

# YOUR NETWORK YOUR NEWS



ENABLING THE ENERGY FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES

Aurora Energy owns and manages the network that delivers electricity to some of the fastest growing areas and over the most diverse terrain in Te Waipounamu, the South Island. We take the electricity from Transpower's national grid to power your homes, businesses, and the wider community. We deliver a safe, reliable and sustainable electricity supply across Ōtepoti Dunedin, Central Otago, Wānaka, and Tāhuna Queenstown to close to 100,000 customers.

## ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN NETWORK

Here's a snapshot of the work we have done in your area, and the work we are continuing to do, to enable the energy future of our communities.

### KAIKORAI VALLEY TO HALFWAY BUSH



We recently kicked off a project to replace two existing 33 kV electricity cables that run from the Kaikorai Valley zone substation (on Stone Street, Kenmure) to the Transpower Grid Exit Point yard (on Wakari Road, Halfway Bush). The 3.15km long cables will be installed through ducting and will improve the security of electricity supply for over 3,300 properties supplied by the Kaikorai Valley zone substation. The main construction work will take place between mid-January and mid-May. We will keep customers who live in the area updated on the work as it progresses.

### WAIPORI LINES



We are upgrading a section of the Waipori Line from Berwick to Halfway Bush which supplies over 10,000 customers in Mosgiel, East Taieri, Outram and Berwick. The Waipori Line is made up of three adjacent power lines - A, B, and C. As part of this upgrade, we are replacing aged poles and conductors with modern equivalents. This will halve the number of poles needed in the area, improving safety for motorists and enhancing the visual appearance of the line. We completed the first part of this project between Berwick and Outram in 2021. The current stage of work is taking place between Outram zone substation (on Allanton Road) and State Highway 87. A big thank you to the community for their support and cooperation during this project.

## PRICING

Aurora Energy's new line charges will come into effect on 1 April 2026. We understand price increases are challenging, and transparency about what's driving these changes is essential.

Our line charges are set by the Commerce Commission and reflect the cost of running and maintaining our electricity network to meet rising electricity demand. Line charges also include costs we pass through from others, such as Transpower's transmission charges, local council rates, and regulatory levies.

This year, our prices include a one-off adjustment as we move from our customised price path to the standard price path used for most other lines companies. When setting this change, the Commission aimed to balance keeping electricity affordable with the need to continue investing in the network.

On average, prices on our network will increase by 21%, which includes 3.8% from higher national transmission charges.

Your individual increase may differ depending on which part of our network you're connected to, the Government's phase out of low user plans, how much electricity you use and when you use it. More detailed information will be in our updated Pricing Methodology on our website in March. The Commission has also applied revenue smoothing rules, which will help keep our price increases more moderate over the next three years.

We know the work we do has an impact on electricity bills and want to support you by sharing ways to save. You can visit Powerswitch to compare energy retailers, and check the EnergyMate and EECA websites for power-saving tips. For more information about electricity pricing, including FAQs, please visit our website.

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