



Meridian.

Monthly Operating Report

March 2024

March highlights

In the month to 15 April 2024, national hydro storage increased from **93%** to **102%** of historical average

South Island storage increased to **102%** of average and North Island storage decreased to **109%** of average by 15 April 2024

Meridian's March 2024 monthly total inflows were **67%** of historical average

Waiau catchment inflows in March 2024 were **95%** of historical average

Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of March 2024 was **78%** of historical average

Following significant rainfall in the second week of April 2024, Waitaki storage is now approaching average

Water storage in Meridian's Waiau catchment was **113%** of average at the end of March 2024

National electricity demand in March 2024 was **+3.4%** higher than the same month last year

March 2024 was the coldest March in 12 years with temperatures below average for most of the country. Below normal rainfall occurred in most regions, with above average rainfall in Waikato, Fiordland and Southland.

New Zealand Aluminium Smelter's average load during March 2024 was **568MW**

Meridian's retail sales volumes in March 2024 were **+6.7%** higher than March 2023

Compared to March 2023, segment sales increased in residential +3.9%, large business +7.3% and agriculture +63.0% with decreases in small medium business -0.9% and corporate -4.9%

Q3 highlights

Meridian's Q3 total inflows were **95%** of historical average, **+22%** higher than Q3 last year

Meridian's Waitaki catchment water storage at the end of Q3 was **-33%** lower than Q3 last year

Compared to Q3 last year, Meridian's generation was **+10.9%** higher at a **+34.8%** higher average price

Electricity futures prices rose across the curve during Q3

New Zealand Aluminum Smelter's sales volumes in Q3 were slightly higher than Q3 last year

National electricity demand in Q3 was **+4.3%** higher than Q3 last year

Summer 2024 was warm overall and dry for many parts of the country, with above normal rainfall in the central North Island and western and southern parts of the South Island

NIWA's autumn 2024 outlook suggests easing El Niño conditions, with normal or above normal rainfall likely in the west of the South Island

During the quarter, Meridian made calls on volume under the swaption agreement with Nova and the 2023-24 demand response agreement with NZAS

At the end of Q3, Meridian's customer numbers were **+2.2%** higher than the same time last year

Compared to Q3 last year, Meridian's retail sales volumes were **+8.2%** higher at a **+6.1%** higher average price

Sales increased in all segments

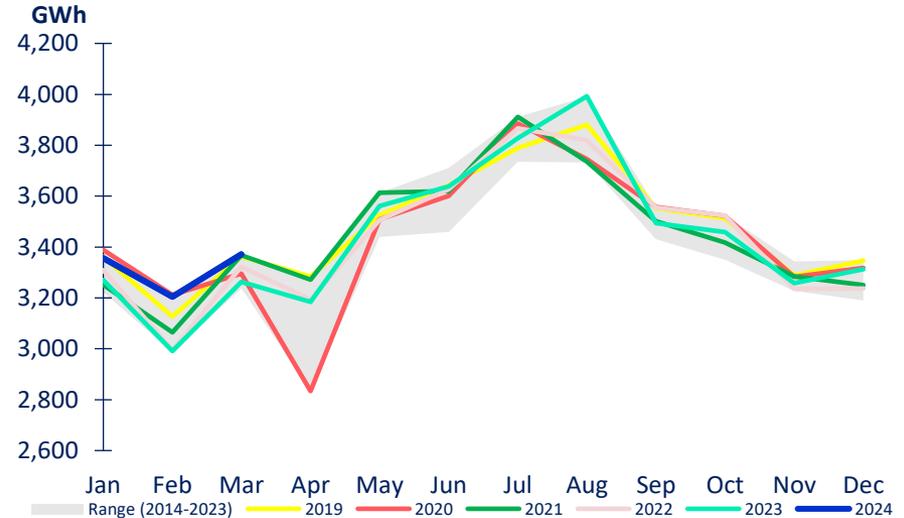
Compared to Q3 last year, total operating costs were **+9.9%** higher

Compared to Q3 last year, total capital expenditure was **+8.0%** higher. Spend this quarter largely consisted of Harapaki and Ruakākā BESS construction

Market data

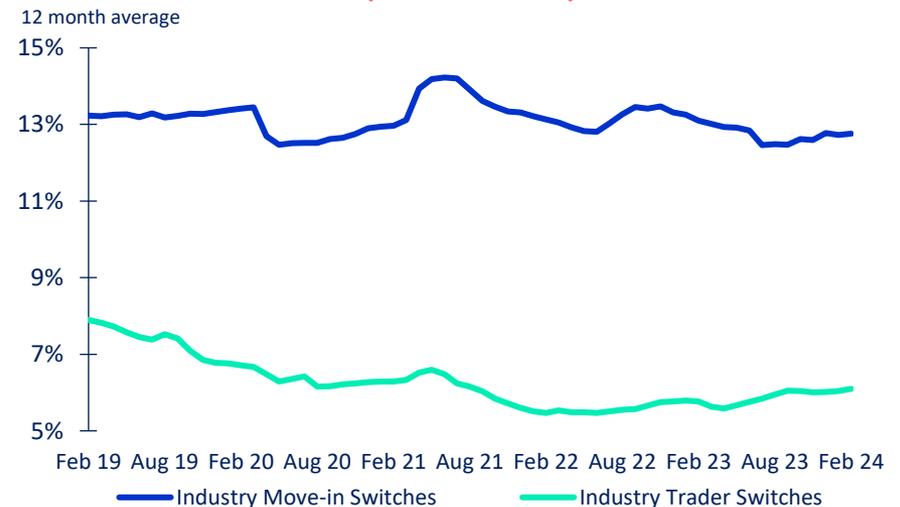
- National electricity demand in March 2024 was +3.4% higher than the same month last year
- March 2024 was the coldest March in 12 years with temperatures below average for most of the country. Below normal rainfall occurred in most regions, with above average rainfall in Waikato, Fiordland and Southland.
- Demand in the last 12 months was +1.4% higher than the preceding 12 months
- New Zealand Aluminium Smelter’s average load during March 2024 was 568MW
- 12-month average switching rate of customers changing retailers but not moving (“trader” switch) was 6.1% at the end of February 2024
- 12-month average switching rate of customers moving and changing retailers (“move-in” switch) was 12.8% at the end of February 2024

NATIONAL DEMAND



Source: Electricity Authority (reconciled demand)

MARKET ICP SWITCHING (ALL RETAILERS)

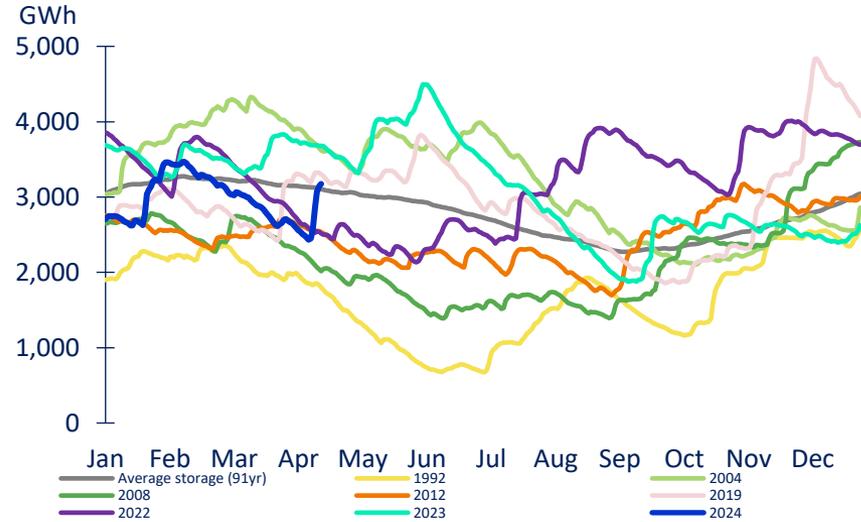


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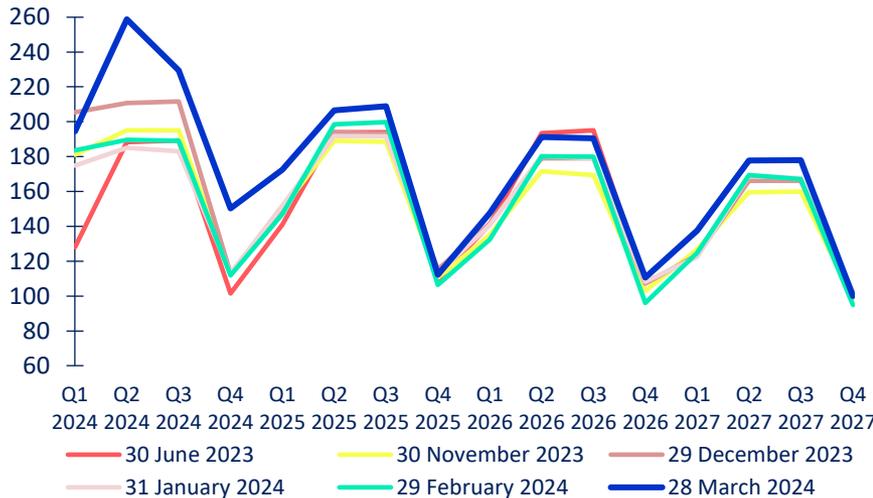
- Near-term ASX electricity futures increased, with longer dated prices staying steady during March 2024
- National storage increased from 93% of average on 11 March 2024 to 102% of average on 15 April 2024
- South Island storage increased to 102% of historical average by 15 April 2024. North Island storage decreased to 109% of average

NATIONAL HYDRO STORAGE (15 April 2024)



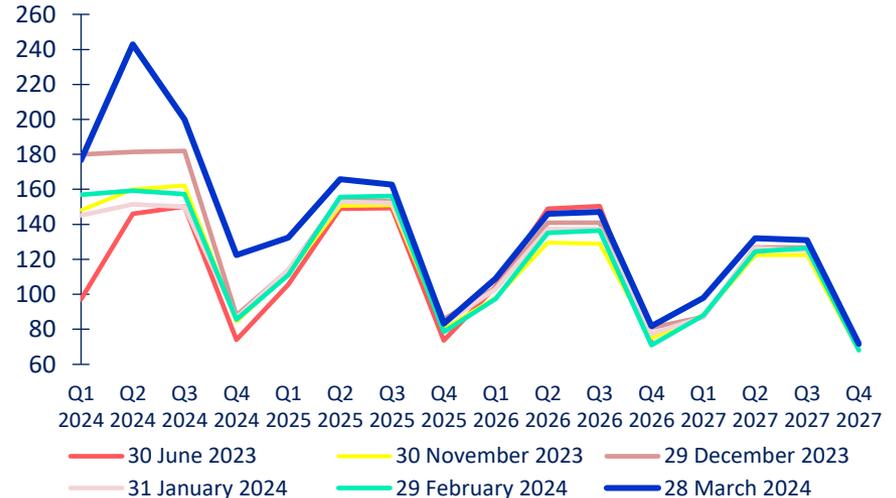
Source: NZX

OTAHUHU ASX FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICE \$/MWh



Source: ASX

BENMORE ASX FUTURES SETTLEMENT PRICE \$/MWh



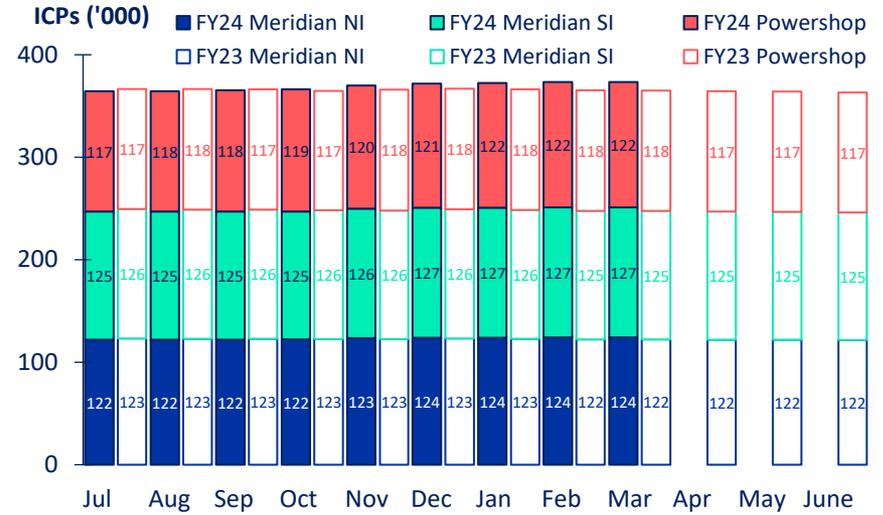
Source: ASX

Meridian retail

- Meridian’s customer connection numbers decreased -0.1% during March 2024 and have increased +2.8% since June 2023
- Retail sales volumes in March 2024 were +6.7% higher than March 2023
- Compared to March 2023, segment sales increased in residential +3.9%, large business +7.3% and agriculture +63.0%, with decreases in small medium business -0.9% and corporate -4.9%
- To date this financial year, retail sales volumes are +4.6% higher than the same period last year
- This reflects increased segment sales in residential +0.5%, small medium business +1.8%, large business +8.0%, agricultural +18.0% and corporate +2.2%

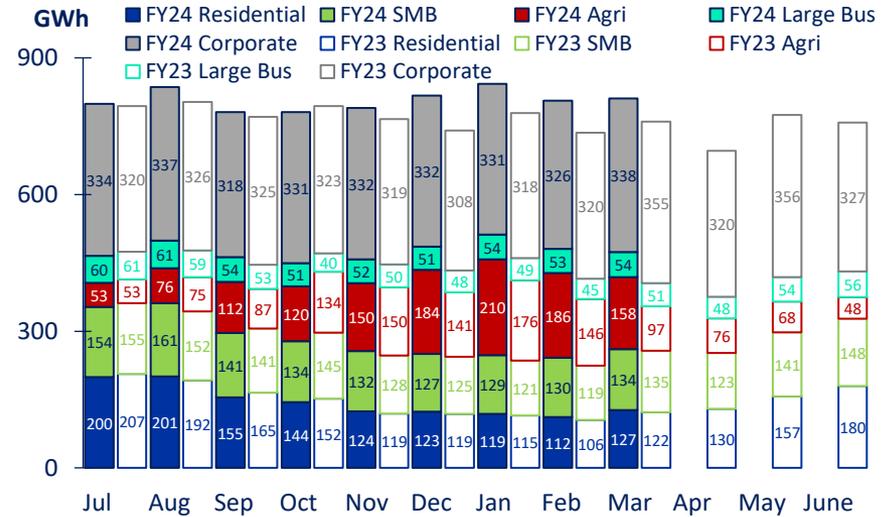
*excludes volumes sold to New Zealand Aluminium Smelters and CFDs

MERIDIAN'S CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S RETAIL SALES VOLUME*

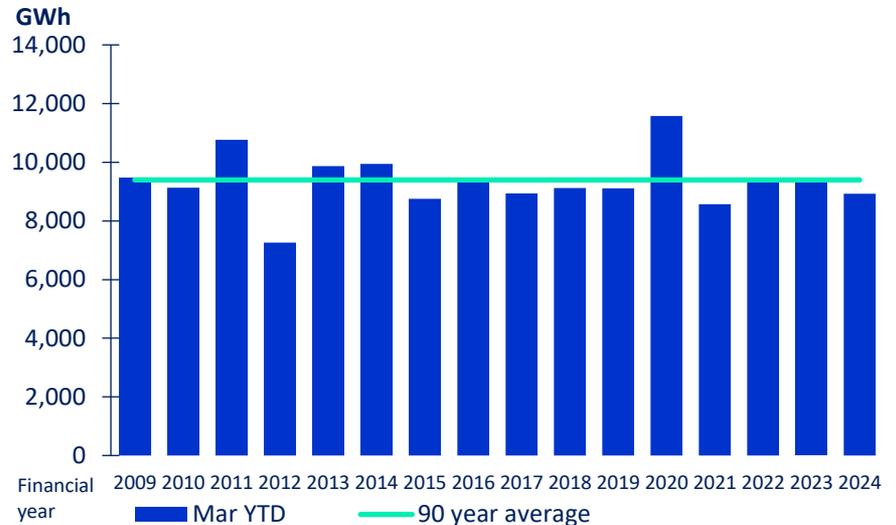


Source: Meridian

Meridian inflows and storage

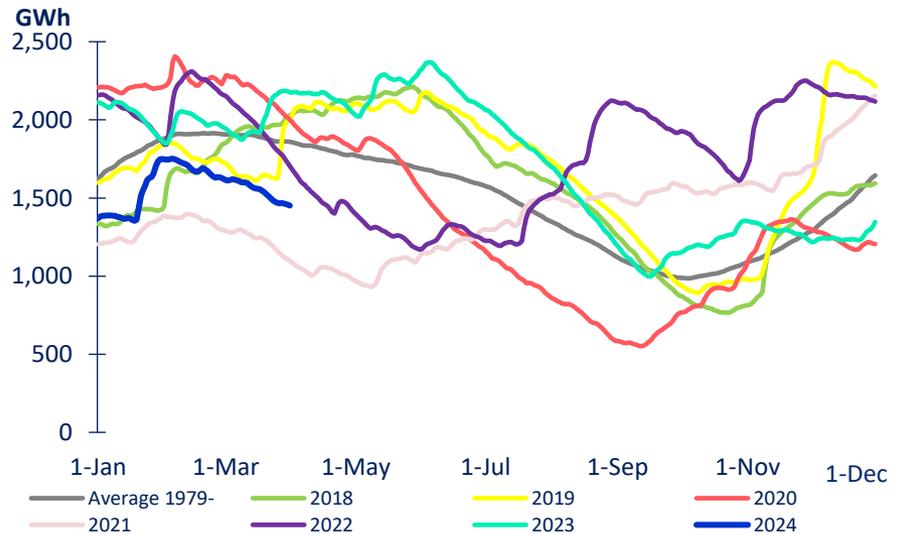
- March 2024 monthly inflows were 67% of historical average
- Waiau catchment inflows in March 2024 were 95% of historical average, 2% higher than the same month last year
- To date this financial year, inflows are 95% of historical average
- Meridian’s Waitaki catchment water storage moved from 1,628GWh to 1,452GWh during March 2024
- Waitaki water storage at the end of March 2024 was 78% of historical average and 33% lower than the same time last year
- Following significant rainfall in the second week of April 2024, Waitaki storage is now approaching average
- Water storage in Meridian’s Waiau catchment was 113% of average at the end of March 2024

MERIDIAN'S COMBINED CATCHMENT INFLOWS



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S WAITAKI STORAGE

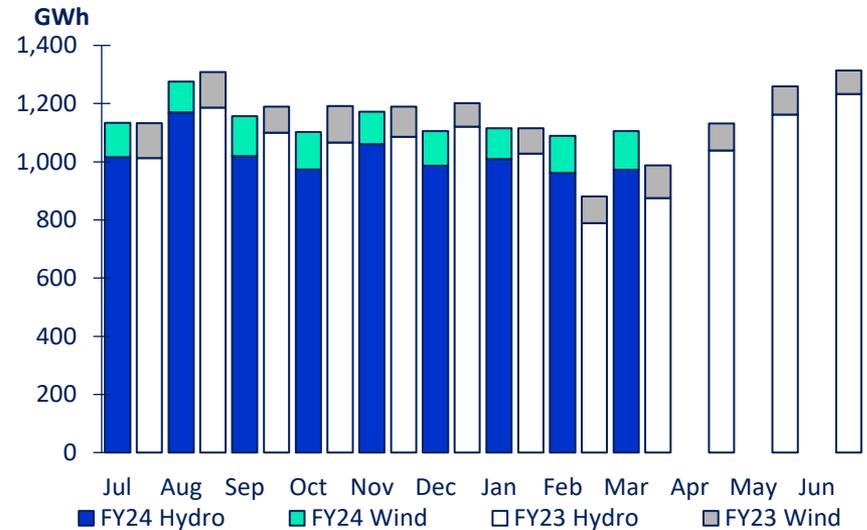


Source: Meridian

Meridian generation

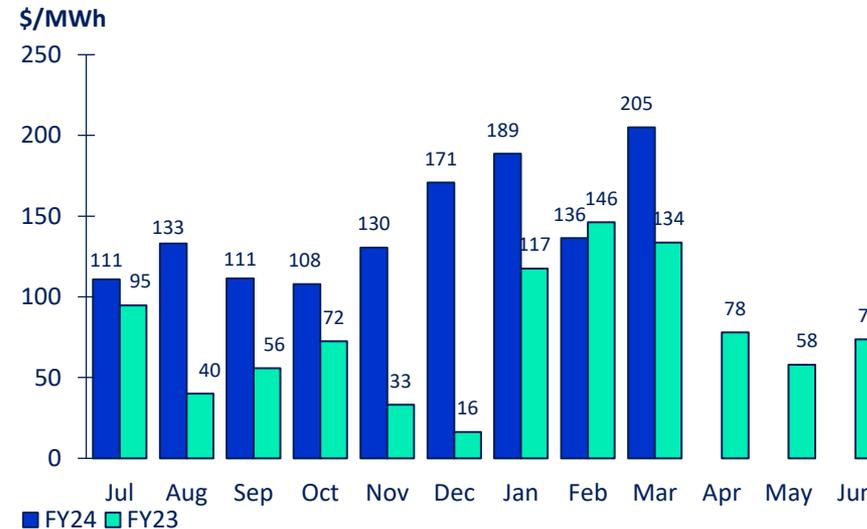
- Meridian’s generation in March 2024 was +11.9% higher than the same month last year, reflecting higher hydro generation and higher wind generation
- To date this financial year, Meridian’s generation is +0.6% higher than the same period last year, reflecting lower hydro generation and higher wind generation
- The average price Meridian received for its generation in March 2024 was +53.6% higher than the same month last year
- The average price Meridian paid to supply customers in March 2024 was +43.3% higher than the same month last year
- To date this financial year, the average price Meridian received for its generation is +91.7% higher than the same period last year and the average price paid to supply customers is +76.5% higher

MERIDIAN'S GENERATION



Source: Meridian

MERIDIAN'S AVERAGE GENERATION PRICE*



*price received for Meridian’s physical generation

Source: Meridian

Monthly operating information

	MARCH 2024 MONTH	MARCH 2023 MONTH	FEBRUARY 2024 MONTH	JANUARY 2024 MONTH	9 MONTHS TO MARCH 2024	9 MONTHS TO MARCH 2023
New Zealand contracted sales						
Residential sales volume (GWh)	127	122	112	119	1,305	1,298
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	134	135	130	129	1,243	1,221
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	158	97	186	210	1,249	1,058
Large business sales volume (GWh)	54	51	53	54	491	455
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	338	355	326	331	2,978	2,913
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	811	761	806	843	7,267	6,946
Average retail contracted sales price ¹ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$139.5	\$134.3	\$135.9	\$136.4	\$138.7	\$128.8
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	421	426	398	426	3,770	3,759
Financial contract sales volumes ² (GWh)	272	190	206	275	2,516	2,109
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price ³ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$74.1	\$66.1	\$68.8	\$75.0	\$70.3	\$60.9
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	850	818	851	884	7,691	7,362
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$213.8	\$151.5	\$155.1	\$201.4	\$158.3	\$89.6
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$202.5	\$143.3	\$136.4	\$187.1	\$142.8	\$79.7
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$202.2	\$125.3	\$134.9	\$181.8	\$140.0	\$81.0
Total New Zealand customer connections ⁴	373,332	365,260	373,536	372,604		

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New Zealand generation						
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	972	876	962	1,010	9,171	9,267
Wind generation volume (GWh)	134	113	127	106	1,088	932
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,106	988	1,089	1,116	10,258	10,198
Average generation price ⁵ (\$NZ/MWh)	\$205.0	\$133.5	\$136.4	\$188.6	\$143.4	\$74.8
New Zealand hedging						
Hedging volume ⁶ (GWh)	504	450	438	504	4,306	3,536
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$139.1	\$125.4	\$131.9	\$127.4	\$127.1	\$118.6
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$207.6	\$136.1	\$156.1	\$192.6	\$152.9	\$89.6
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-\$1.5	-\$0.9	\$0.0	\$2.1	\$18.6	\$45.0

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New Zealand costs						
Employee and Operating Costs (\$m)	22	23	24	20	206	181
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$m)	8	3	9	6	53	31
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$m)	36	26	36	12	217	239
Total Capital Expenditure (\$m)	44	29	45	18	270	270

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

FY24 operating information

	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Q1 FY24	YoY change	Q2 FY24	YoY change	Q3 FY24	YoY change	Q4 FY24	YoY change
New Zealand contracted sales																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	200	201	155	144	124	123	119	112	127				555	-9	392	+2	358	+14		
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	154	161	141	134	132	127	129	130	134				457	+9	393	-5	393	+18		
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	53	76	112	120	150	184	210	186	158				241	+27	454	+29	554	+135		
Large business sales volume (GWh)	60	61	54	51	52	51	54	53	54				175	+2	155	+17	161	+17		
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	334	337	318	331	332	332	331	326	338				989	+19	995	+45	995	+1		
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	800	836	781	781	790	818	843	806	811				2,417	+48	2,389	+85	2,461	+186		
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$149.2	\$151.2	\$148.2	\$131.5	\$130.1	\$125.9	\$136.4	\$135.9	\$139.5				\$149.6	+\$15.5	\$129.1	+\$6.4	\$137.3	+\$7.9		
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	426	411	426	412	426	426	398	421				1,262	+1	1,263	+1	1,245	+9		
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	338	371	371	221	250	212	275	206	272				1,080	+433	683	-101	753	+76		
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$78.6	\$78.4	\$76.4	\$56.2	\$61.9	\$57.5	\$75.0	\$68.8	\$74.1				\$77.8	+\$18.9	\$58.5	+\$3.0	\$72.8	+\$4.1		
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	845	892	825	829	838	879	884	851	850				2,561	+61	2,546	+82	2,584	+188		
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$128.6	\$144.9	\$123.3	\$124.3	\$143.3	\$186.1	\$201.4	\$155.1	\$213.8				\$132.6	+\$57.9	\$151.9	+\$101.1	\$190.2	+\$45.1		
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$109.2	\$132.9	\$110.7	\$105.1	\$128.5	\$171.4	\$187.1	\$136.4	\$202.5				\$117.7	+\$55.0	\$135.0	+\$97.2	\$176.1	+\$36.1		
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$109.5	\$132.6	\$115.5	\$105.8	\$127.1	\$166.7	\$181.8	\$134.9	\$202.2				\$119.5	+\$41.4	\$132.5	+\$89.8	\$176.3	+\$48.0		
Total New Zealand customer connections	364,389	364,631	365,453	366,320	370,087	371,800	372,604	373,536	373,332				365,453	-3,294	371,800	+4,864	373,332	+8,072		
New Zealand generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,016	1,170	1,020	974	1,061	987	1,010	962	972				3,206	-94	3,022	-252	2,943	+250		
Wind generation volume (GWh)	118	107	138	128	111	119	106	127	134				362	+31	358	+49	367	+76		
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,134	1,276	1,157	1,102	1,172	1,106	1,116	1,089	1,106				3,567	-63	3,380	-203	3,311	+326		
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$110.8	\$133.0	\$111.4	\$107.8	\$130.4	\$170.8	\$188.6	\$136.4	\$205.0				\$119.0	+\$56.8	\$136.3	+\$95.7	\$176.9	+\$45.7		
New Zealand hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	505	539	458	496	404	458	504	438	504				1,502	+297	1,358	+304	1,446	+170		
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$142.4	\$132.3	\$139.1	\$110.9	\$105.6	\$110.1	\$127.4	\$131.9	\$139.1				\$137.8	+\$14.0	\$109.1	+\$8.2	\$132.9	+\$4.4		
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$115.7	\$134.3	\$121.2	\$123.7	\$144.7	\$179.4	\$192.6	\$156.1	\$207.6				\$124.1	+\$51.1	\$148.8	+\$102.7	\$186.8	+\$45.4		
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	\$14.0	\$3.2	\$1.4	-\$0.7	-\$0.9	\$1.0	\$2.1	\$0.0	-\$1.5				\$18.6	-13.7	-\$0.6	-19.5	\$0.6	\$6.7		
Meridian Group																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	23	24	22	22	24	24	20	24	22				\$69	+9	\$71	+9	\$66	+\$6		
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	6	4	4	7	5	6	9	8				\$13	+3	\$16	+5	\$23	+\$14		
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	16	20	15	16	54	13	12	36	35				\$51	+20	\$83	-36	\$84	-\$6		
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	19	26	19	20	61	18	18	45	44				\$64	+23	\$99	-31	\$107	+\$8		

FY23 operating information

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New Zealand contracted sales																				
Residential sales volume (GWh)	207	192	165	152	119	119	115	106	122	130	157	180	564	-8	390	-0	343	+2	467	-3
Small medium business sales volume (GWh)	155	152	141	145	128	125	121	119	135	123	141	148	448	+52	398	+44	375	+14	411	+12
Agricultural sales volume (GWh)	53	75	87	134	150	141	176	146	97	76	68	48	214	+12	425	+38	419	+31	191	-25
Large business sales volume (GWh)	61	59	53	40	50	48	49	45	51	48	54	56	173	+33	137	+11	144	+16	157	+17
Corporate and industrial sales volume (GWh)	320	326	325	323	319	308	318	320	355	320	356	327	970	+30	950	+7	993	-33	1,003	-15
Retail contracted sales volume (GWh)	795	804	771	795	766	741	779	736	761	696	775	759	2,369	+119	2,301	+100	2,275	+30	2,230	-14
Average retail contracted sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$133.3	\$134.2	\$134.9	\$124.0	\$121.5	\$122.5	\$126.3	\$127.5	\$134.3	\$144.5	\$151.5	\$123.6	\$134.1	+\$10.9	\$122.7	+\$14.4	\$129.3	+\$15.0	\$139.8	+\$13.7
NZAS sales volume (GWh)	426	425	411	426	411	425	426	384	426	412	426	412	1,262	-1	1,262	-1	1,236	+0	1,250	+18
Financial contract sales volumes (GWh)	190	281	176	257	251	277	308	179	190	310	338	342	647	-81	785	-78	677	-96	989	+389
Average wholesale & financial contracts sales price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$65.4	\$60.4	\$50.5	\$56.5	\$55.8	\$54.2	\$72.4	\$66.8	\$66.1	\$77.5	\$78.5	\$75.3	\$58.9	-\$13.5	\$55.5	-\$4.3	\$68.7	+\$5.0	\$77.1	+\$7.1
Retail customer supply volumes (GWh)	835	843	823	847	825	793	804	775	818	704	839	769	2,501	+138	2,465	+127	2,396	+39	2,312	-63
Cost to supply retail customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$110.6	\$49.1	\$64.5	\$82.8	\$44.2	\$23.6	\$124.7	\$159.5	\$151.5	\$97.5	\$67.2	\$95.2	\$74.7	-\$75.6	\$50.8	-\$24.1	\$145.1	-\$25.3	\$85.7	-\$114.0
Cost to supply wholesale customers (\$NZ/MWh)	\$97.6	\$40.2	\$49.7	\$70.7	\$29.7	\$12.7	\$123.4	\$154.7	\$143.3	\$78.1	\$55.5	\$71.3	\$62.7	-\$51.7	\$37.8	-\$19.7	\$140.0	-\$25.9	\$68.1	-\$129.1
Cost of financial contracts (\$NZ/MWh)	\$120.6	\$58.7	\$63.1	\$73.7	\$33.7	\$22.2	\$125.8	\$135.8	\$125.3	\$84.4	\$72.4	\$74.5	\$78.1	-\$54.9	\$42.7	-\$28.0	\$128.3	-\$24.9	\$76.9	-\$115.7
Total New Zealand customer connections	366,518	366,599	366,285	364,700	365,946	366,936	366,362	365,444	365,260	364,537	364,148	363,335	366,285	+11,475	366,936	+8,586	365,260	+1,830	363,335	-2,011
New Zealand generation																				
Hydro generation volume (GWh)	1,013	1,187	1,101	1,066	1,086	1,121	1,028	789	876	1,039	1,162	1,233	3,300	+170	3,274	+1	2,693	-321	3,434	+579
Wind generation volume (GWh)	120	122	89	126	103	81	87	92	113	92	97	81	331	-39	310	-30	291	+27	270	-42
Total generation volume (GWh)	1,133	1,308	1,190	1,192	1,190	1,202	1,115	881	988	1,131	1,259	1,314	3,631	+131	3,583	-29	2,984	-293	3,705	+537
Average generation price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$94.7	\$39.9	\$55.7	\$72.4	\$33.1	\$16.3	\$117.4	\$146.1	\$133.5	\$77.9	\$58.0	\$73.7	\$62.2	-\$62.0	\$40.6	-\$22.4	\$131.2	-\$21.5	\$69.6	-\$118.4
New Zealand hedging																				
Hedging volume (GWh)	428	425	352	350	347	358	396	429	450	378	413	440	1,205	+231	1,054	+51	1,276	-7	1,232	+117
Hedging cost average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$131.4	\$122.0	\$116.7	\$103.3	\$100.2	\$99.1	\$117.0	\$142.1	\$125.4	\$136.6	\$135.2	\$134.7	\$123.8	-\$0.0	\$100.8	+\$1.5	\$128.4	+\$14.4	\$135.4	+\$2.9
Hedging spot revenue average price (\$NZ/MWh)	\$113.0	\$39.6	\$64.7	\$77.2	\$35.8	\$25.5	\$142.0	\$146.1	\$136.1	\$93.9	\$66.6	\$89.9	\$73.0	-\$70.6	\$46.0	-\$31.2	\$82.0	-\$90.1	\$83.3	-\$109.8
Future contract close outs (\$NZm)	-1.1	12.7	20.7	\$5.4	13.7	-0.2	-2.5	-2.8	-0.9	-1.0	0.4	1.6	32.4	+32.9	18.9	+19.7	-6.2	-9.5	1.0	-5.8
Meridian Group																				
Employee and Operating Costs (\$NZ m)	19	20	20	21	21	21	18	19	23	20	24	24	60	+8	62	+15	60	+6	68	+3
Stay in Business Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	3	4	4	3	4	4	2	4	4	3	6	6	11	+1	11	-1	10	+4	15	+3
Investment Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	9	9	12	11	50	59	20	44	25	31	18	12	30	-6	119	+85	90	+67	61	+20
Total Capital Expenditure (\$NZ m)	12	13	16	14	54	62	22	48	29	34	24	17	41	-5	130	+84	99	+70	76	+23

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 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