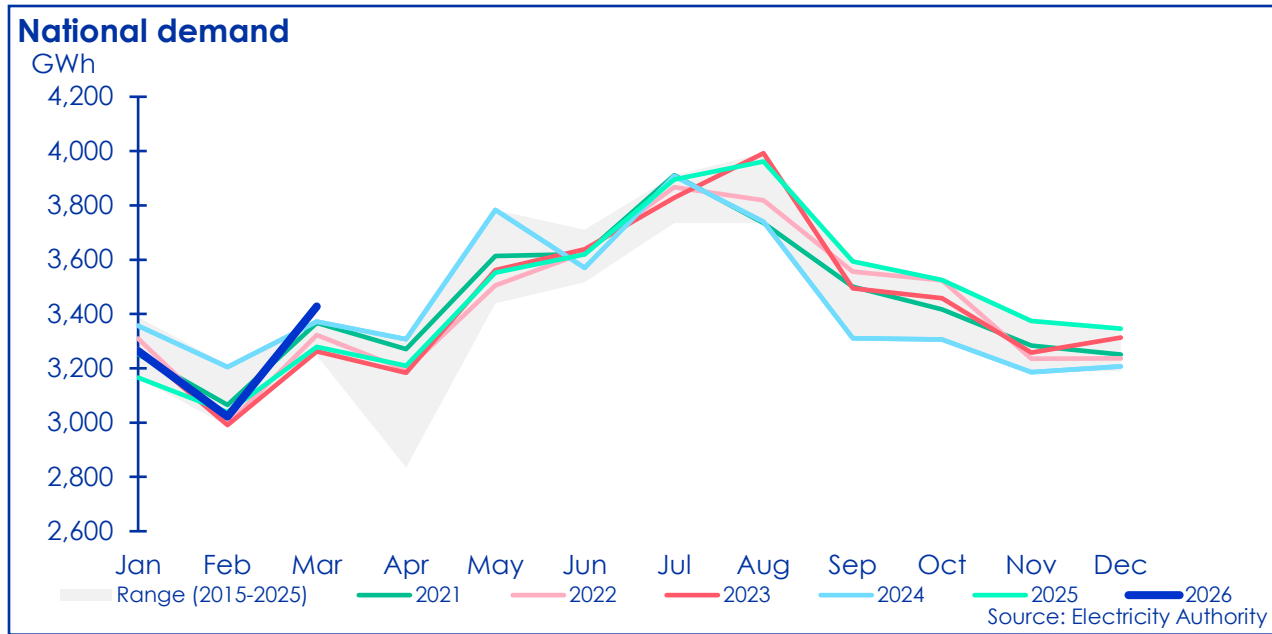
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Demand in the last 12 months was 2.4% higher than the preceding 12 months.

12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving (“trader” switch) was 5.5% at the end of February 2026.

12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers (“move-in” switch) was 14.2% at the end of February 2026.



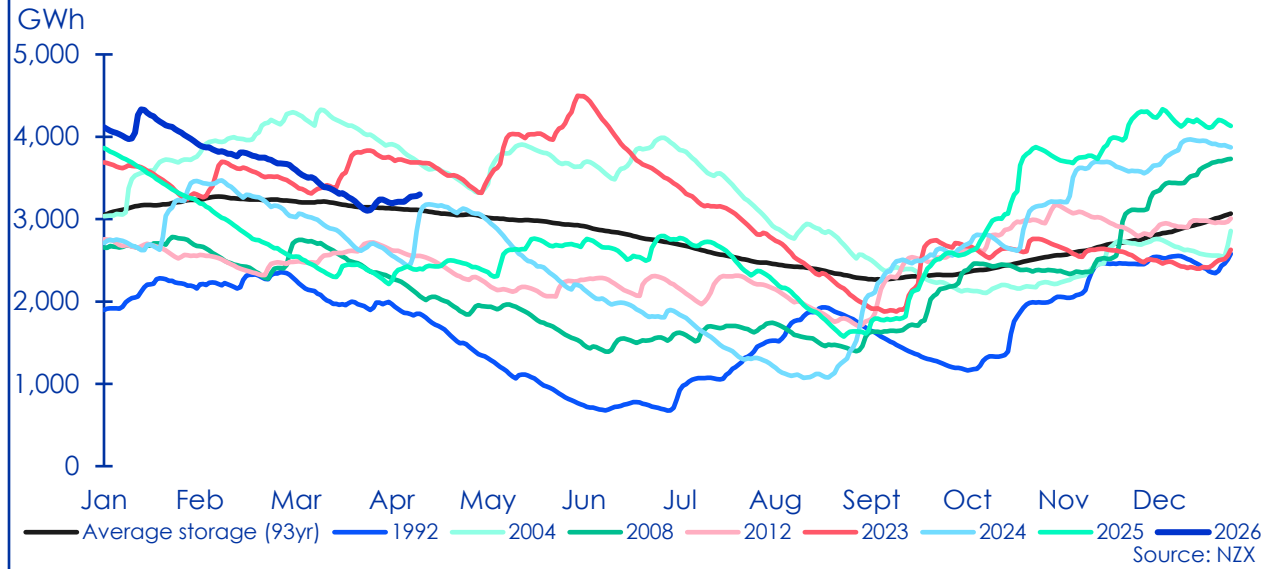
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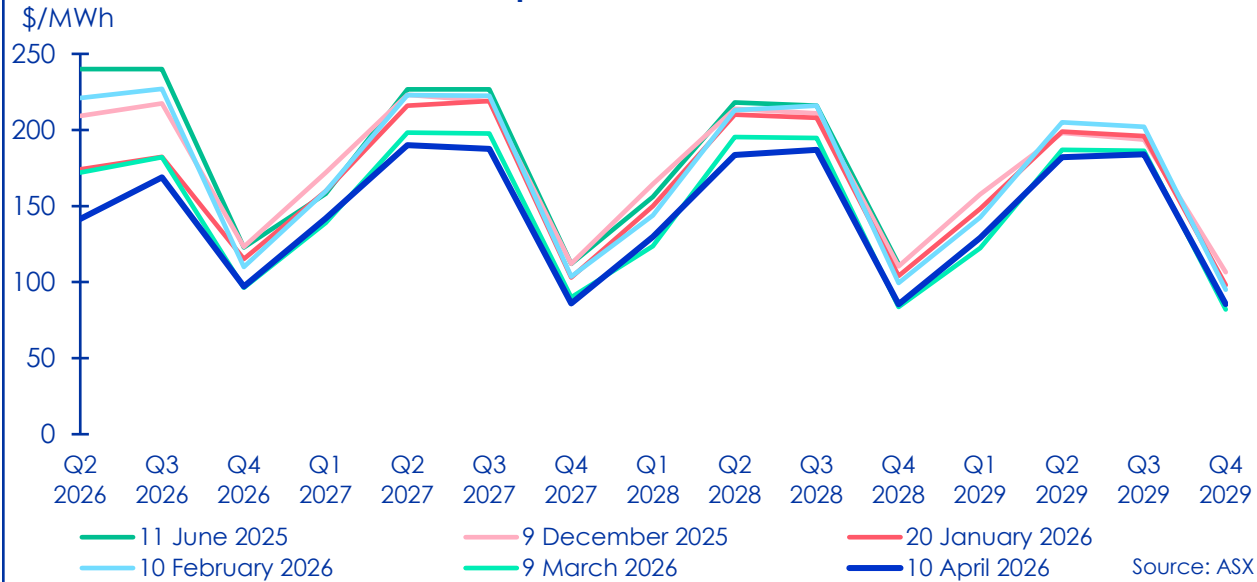
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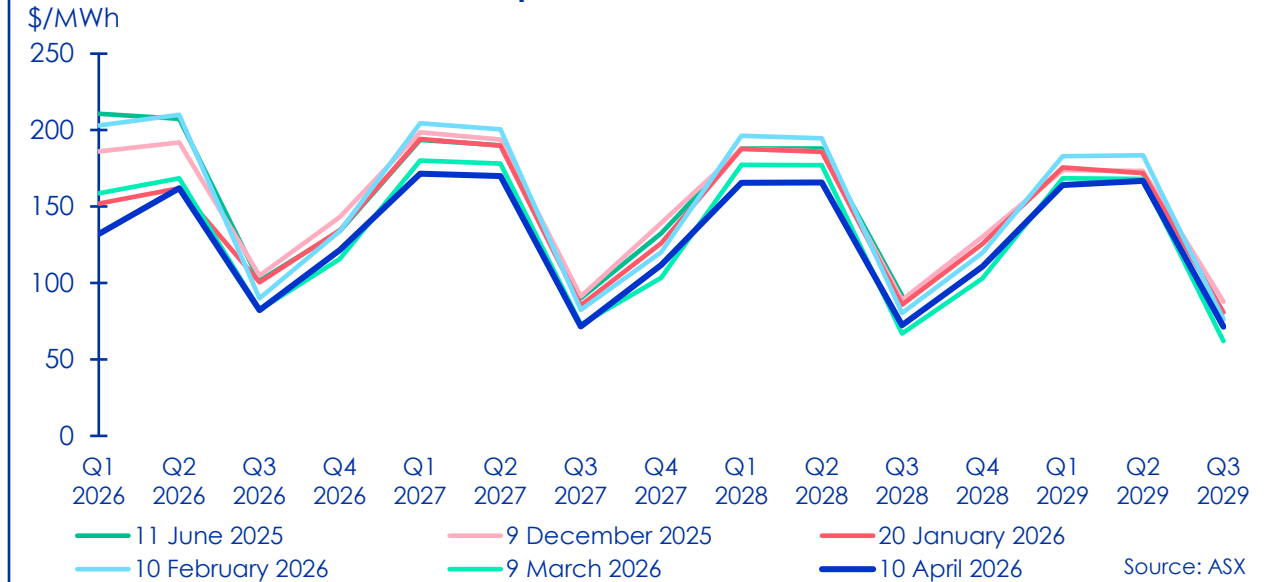
## National hydro storage (13 April 2026)



## Ōtāhuhu ASX futures settlement price



## Benmore ASX futures settlement price



# Retail

Meridian's customer connection numbers decreased 0.2% during March 2026 and have increased 17.7% since March 2025.

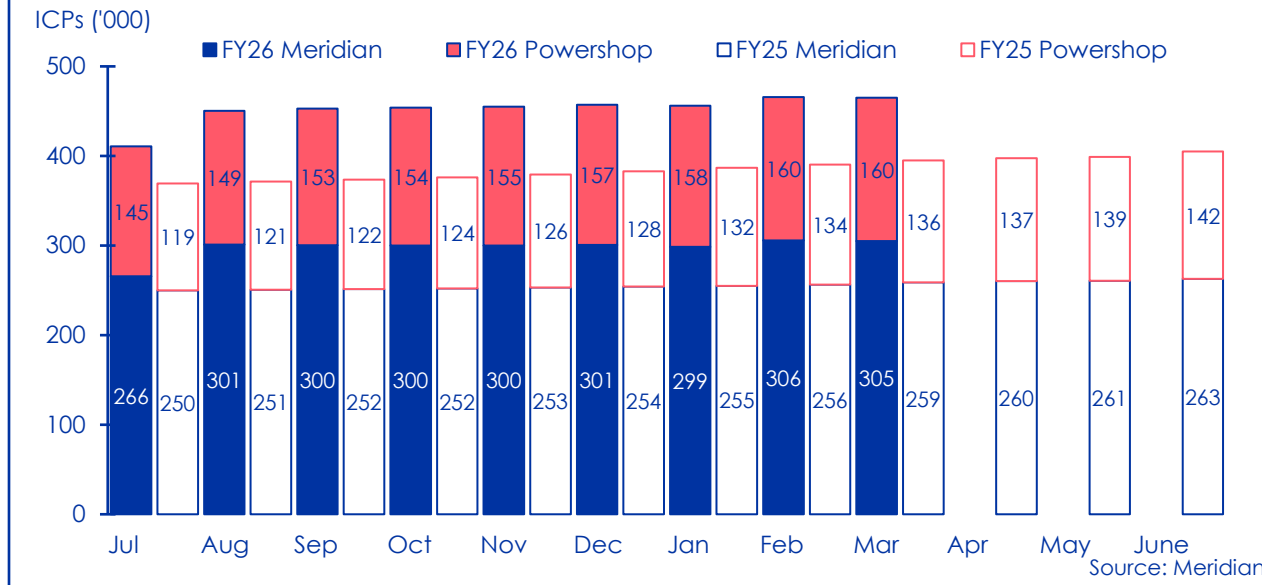
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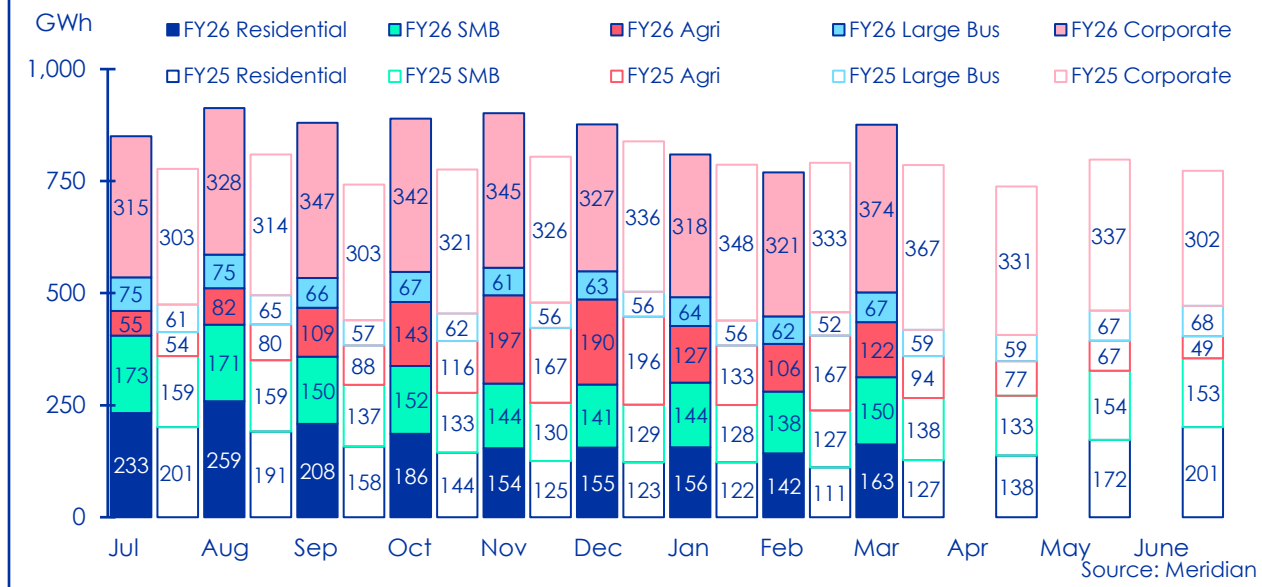
To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are 9.2% higher than the same period last year.

Compared to last financial year to date, segment sales in residential are 27.1% higher, small medium business 9.7% higher, large business 14.5% higher, agriculture 3.4% higher and corporate 2.3% higher.

## Meridian's customer connections



## Meridian's retail sales volume



# Inflows and storage

March 2026 monthly total inflows were 74% of historical average.

Waiau catchment inflows in March 2026 were 80% of historical average, 30% higher than the same month last year.

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Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 2,114GWh to 1,840GWh during March 2026.

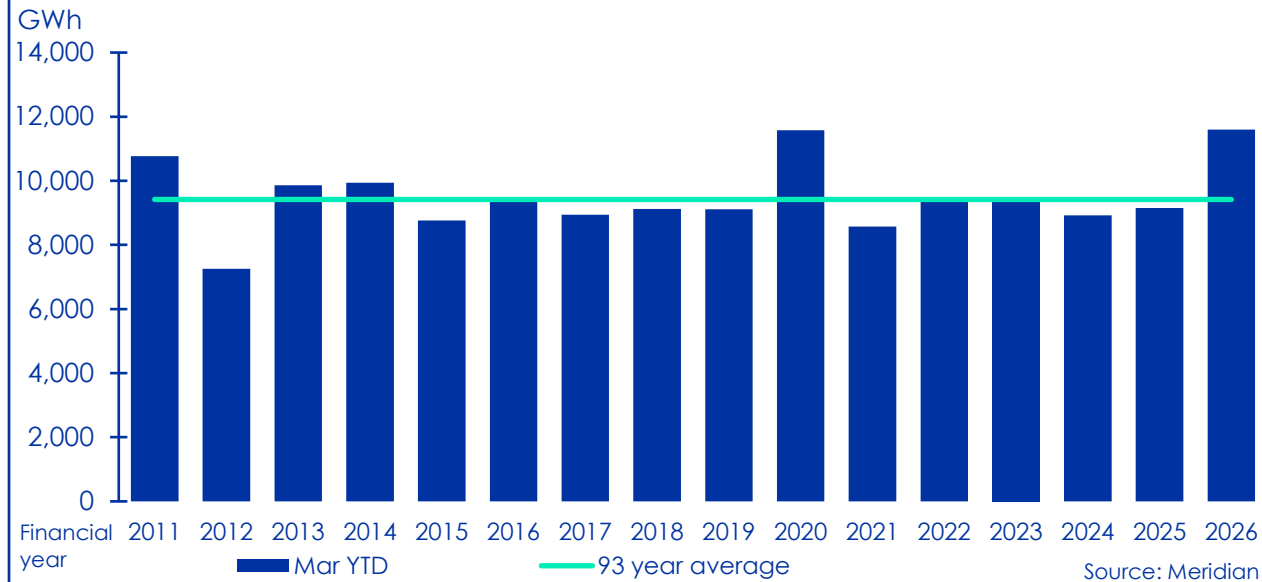
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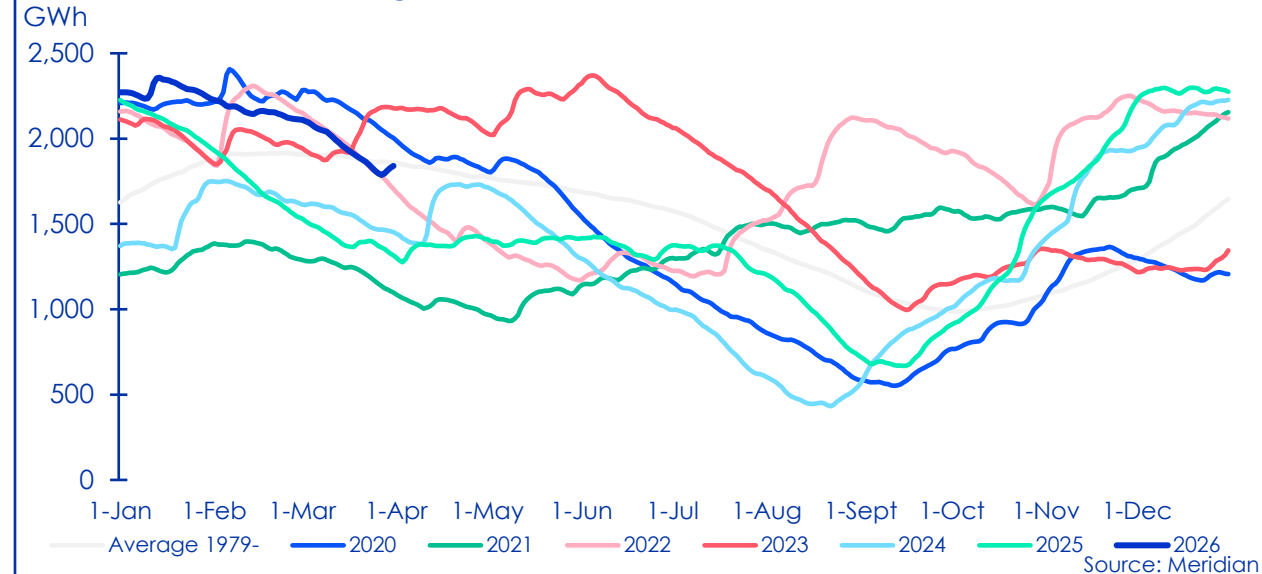
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Meridian's combined catchment inflows



Meridian's Waitaki storage



# Generation

Meridian's generation in March 2026 was 30.7% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and lower wind generation.

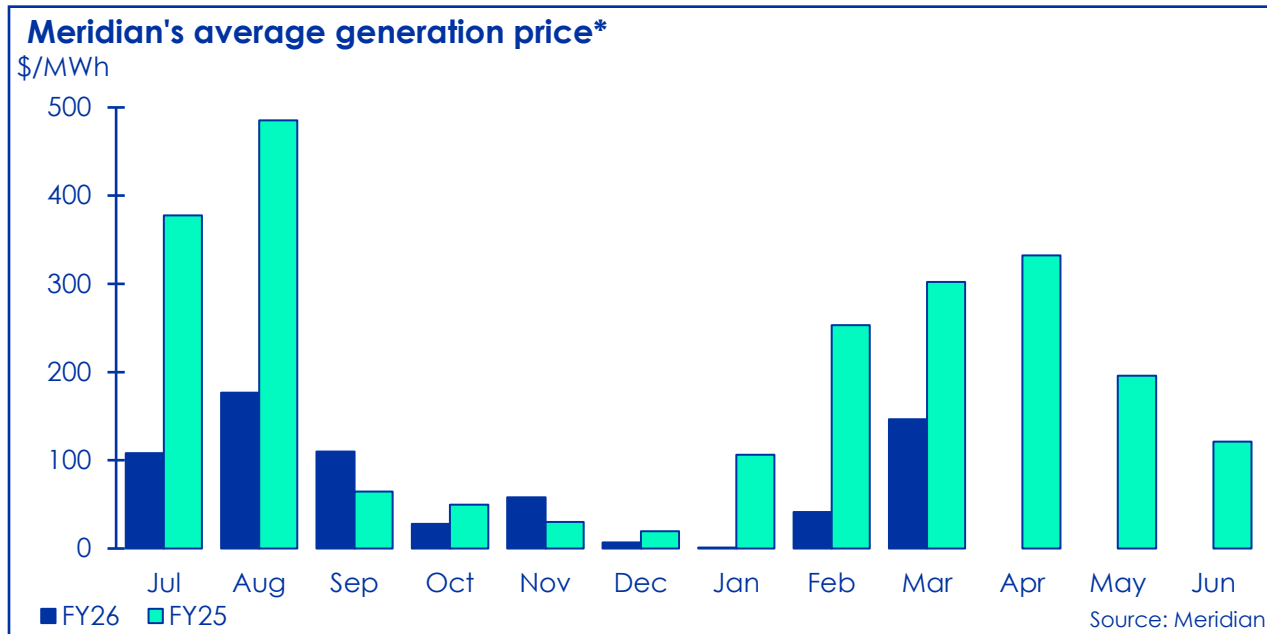
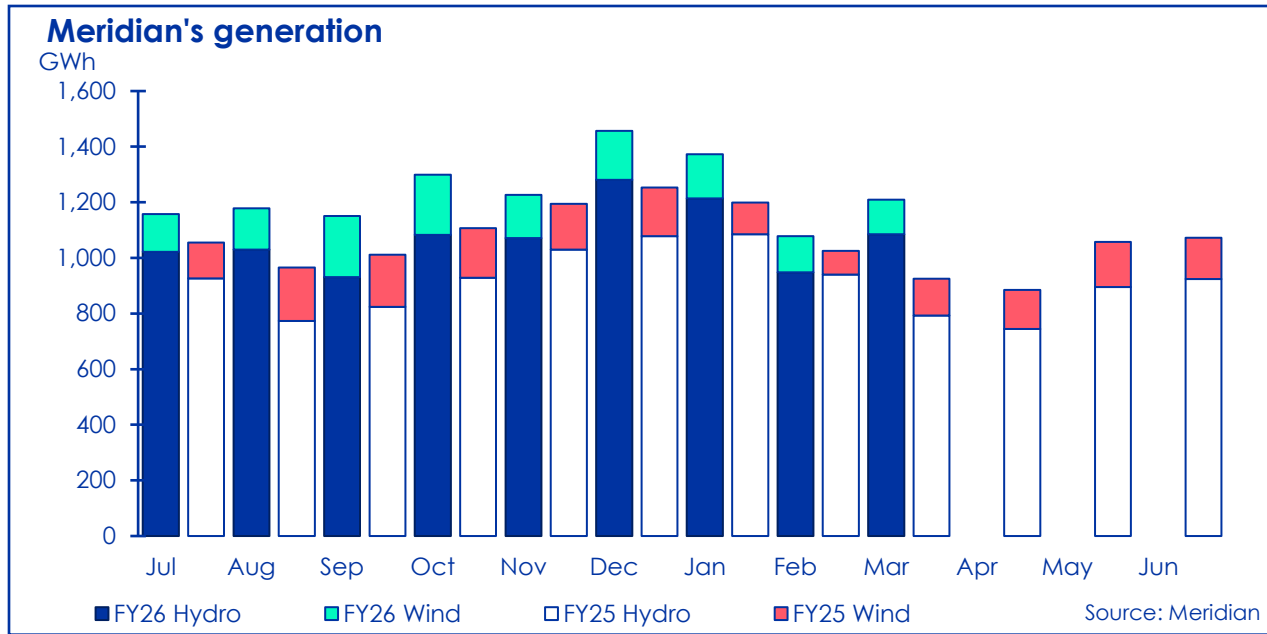
To date this financial year, Meridian's generation is 14.3% higher than the same period last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and higher wind generation.

The average price Meridian received for its generation in March 2026 was 51.5% lower than the same month last year.

The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in March 2026 was 53.3% lower than the same month last year.

To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is 59.1% lower than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is 59.8% lower.

\*price received for Meridian's physical generation



# Monthly operating information

	MARCH 2026 MONTH	MARCH 2025 MONTH	FEBRUARY 2026 MONTH	JANUARY 2026 MONTH	9 MONTHS TO MARCH 2026	9 MONTHS TO MARCH 2025
<b>Retail contracted sales</b>						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	163	127	142	156	1,656	1,302
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	150	138	138	144	1,362	1,242
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	122	94	106	127	1,131	1,094
Large business sales volume (GWh)	67	59	62	64	600	524
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	374	367	321	318	3,018	2,951
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>7,767</b>	<b>7,112</b>
Average retail contracted sales price <sup>1</sup> (\$/MWh)	\$155.4	\$149.8	\$151.2	\$150.5	\$156.0	\$147.2
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	280	247	253	280	2,460	2,398
Financial contract sales volumes <sup>2</sup> (GWh)	523	407	394	332	3,374	2,457
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price <sup>3</sup> (\$/MWh)	\$92.6	\$103.0	\$86.6	\$87.8	\$92.8	\$96.1
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	917	821	801	849	8,172	7,489
Cost to supply retail customers (\$/MWh)	\$154.2	\$308.7	\$49.6	\$3.6	\$83.8	\$199.4
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$/MWh)	\$151.7	\$324.0	\$39.2	\$1.9	\$75.3	\$198.0
Cost of financial contracts (\$/MWh)	\$111.4	\$281.8	\$40.7	\$13.3	\$74.8	\$202.1
BESS supply volume (GWh)	4	1	4	2	26	1
Cost to supply BESS (\$/MWh)	\$118.5	\$304.8	\$29.4	\$0.9	\$49.0	\$0.0
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$2.0	-\$10.3	-\$1.9	-\$2.0	-\$22.5	-\$112.0
Total New Zealand customer connections <sup>4</sup>	464,985	394,951	465,780	456,274		

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<b>Generation</b>						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,085	792	949	1,214	9,665	8,379
Wind generation volume (GWh)	124	133	130	158	1,464	1,357
BESS generation volume (GWh)	2	0	3	1	16	0
<b>Total generation volume (GWh)</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>11,145</b>	<b>9,736</b>
Average generation price <sup>5</sup> (\$/MWh)	\$146.5	\$302.1	\$41.3	\$1.1	\$71.9	\$175.6
<b>Hedging</b>						
Hedging volume <sup>6</sup> (GWh)	460	492	460	417	4,050	3,687
Hedging cost average price (\$/MWh)	\$139.9	\$169.3	\$142.6	\$139.5	\$161.2	\$177.6
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$143.5	\$293.4	\$50.3	\$8.0	\$81.6	\$201.6
Future contract close outs (\$m)	-\$3.6	-\$4.4	-\$0.9	-\$1.6	-\$8.8	-\$32.9
<b>Costs</b>						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	25	25	22	22	221	213
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	7	8	9	5	53	47
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	18	1	17	13	100	81
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>128</b>

Capital expenditure guidance for FY26 has been updated:

Stay in business \$100m-\$110m

Growth \$180m-\$200m

Total \$280m-\$310m

Previous guidance was a total of \$330m-\$360m

## 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
<b>Retail contracted sales</b>																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	233	259	208	186	154	155	156	142	163				700	+150	495	+104	461	+100		
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	173	171	150	152	144	141	144	138	150				494	+38	436	+44	432	+39		
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	55	82	109	143	197	190	127	106	122				246	+25	530	+51	355	-39		
Large business sales volume (GWh)	75	75	66	67	61	63	64	62	67				215	+32	192	+18	193	+26		
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	315	328	347	342	345	327	318	321	374				989	+70	1,015	+33	1,013	-35		
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>876</b>				<b>2,644</b>	<b>+314</b>	<b>2,668</b>	<b>+248</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>+91</b>		
Average retail contracted sales price (\$/MWh)	\$172.4	\$172.5	\$171.0	\$144.3	\$142.3	\$143.8	\$150.5	\$151.2	\$155.4				\$171.9	+\$9.6	\$143.4	+\$8.7	\$152.5	+\$7.5		
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	267	276	271	280	271	280	280	253	280				814	-8	832	-10	814	+79		
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	418	349	291	321	314	432	332	394	523				1,058	+335	1,067	+453	1,249	+128		
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$/MWh)	\$117.1	\$116.4	\$111.4	\$75.8	\$76.7	\$71.9	\$87.8	\$86.6	\$92.6				\$115.1	-\$6.6	\$74.6	+\$4.0	\$89.3	-\$5.4		
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	892	949	925	953	958	927	849	801	917				2,766	+322	2,838	+285	2,568	+77		
Cost to supply retail customers (\$/MWh)	\$113.3	\$184.4	\$119.3	\$36.4	\$69.3	\$14.0	\$3.6	\$49.6	\$154.2				\$139.7	-\$189.3	\$40.2	-\$1.7	\$71.7	-\$161.9		
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$/MWh)	\$102.2	\$186.2	\$112.2	\$26.8	\$52.8	\$4.9	\$1.9	\$39.2	\$151.7				\$134.0	-\$202.4	\$27.9	-\$2.1	\$65.1	-\$170.9		
Cost of financial contracts (\$/MWh)	\$105.1	\$171.5	\$117.5	\$32.7	\$58.2	\$16.5	\$13.3	\$40.7	\$111.4				\$130.4	-\$199.9	\$33.6	-\$6.6	\$63.0	-\$144.9		
BESS supply volume (GWh)	1	2	3	4	4	3	2	4	4				5	+5	11	+11	10	+8		
Cost to supply BESS (\$/MWh)	\$86.5	\$138.1	\$73.7	\$111.1	\$30.6	\$14.3	\$0.9	\$29.4	\$118.5				\$95.1	+\$0.0	\$19.3	+\$0.0	\$55.4	-\$249.5		
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$5.4	-\$3.1	-\$1.9	-\$2.5	-\$1.9	-\$1.9	-\$2.0	-\$1.9	-\$2.0				-\$10.4	+\$38.3	-\$6.3	+\$34.5	-\$5.3	+\$17.2		
Total New Zealand customer connections	410,865	450,317	452,970	454,057	455,035	457,336	456,274	465,780	464,985				452,970	+79,300	457,336	+74,628	464,985	+70,034		
<b>Generation</b>																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,022	1,030	931	1,083	1,072	1,281	1,214	949	1,085				2,982	+458	3,435	+398	3,248	+430		
Wind generation volume (GWh)	135	148	220	217	155	176	158	130	124				504	-5	548	+30	412	+81		
BESS generation volume (GWh)	0	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	2				3	+3	7	+7	6	+6		
<b>Total generation volume (GWh)</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,459</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,211</b>				<b>3,490</b>	<b>+457</b>	<b>3,990</b>	<b>+436</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>+516</b>		
Average generation price (\$/MWh)	\$108.1	\$176.6	\$109.9	\$28.0	\$57.9	\$6.8	\$1.1	\$41.3	\$146.5				\$131.8	-\$174.3	\$29.5	-\$3.0	\$61.0	-\$150.5		
<b>Hedging</b>																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	473	472	437	472	440	420	417	460	460				1,382	+48	1,332	+320	1,336	-5		
Hedging cost average price (\$/MWh)	\$215.9	\$218.2	\$213.7	\$127.0	\$122.2	\$125.0	\$139.5	\$142.6	\$139.9				\$216.0	+\$5.6	\$124.8	-\$31.2	\$140.7	-\$20.5		
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$/MWh)	\$107.4	\$174.2	\$115.7	\$36.4	\$67.3	\$18.7	\$8.0	\$50.3	\$143.5				\$132.9	-\$162.7	\$41.0	-\$4.6	\$69.2	-\$156.5		
Future contract close outs (\$m)	-\$0.7	-\$1.0	-\$2.3	\$0.4	\$2.4	-\$1.5	-\$1.6	-\$0.9	-\$3.6				-\$4.0	\$21.5	\$3.1	-\$4.4	-\$6.1	\$9.9		
<b>Costs</b>																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	24	24	27	26	25	26	22	22	25				\$76	-\$4	\$77	+\$9	\$69	+\$3		
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	3	5	9	5	5	5	5	9	7				\$18	+\$4	\$16	-\$5	\$20	+\$7		
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	11	11	4	6	11	10	13	17	18				\$26	-\$7	\$27	-\$10	\$48	+\$36		
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>				<b>\$43</b>	<b>-\$3</b>	<b>\$42</b>	<b>-\$15</b>	<b>\$68</b>	<b>+\$44</b>		

# FY25 operating information

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Q1 FY25	YoY change	Q2 FY25	YoY change	Q3 FY25	YoY change	Q4 FY25	YoY change
<b>Retail contracted sales</b>																				
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
<b>Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>+65</b>
Average retail contracted sales price (\$/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 (\$/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 (\$/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 (\$/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 (\$/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 (\$/MWh)									\$304.8	\$327.0	\$178.2	\$133.2					\$304.8	\$304.8	\$235.0	\$235.0
Demand response payments (\$m)	-\$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
<b>Generation</b>																				
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
<b>Total generation volume (GWh)</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>-535</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>+174</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>-161</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>-290</b>
Average generation price (\$/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
<b>Hedging</b>																				
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 (\$/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 (\$/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 (\$m)	-\$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
<b>Costs</b>																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$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 (\$m)	4	6	4	7	8	6	1	4	8	6	8	19	\$14	+\$0	\$20	+\$4	\$13	-\$10	\$33	+\$13
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	12	9	11	11	8	18	5	4	1	14	3	17	\$32	-\$18	\$37	-\$46	\$10	-\$74	\$33	-\$26
<b>Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>-\$18</b>	<b>\$57</b>	<b>-\$42</b>	<b>\$24</b>	<b>-\$83</b>	<b>\$66</b>	<b>-\$13</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	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 <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