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Attached herewith is a copy of an announcement released to the NZX by Contact Energy today.

Origin Energy holds 53.09% of quoted ordinary shares in Contact Energy Limited.

Regards

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Monthly Operational Data

For the month ended 31 January 2013

January 2013

Highlights for January 2013



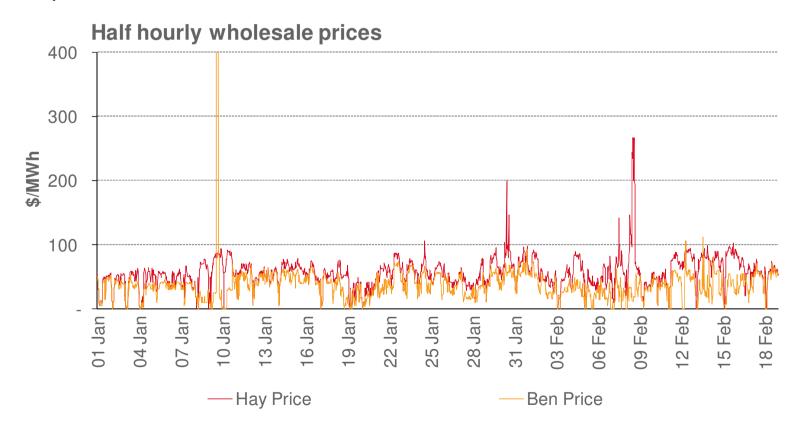
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- Average Haywards wholesale price for January 2013: \$52/MWh (p3)
- Otahuhu futures settlement wholesale price for 1st quarter 2013 (ASX) (p4):
 - As at 18 February: \$69/MWh
 - As at 31 January: \$76/MWh
 - as at 21 December: \$67/MWh

Wholesale Electricity Prices



- The average price at Haywards (North Island) for the month of January 2013 was \$52/MWh while the average price at Benmore (South Island) was \$41/MWh.
- The average Haywards price from 1 February to 18 February 2013 was \$61/MWh. The average Benmore price over this period was \$35/MWh.



Storage levels and wholesale electricity prices

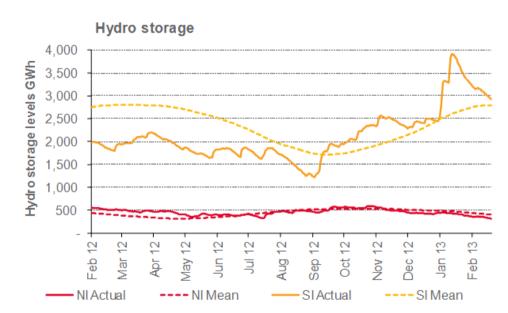


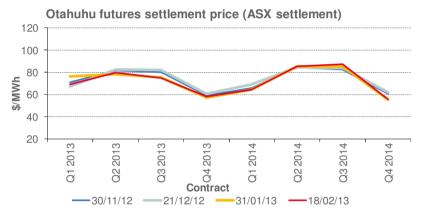
At 31 January 2013, South Island storage was 118% of mean (31 December: 100%) and North Island storage was 82% of mean (31 December: 92%)

As at 19 February 2013, storage was:

South Island: 104% of mean

North Island: 79% of mean





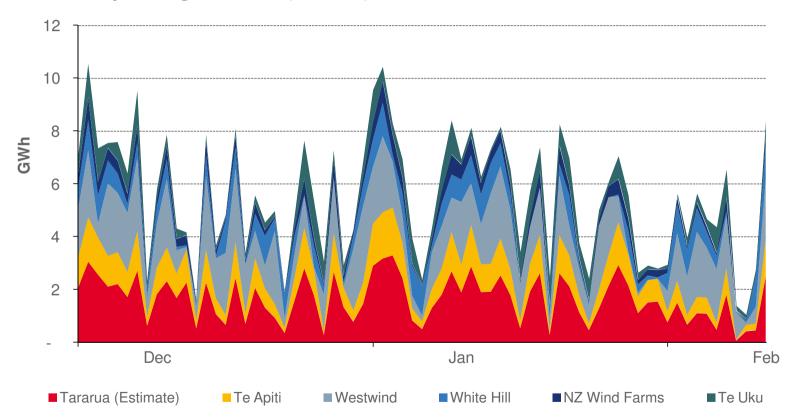


Wind generation









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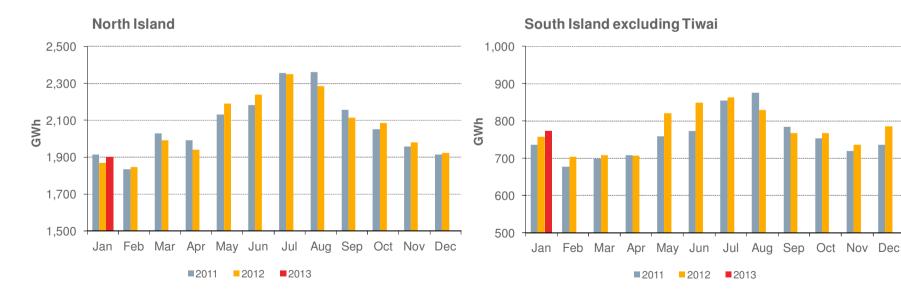
Monthly demand comparison



NIWA's National Climate Summary for January 2013 reports:

• The New Zealand national average temperature in January was 17.3°C (0.2°C above the 1971-2000 January average).

Demand	12 m	12 months to date		Growth rate		January demand			Growth rate	
	GWh		% p.a.		GWh		% p.a.			
	2013	2012	2011	1 year	2 year	2013	2012	2011	1 year	2 year
North Island	24,849	24,834	24,831	0.1%	0.0%	1,899	1,868	1,915	1.7%	(0.4%)
South Island excluding Tiwai	9,312	9,094	9,661	2.4%	(1.8%)	773	757	737	2.1%	2.4%
Total	34,160	33,928	34,492	0.7%	(0.5%)	2,672	2,625	2,651	1.8%	0.4%



Contact Netback, Net Purchase Cost and LPG Data



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Data		Measure	The month ended 31 January 2013	The month ended 31 January 2012	The month ended 31 December 2012	Seven months ended 31 January 2013	Seven months ended 31 January 2012
Netback	Mass market electricity sales	GWh	283	294	305	2,490	2,517
	Commercial & industrial electricity sales	GWh	347	341	349	2,399	2,405
	Retail gas sales	GWh	32	35	42	420	442
	Steam sales	GWh	55	68	65	420	426
	Total retail sales	GWh	716	738	761	5,729	5,789
	Average electricity sales price	\$/MWh	173.34	163.74	170.23	180.54	175.04
	Electricity direct pass thru costs	\$/MWh	62.67	60.70	64.07	68.47	63.39
	Electricity and gas cost to serve	\$/MWh	14.33	12.29	11.13	11.63	11.12
	Netback ¹	\$/MWh	89.84	82.86	85.80	90.26	89.81
	Actual electricity line losses	%	3%	9%	3%	4%	5%
	Retail gas sales	PJ	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.5	1.5
	Electricity customer numbers ⁶		443,500	444,000	442,500		
	Gas customer numbers ⁶		63,000	60,500	63,000		
Net Purchase Cost	Thermal generation	GWh	272	284	226	2,040	2,433
	Geothermal generation	GWh	192	206	190	1,336	1,375
	Hydro generation	GWh	326	200	328	2,174	1,798
	Spot market generation	GWh	789	690	744	5,550	5,606
	Swaption	GWh	-	23	17	198	344
	Spot electricity purchases	GWh	642	687	666	5,024	5,130
	CfD sales	GWh	90	9	14	359	157
	GWAP ²	\$/MWh	49.08	77.33	53.73	54.74	78.57
	LWAP ³	\$/MWh	55.95	82.55	62.00	61.78	83.71
	LWAP/GWAP	%	114%	107%	115%	113%	107%
	Gas used in internal generation	PJ	2.4	2.5	2.1	18.1	20.5
	Wholesale gas sales	PJ	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.8	1.6
	Gas storage net movement	PJ	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.7)	(1.7)	1.7
	Unit generation cost ⁴	\$/MWh	45.75	49.20	42.36	46.67	49.94
	Net purchase cost 5	\$/MWh	41.56	50.52	38.31	43.88	49.56
LPG	LPG sales	tonnes	4,475	4,238	5,192	41,283	39,275
	LPG customer numbers (includes franchises) ⁶		63,500	60,500	63,000		

¹ Netback equates to: (retail electricity, gas and steam sales less direct pass thru and cost to serve costs) / (total retail sales volume).

² This is the price received by Contact for its spot generation. It excludes contracts for differences (including swaption) and direct sales.

³ This is the price paid by Contact for its spot electricity purchases. It excludes contracts for differences and other purchase costs.

⁴ Unit generation costs equates to: (total generation fuel, transmission and operating costs) / (Spot market generation). Excludes gas purchases for wholesale and retail gas sales

⁵ Net purchase cost equates to: (total wholesale revenue less unit generation costs and electricity & gas purchases) / (retail sales volume).

⁶ Data has been rounded to the nearest 500 and reflects numbers as at month end.