

# **Monthly Operational Data**

For the month ended 31 January 2015

### **Highlights for January 2015**



- Hydro storage as at 31 January: South Island 85% of mean, North Island 99% of mean (p4)
- Average Otahuhu wholesale price for January 2015: \$101/MWh (p3)
- Otahuhu futures settlement wholesale price for 1st quarter 2015 (ASX) (p4):

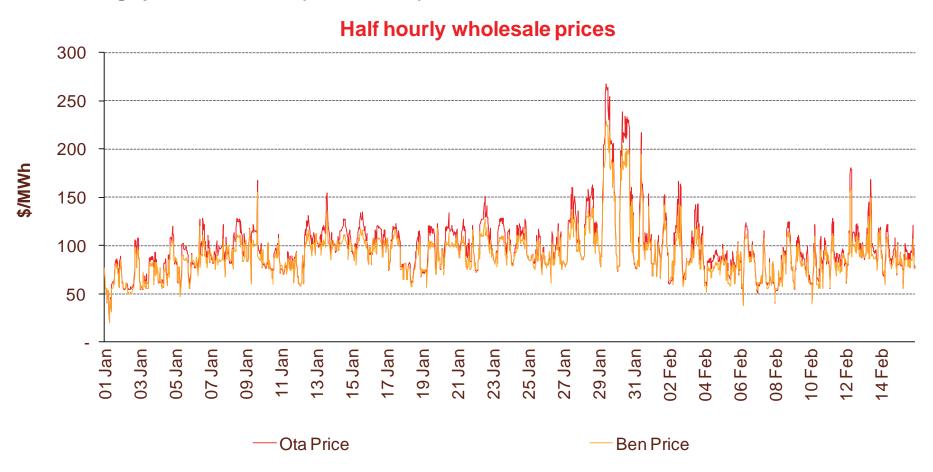
- As at 16 February: \$94/MWh

- As at 31 January : \$108/MWh

- As at 31 December: \$76/MWh

### Wholesale electricity prices

 The average price at Otahuhu (North Island) for January 2015 was \$101/MWh while the average price at Benmore (South Island) was \$94/MWh.



### Storage levels and wholesale electricity prices

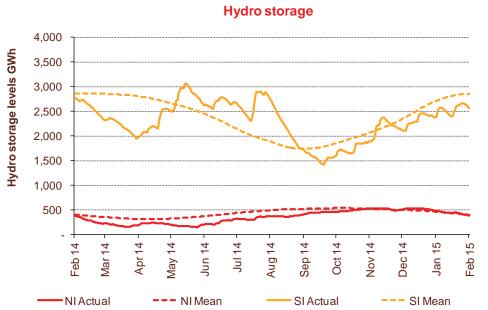


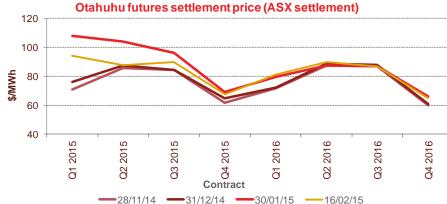
 At 31 January, South Island storage was 85% of mean (31 December: 91%) and North Island storage was 99% of mean (31 December: 108%)

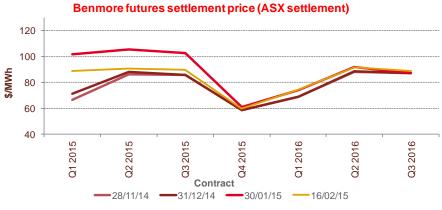
#### As at 17 February 2015, storage was:

South Island: 90% of mean

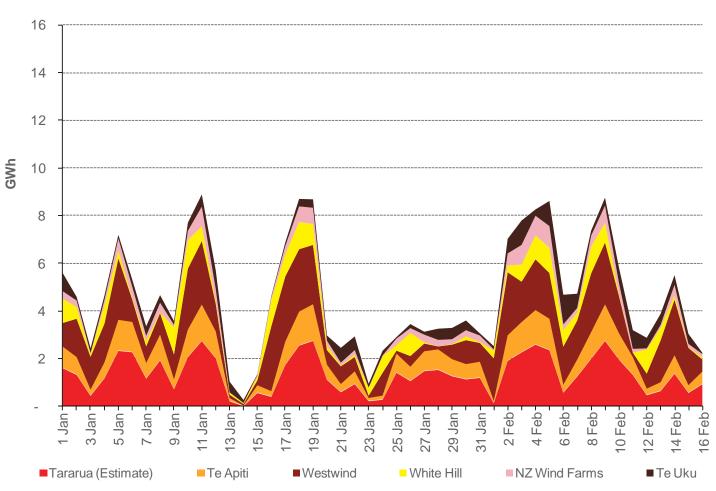
North Island: 96% of mean









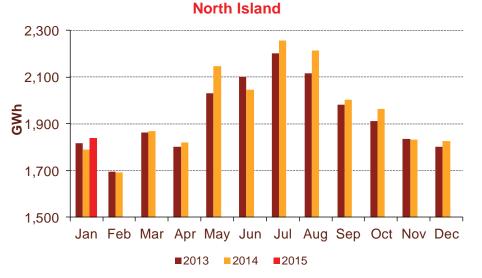


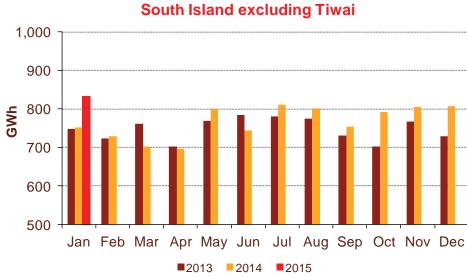
#### Monthly demand comparison



- NIWA's national climate summary for January 2015 reports:
  - The New Zealand national average temperature in January was 18.2°C (1.1°C above the 1981-2010 average) and 2°C above January 2014

| Demand                       | January demand |       |       | Growth rate |        | 12 months to date |        |        | Growth rate |        |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                              | GWh            |       |       | % p.a.      |        | GWh               |        |        | % p.a.      |        |
|                              | 2015           | 2013  | 2012  | 1 year      | 2 year | 2015              | 2014   | 2013   | 1 year      | 2 year |
| North Island                 | 1,837          | 1,790 | 1,816 | 2.6%        | 0.6%   | 23,508            | 23,128 | 23,864 | 1.6%        | (0.7%) |
| South Island excluding Tiwai | 834            | 752   | 748   | 10.9%       | 5.6%   | 9,278             | 8,979  | 8,916  | 3.3%        | 2.0%   |
| Total                        | 2,672          | 2,542 | 2,564 | 5.1%        | 2.1%   | 32,786            | 32,107 | 32,780 | 2.1%        | 0.0%   |





## **Contact Netback, Cost of Energy and LPG Data**



| Data           |  | Measure | The month ended | The month ended | The month ended | Seven months       | Seven months       |
|----------------|--|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                |  |         | January 2015    | January 2014    | December 2014   | ended January 2015 | ended January 2014 |
| Netback        | Mass market electricity sales  | GWh     | 276             | 268             | 288             | 2,343              | 2,297              |
|                | Commercial & industrial electricity sales                            | GWh     | 390             | 380             | 381             | 2,639              | 2,683              |
|                | Retail gas sales   | GWh     | 25              | 33              | 37              | 392                | 390                |
|                | Steam sales  | GWh     | 61              | 61              | 67              | 437                | 417                |
|                | Total retail sales   | GWh     | 751             | 742             | 773             | 5,811              | 5,787              |
|                | Average electricity sales price                                      | \$/MWh  | 167.65          | 170.48          | 165.57          | 178.83             | 177.82             |
|                | Electricity direct pass through costs                                | \$/MWh  | (69.45)         | (68.31)         | (71.03)         | (74.77)            | (69.79)            |
|                | Electricity and gas cost to serve                                    | \$/MWh  | (14.90)         | (11.54)         | (8.12)          | (12.43)            | (11.47)            |
|                | Netback  | \$/MWh  | 77.90           | 83.55           | 79.90           | 83.12              | 87.28              |
|                | Electricity line losses  | %       | 5%              | 4%              | 2%              | 6%                 | 4%                 |
|                | Retail gas sales   | PJ      | 0.1             | 0.1             | 0.1             | 1.3                | 1.4                |
|                | Electricity customer numbers 1                                       | #       | 432,500         | 440,000         | 432,000         |                    |                    |
|                | Gas customer numbers 1   | #       | 61,500          | 63,000          | 61,500          |                    |                    |
| Cost of energy | Thermal generation   | GWh     | 98              | 86              | 82              | 1,264              | 1,608              |
|                | Geothermal generation  | GWh     | 294             | 186             | 293             | 1,772              | 1,272              |
|                | Hydro generation   | GWh     | 324             | 402             | 373             | 2,491              | 2,531              |
|                | Spot market generation   | GWh     | 716             | 673             | 748             | 5,528              | 5,411              |
|                | Spot electricity purchases   | GWh     | 688             | 666             | 673             | 5,207              | 5,099              |
|                | CfD sales  | GWh     | (5)             | (47)            | (4)             | 20                 | (102)              |
|                | GWAP   | \$/MWh  | 97.26           | 57.97           | 80.85           | 70.33              | 48.47              |
|                | LWAP   | \$/MWh  | (105.26)        | (68.08)         | (88.81)         | (76.14)            | (54.51)            |
|                | LWAP/GWAP  | %       | 108%            | 117%            | 110%            | 108%               | 112%               |
|                | Gas used in internal generation                                      | PJ      | 1.2             | 1.0             | 1.1             | 12.1               | 14.4               |
|                | Wholesale gas sales  | PJ      | 0.2             | 0.2             | 0.3             | 1.4                | 1.6                |
|                | Gas storage net movement   | PJ      | (0.1)           | 0.0             | (0.2)           | (0.2)              | 1.7                |
|                | Unit generation cost   | \$/MWh  | (34.18)         | (32.12)         | (31.42)         | (38.09)            | (40.32)            |
|                | Cost of energy   | \$/MWh  | (34.85)         | (35.92)         | (25.94)         | (36.84)            | (39.17)            |
| LPG            | LPG sales  | tonnes  | 5,829           | 4,519           | 6,059           | 43,269             | 39,671             |
|                | LPG customer numbers (includes franchises) $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$ | #       | 68,500          | 65,500          | 68,000          |                    |                    |