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List of documents that have been proactively released

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September 2025	Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Amendment Regulations 2025	Office of the Minister for Energy
18 September 2025	LEG-25-MIN-0191 Minute	Cabinet Office

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NO

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Amendment Regulations 2025

Portfolio Energy

On 18 September 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that in April 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee agreed that the Minister for Energy (the Minister) may exempt an electricity distributor or retailer from any provision of the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Options for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004 if satisfied that provision unduly limits the design or implementation of a new tariff option and that an exemption would not adversely affect consumers on, or eligible for, a low fixed charge tariff option [ECO-25-MIN-0055];
- 2 **noted** that the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (the Regulations) will give effect to the above decision;
- 3 **noted** that, as required by section 113(4) of the Electricity Industry Act 2010, the Minister has consulted with the Minister of Commerce Consumer Affairs and obtained and considered advice from the Electricity Authority on the impact of the proposed regulatory amendments on the promotion of competition in, the reliable supply by, and the efficient operation of, the electricity industry;
- 4 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Amendment Regulations 2025 [PCO 28195/8.0];
- 5 **noted** that the Regulations will come into force on 23 October 2025.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Chris Penk
Hon James Meager
Stuart Smith, MP
Todd Stephenson, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

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