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Company	ASX Limited	Date	27 August 2013
From	Helen Hardy	Pages	8
Subject	CONTACT ENERGY MONTHLY OPERATIONAL DATA JULY 2013		

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Hardy", written in a cursive style.

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Monthly Operational Data

For the month ended 31 July 2013

July 2013

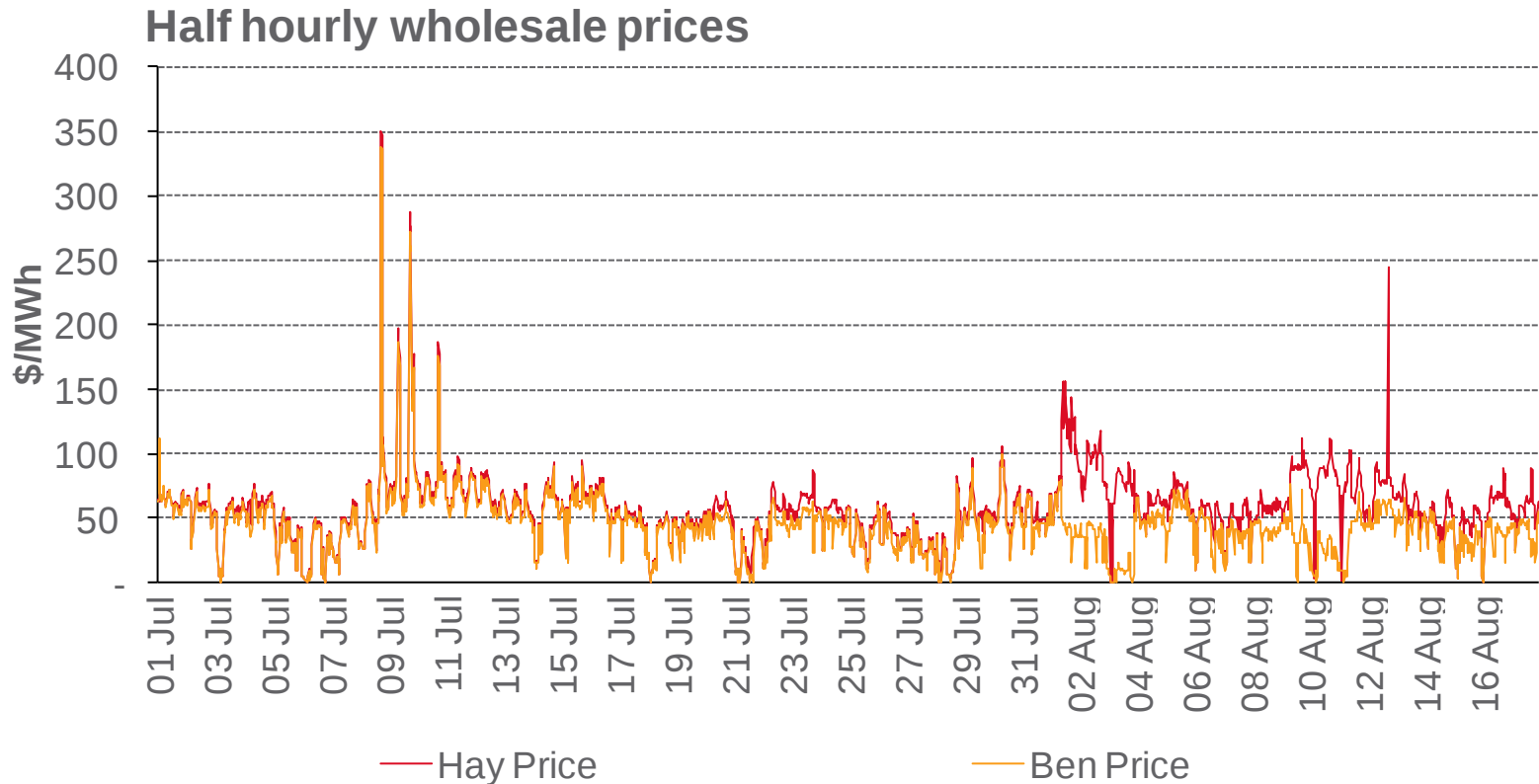
Highlights for July 2013



- **Hydro storage as at 31 July: South Island 122% of mean, North Island 70% of mean (p4)**
- **Average Haywards wholesale price for July 2013: \$53/MWh (p3)**
- **Otahuhu futures settlement wholesale price for 3rd quarter 2013 (ASX) (p4):**
 - As at 19 August: \$63/MWh
 - As at 31 July: \$66/MWh
 - As at 30 June: \$66/MWh

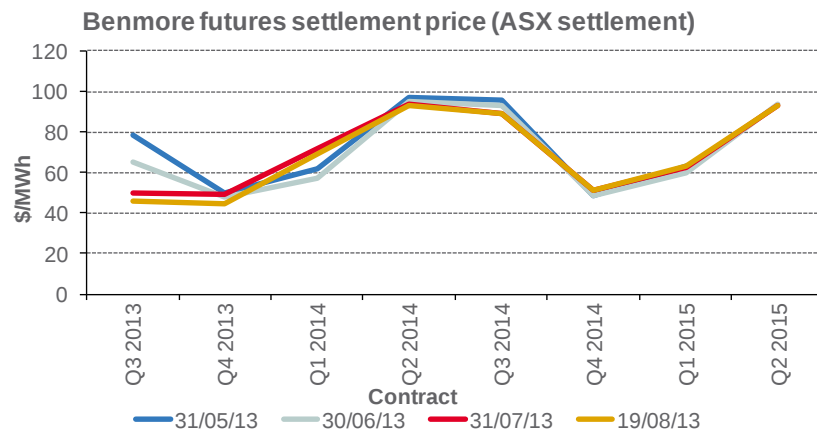
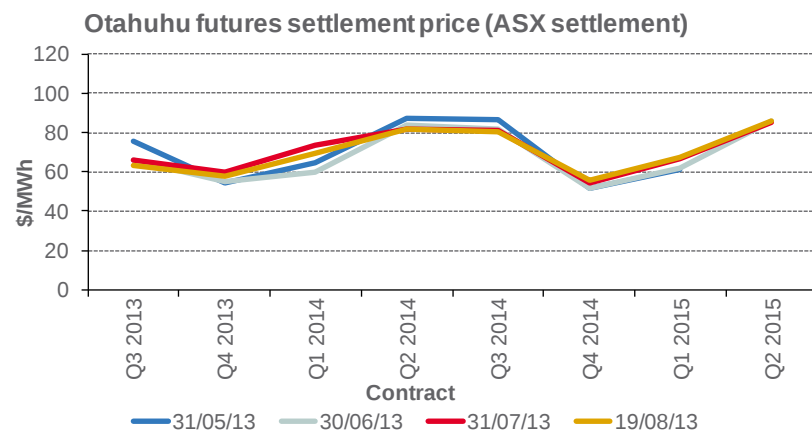
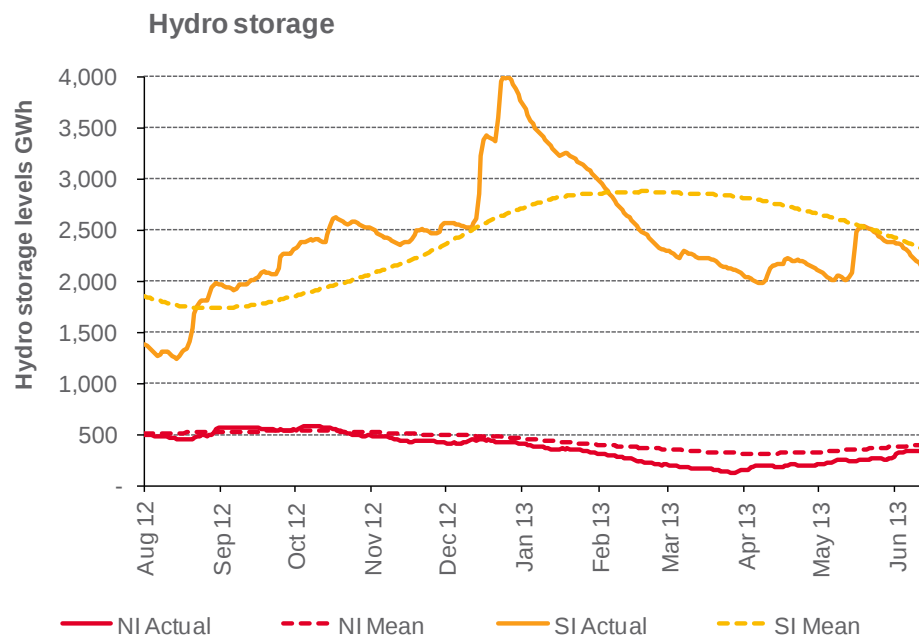
Wholesale electricity prices

- The average price at Haywards (North Island) for the month of July 2013 was \$53/MWh while the average price at Benmore (South Island) was \$49/MWh.
- The average Haywards price from 1 August to 19 August 2013 was \$64/MWh. The average Benmore price over this period was \$39/MWh.



Storage levels and wholesale electricity prices

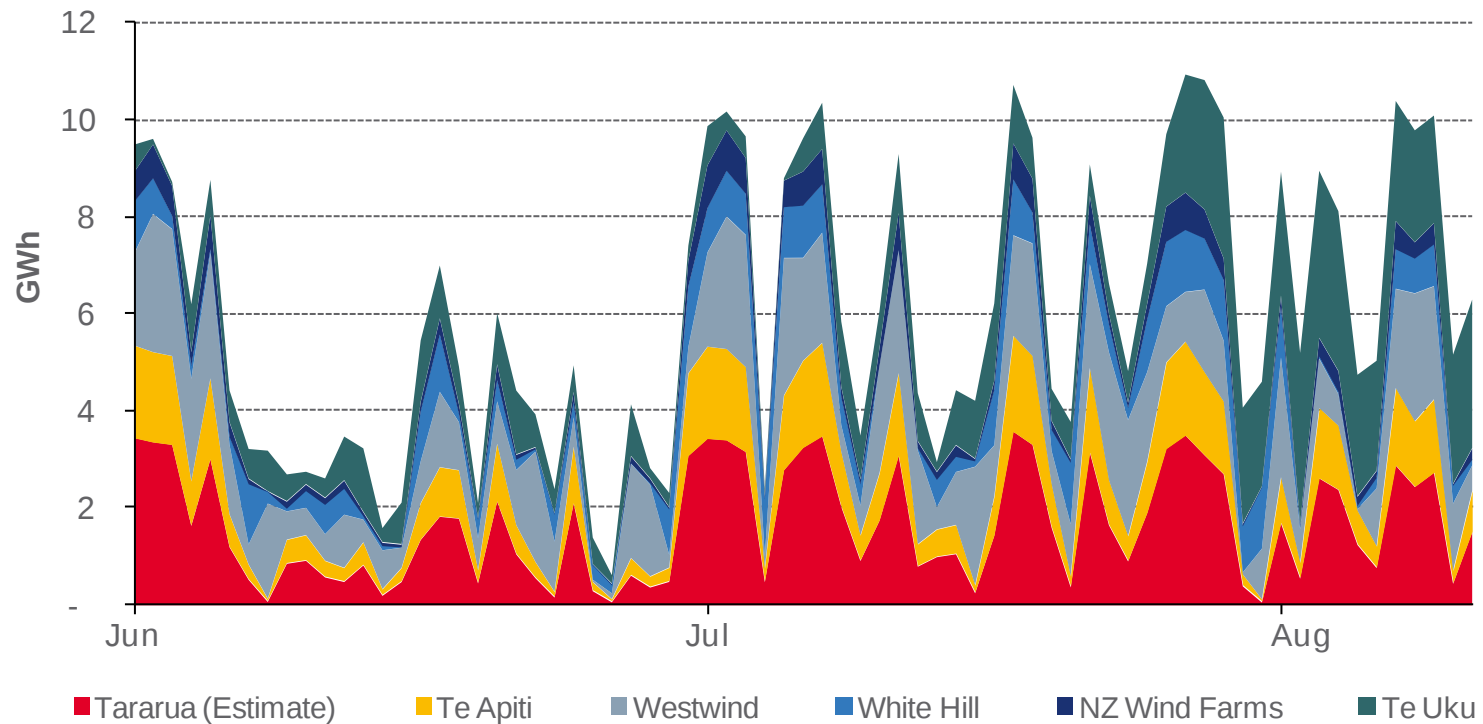
- At 31 July 2013, South Island storage was 122% of mean (30 June: 93%) and North Island storage was 70% of mean (30 June: 84%)
- As at 19 August 2013, storage was:
 - South Island: 115% of mean
 - North Island: 68% of mean



Wind generation



Daily wind generation (SCADA)



Monthly demand comparison

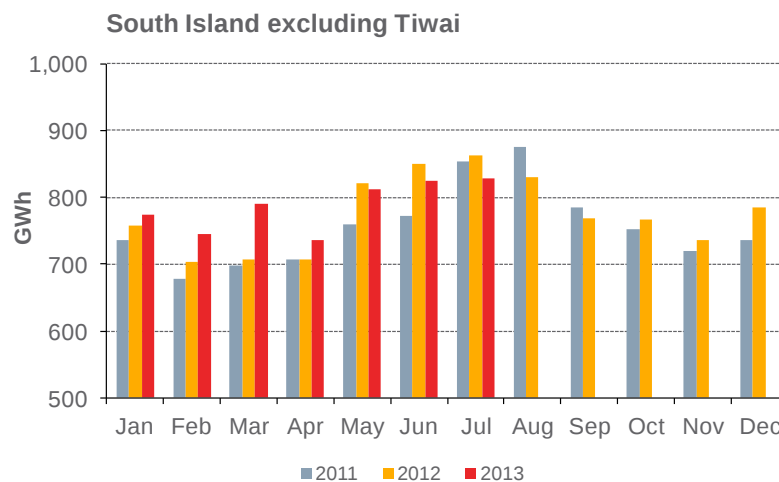
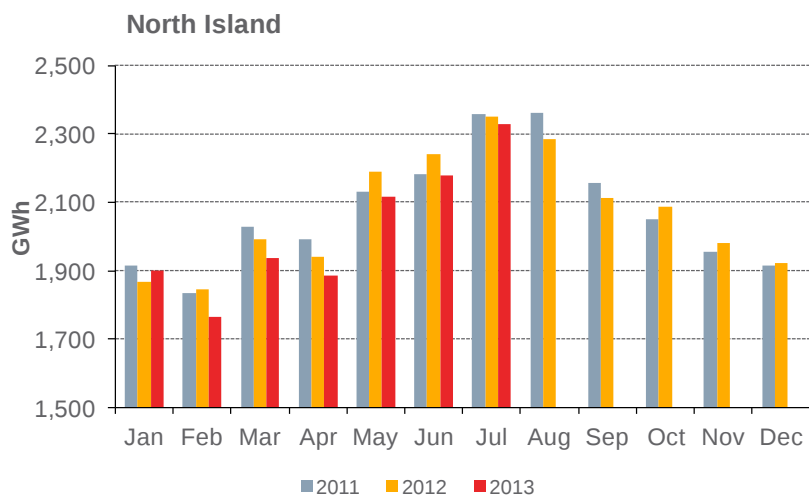


NIWA's National Climate Summary for July 2013 reports:

- The New Zealand national average temperature in July was 9.0°C (1.2°C above the 1971-2000 July average)

Demand	12 months to date			Growth rate		July 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	24,502	24,871	24,895	(1.5%)	(0.8%)	2,330	2,350	2,357	(0.9%)	(0.6%)
South Island excluding Tiwai	9,396	9,276	9,243	1.3%	0.8%	828	863	854	(4.1%)	(1.6%)
Total	33,898	34,147	34,137	(0.7%)	(0.4%)	3,157	3,213	3,211	(1.7%)	(0.8%)

Source: SCADA data



Contact Netback, Net Purchase Cost and LPG Data

Data		Measure	The month ended 31 July 2013	The month ended 31 July 2012	The month ended 30 June 2013
Netback	Mass market electricity sales	GWh	431	465	378
	Commercial & industrial electricity sales	GWh	356	310	347
	Retail gas sales	GWh	87	92	70
	Steam sales	GWh	27	29	9
	Total retail sales	GWh	901	895	804
	Average electricity sales price	\$/MWh	201.27	198.79	204.77
	Electricity direct pass thru costs	\$/MWh	70.98	69.34	72.44
	Electricity and gas cost to serve ²	\$/MWh	10.41	10.10	8.33
	Netback ²	\$/MWh	108.11	107.52	114.79
	Actual electricity line losses	%	4%	4%	8%
	Retail gas sales	PJ	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Electricity customer numbers ¹		439,000	443,000	439,500
	Gas customer numbers ¹		61,500	62,500	61,500
Net Purchase Cost	Thermal generation	GWh	357	364	332
	Geothermal generation	GWh	195	205	186
	Hydro generation	GWh	432	285	410
	Spot market generation	GWh	984	854	928
	Swaption	GWh	-	63	-
	Spot electricity purchases	GWh	814	801	790
	CfD sales	GWh	123	76	77
	GWAP	\$/MWh	53.99	78.72	64.61
	LWAP	\$/MWh	56.81	83.46	68.34
	LWAP/GWAP	%	105%	106%	106%
	Gas used in internal generation	PJ	2.9	3.1	2.6
	Wholesale gas sales	PJ	0.0	0.2	0.0
	Gas storage net movement	PJ	0.5	(0.2)	0.2
	Unit generation cost ²	\$/MWh	41.95	50.74	33.21
	Net purchase cost ²	\$/MWh	34.63	49.57	28.05
LPG	LPG sales	tonnes	7,001	7,313	6,680
	LPG customer numbers (includes franchises) ¹		65,000	62,000	65,000

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

² June 2013 operating statistics have been restated to reclassify restructuring costs as significant items