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Company	ASX Limited	Date	19 September 2014
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Subject	**Contact Energy Monthly Operational Data August 2014**		

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 August 2014

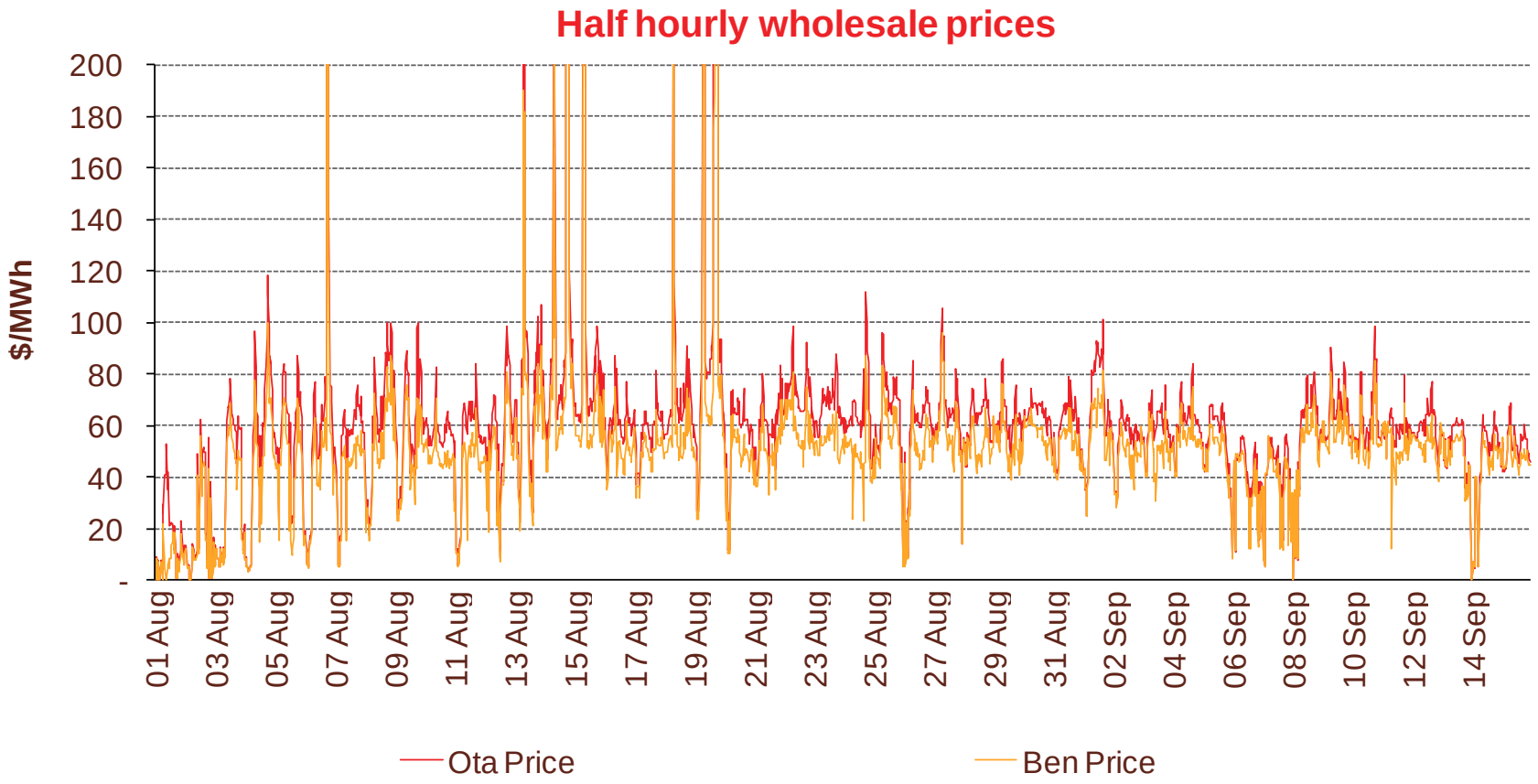
Highlights for August 2014

- **Hydro storage as at 31 August: South Island 123% of mean, North Island 70% of mean (p4)**
- **Average Otahuhu wholesale price for August 2014: $75/MWh (p3)**
- **Otahuhu futures settlement wholesale price for 3rd quarter 2014 (ASX) (p4):**
  - As at 15 September: $64/MWh
  - As at 31 August: $62/MWh
  - As at 31 July: $51/MWh

Wholesale electricity prices

- **The average price at Otahuhu (North Island) for August 2014 was $75/MWh while the average price at Benmore (South Island) was $62/MWh.**

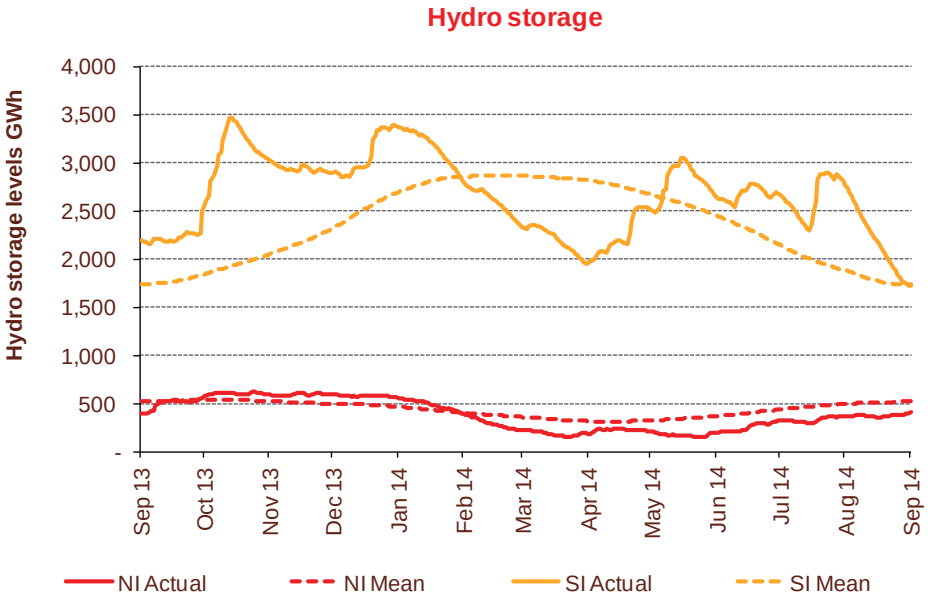
- **The average Otahuhu price from 1 September to 15 September 2014 was $55/MWh. The average Benmore price over this period was $49/MWh.**

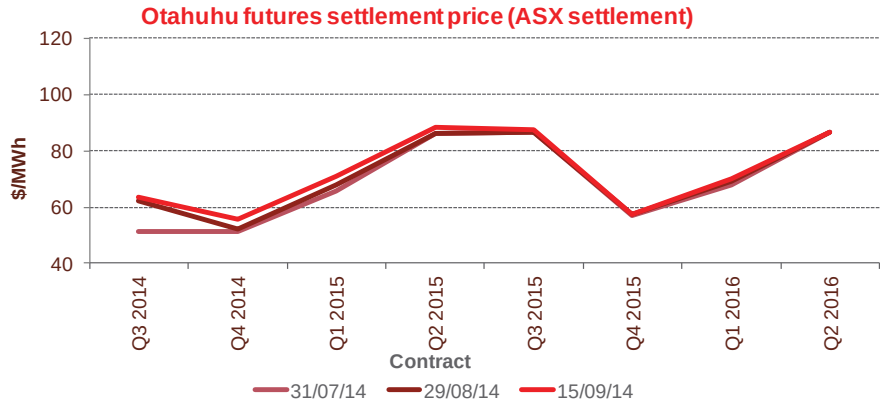


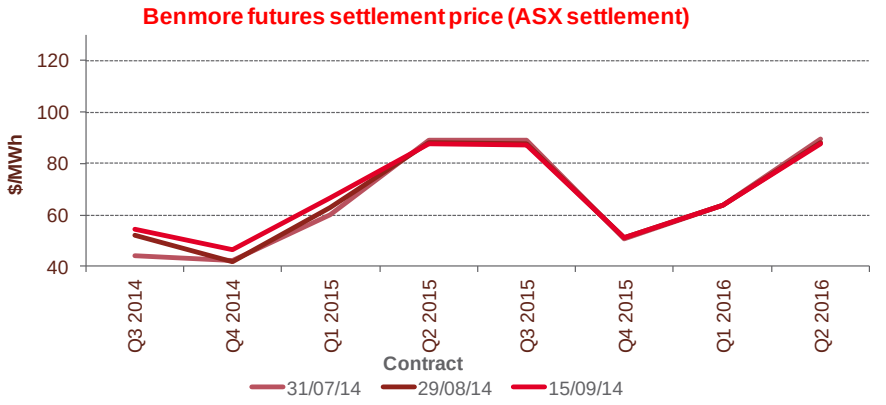
Storage levels and wholesale electricity prices

- **At 31 August, South Island storage was 123% of mean (31 July: 118%) and North Island storage was 70% of mean (31 July: 65%)**

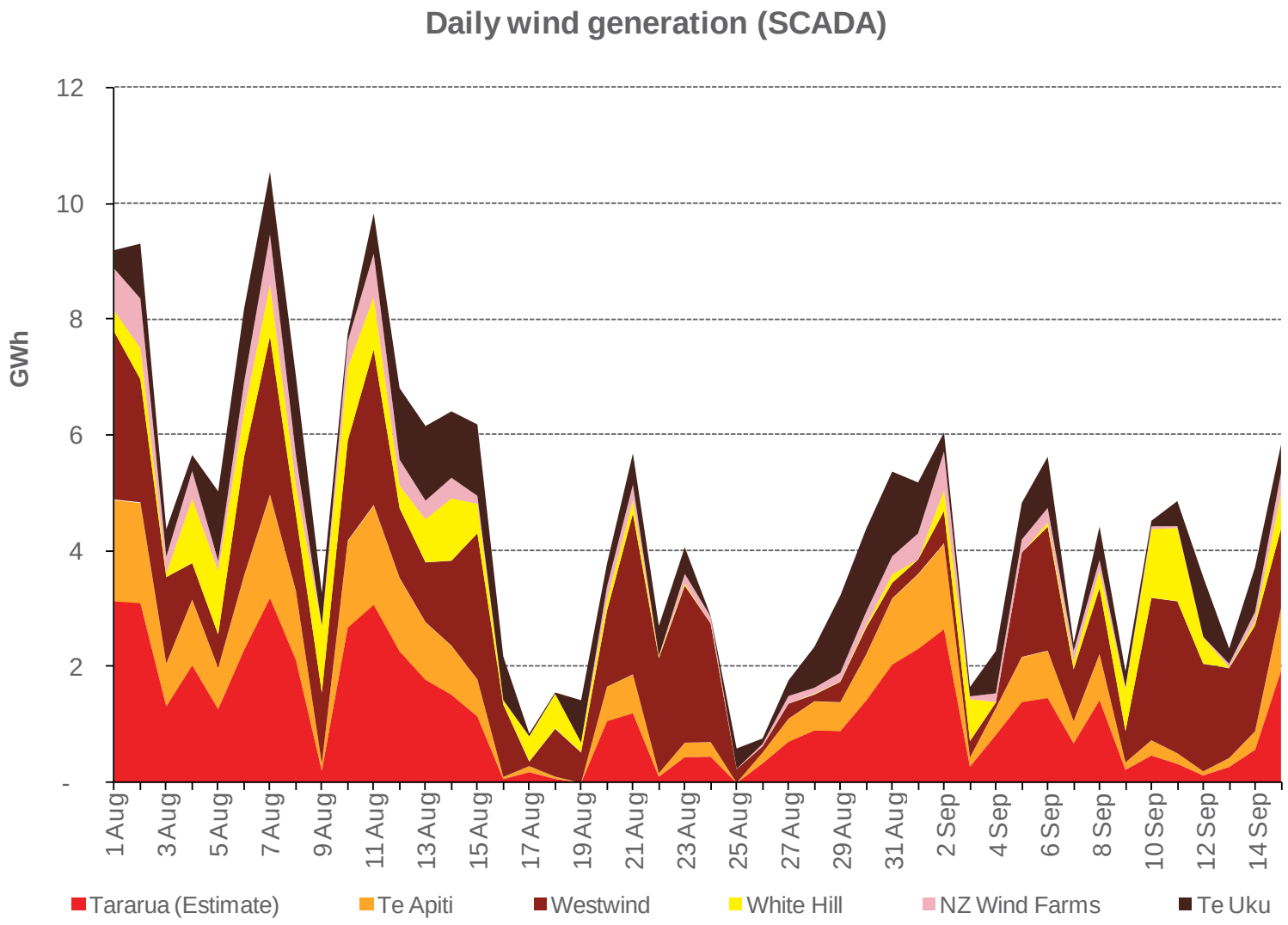
- **As at 16 September 2014, storage was:**
  - South Island: 99% of mean
  - North Island: 77% of mean







Wind generation

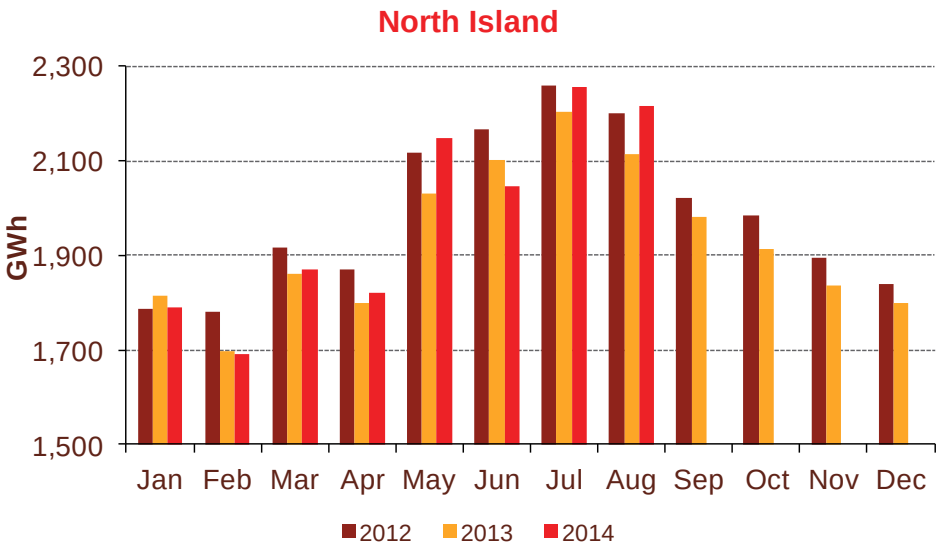


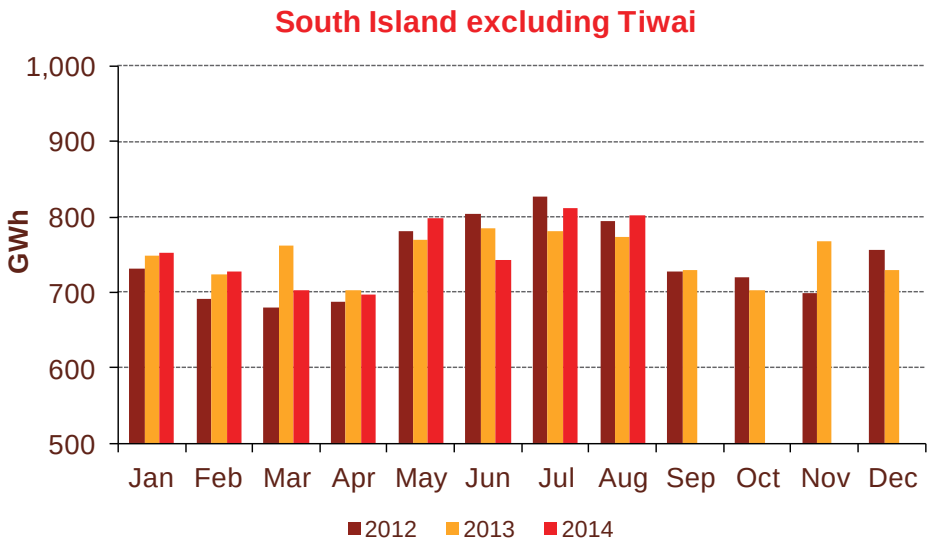
Monthly demand comparison

- **NIWA's national climate summary for August 2014 reports:**
  - The New Zealand national average temperature in August was 8.7°C (0.1°C above the 1971-2000 average)

Demand	12 months to date GWh			Growth rate % p.a.		August demand GWh			Growth rate % p.a.	
	2014	2013	2012	1 year	2 year	2014	2013	2012	1 year	2 year
North Island	23,367	23,445	24,028	(0.3%)	(1.4%)	2,215	2,115	2,199	4.7%	0.4%
South Island excluding Tiwai	8,965	8,971	8,884	(0.1%)	0.5%	801	774	795	3.5%	0.4%
Total	**32,332**	**32,416**	**32,912**	**(0.3%)**	**(0.9%)**	**3,016**	**2,889**	**2,994**	**4.4%**	**0.4%**

Source: SCADA data (Excludes embedded generation)





Contact Netback, Cost of Energy and LPG Data

Data		Measure	The month ended August 2014	The month ended August 2013	The month ended July 2014	Two months ended August 2014	Two months ended August 2013
Netback	Mass market electricity sales	GWh	401	374	430	831	805
	Commercial & industrial electricity sales	GWh	362	380	364	726	736
	Retail gas sales	GWh	75	70	90	165	157
	Steam sales	GWh	67	68	34	101	95
	Total retail sales	GWh	904	893	918	1,822	1,793
	Average electricity sales price	$/MWh	186.41	189.22	202.14	194.44	195.38
	Electricity direct pass through costs	$/MWh	77.14	77.20	74.34	75.71	74.02
	Electricity and gas cost to serve	$/MWh	11.00	11.19	11.15	11.08	10.79
	Netback	$/MWh	87.35	89.08	104.95	96.22	98.64
	Actual electricity line losses	%	8%	7%	6%	6%	5%
	Retail gas sales	PJ	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
	Electricity customer numbers [1]		438,500	438,000	438,500		
	Gas customer numbers [1]		63,000	62,000	63,500		
Cost of energy	Thermal generation	GWh	73	400	195	268	757
	Geothermal generation	GWh	280	194	286	566	388
	Hydro generation	GWh	450	360	423	873	792
	Spot market generation	GWh	803	953	903	1,706	1,937
	Spot electricity purchases	GWh	818	798	843	1,648	1,612
	CfD sales	GWh	(17)	62	24	7	203
	GWAP	$/MWh	68.15	56.17	57.07	62.28	55.06
	LWAP	$/MWh	79.18	61.88	60.79	70.40	59.32
	LWAP/GWAP	%	116%	110%	107%	113%	108%
	Gas used in internal generation	PJ	1.0	3.3	1.7	2.7	6.3
	Wholesale gas sales	PJ	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2
	Gas storage net movement	PJ	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.8	0.7
	Unit generation cost	$/MWh	29.79	46.93	32.37	31.16	44.12
	Net purchase cost	$/MWh	33.85	44.99	33.16	33.50	39.78
LPG	LPG sales	tonnes	6,789	6,162	7,425	14,214	13,163
	LPG customer numbers (includes franchises) [1]		67,000	65,000	67,000		

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