



Northern Territory of Australia

Electricity Reform Act 2000

Issue of Electricity Pricing Order

I, Eva Dina Lawler, Treasurer, under section 44(1) of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000*, issue the electricity pricing order set out in the Schedule to take effect at 11:59 pm on 30 June 2024 and remain in force until 30 June 2025.

Eva Lawler

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Treasurer

Dated *26 June 2024*

Schedule Electricity Pricing Order

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 Definitions

In this electricity pricing order:

billing entity means a person licensed under Part 3 of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000* to sell electricity.

caravan park resident tariff customer means a prescribed customer who is on-supplied electricity by the proprietor of a caravan park who is:

- (a) a commercial – standard tariff customer; or
- (b) a commercial – time of use tariff customer.

commercial – standard tariff customer means a prescribed customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity for commercial use; and
- (b) is not a commercial – time of use tariff customer; and
- (c) is not a multipurpose tariff customer.

commercial – time of use tariff customer means a prescribed customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity for commercial use; and
- (b) elects to pay the commercial – time of use tariff for a period of not less than 12 months; and
- (c) has a meter that records the consumption of electricity at the premises where the electricity is consumed and the time of consumption; and
- (d) is not a multipurpose tariff customer.

commercial use, of electricity, means the electricity is consumed on premises used for conducting a business or for conducting the activities of a public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff customer.

domestic pre-payment meter tariff customer means a prescribed customer who purchases electricity that is:

- (a) primarily for domestic use; and
- (b) supplied through a pre-payment meter.

domestic – standard tariff customer means a prescribed customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity primarily for domestic use; and
- (b) does not purchase the electricity through a pre-payment meter; and
- (c) is not a domestic – time of use tariff customer; and
- (d) is not a multipurpose tariff customer.

domestic – time of use tariff customer means a prescribed customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity primarily for domestic use; and
- (b) elects to pay the domestic – time of use tariff for a period of not less than 12 months; and
- (c) has a meter that records the consumption of electricity at the premises where the electricity is consumed and the time of consumption; and
- (d) agrees to pay for any associated meter upgrade costs; and
- (e) is not a multipurpose tariff customer.

domestic use, of electricity, means the electricity is consumed for domestic purposes on residential premises.

general non-metered installation customer means a prescribed customer who purchases electricity for the non-metered supply of electricity to an electrical installation other than for street lighting.

kWh means kilowatt hours.

multipurpose tariff customer means a prescribed customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity for multipurpose use; and
- (b) does not purchase the electricity through a pre-payment meter.

multipurpose use, of electricity, means the electricity is consumed for both:

- (a) domestic purposes on residential premises; and
- (b) conducting a business on the residential premises or the land on which the premises are located (for example, for agricultural purposes).

prescribed customer means:

- (a) a customer of the class prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the Regulations; or
- (b) if regulation 13A of the Regulations is repealed and re-made, with or without modification, during the period specified in clause 2(1) – a customer of any class that:
 - (i) is prescribed by the re-made provision of the Regulations for section 44(1) of the Act; and
 - (ii) corresponds to the class of customer which was prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the Regulations immediately before its repeal.

public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff customer means a prescribed customer that is registered as a public benevolent institution with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Regulations means the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations 2000*.

residential premises does not include:

- (a) a hostel, motel, hotel, guest house or caravan park; or
- (b) premises on which a caretaker resides and is otherwise used for non-residential purposes.

street lighting customer means a prescribed customer who purchases electricity for the non-metered supply of electricity to an electrical installation that provides street lighting, including public lighting.

2 Regulation of retail prices

- (1) This electricity pricing order regulates the retail prices a billing entity may charge prescribed customers for the sale of electricity, and for the provision of related services, during the period commencing at 11.59 pm on 30 June 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.
- (2) For subclause (1):
 - (a) retail prices for the sale of electricity include GST and metering service provision charges for type 1-6 meters, but do not include fee based charges or quoted services charges; and
 - (b) related services are the services the billing entity provides to prescribed customers that are ancillary to supplying electricity to the customers; and

- (c) the billing entity may charge retail prices for provision of related services that are fair and reasonable taking into consideration the costs of supplying electricity.

Part 2 General supply

3 Application of Part

- (1) This Part applies in relation to the following prescribed customers:
 - (a) commercial – standard tariff customers;
 - (b) commercial – time of use tariff customers;
 - (c) domestic – pre-payment meter tariff customers;
 - (d) domestic – standard tariff customers;
 - (e) domestic – time of use tariff customers;
 - (f) caravan park resident tariff customers;
 - (g) multipurpose tariff customers;
 - (h) public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff customers.
- (2) The billing entity must ensure that the retail prices it charges under this Part distinguish between the prescribed customers mentioned in subclause (1).

4 Fixed daily charges for supply of electricity

A prescribed customer specified in the following table may be charged for the supply of electricity a fixed daily charge not exceeding the amount specified opposite the customer.

Prescribed customer	Fixed daily charge (\$)
Commercial – standard tariff	0.8992
Commercial – time of use tariff	0.8992
Domestic – standard tariff	0.5758
Domestic – time of use tariff	0.5758
Multipurpose tariff	0.5758
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	0.7026

5 Charges for consumption of electricity

A prescribed customer specified in the following table may be charged for the consumption of electricity an amount per kWh that does not exceed the amount specified opposite the customer.

Prescribed customer	Charge (cents/kWh)
Commercial – standard tariff	33.9917
Commercial – time of use tariff	43.4913 during peak operation (6am to 6pm on all days) 24.4729 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am on all days)
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	32.1120
Domestic – standard tariff	29.2081
Domestic – time of use tariff	34.4532 during peak operation (6am to 6pm weekdays including public holidays) 26.2704 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am weekdays and all weekends)
Caravan park resident tariff	38.9892
Multipurpose tariff	29.2081 for the first 45 kWh per day 33.9917 above 45 kWh per day
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	30.0894

Part 3 Non-metered supply

6 Application of Part

- (1) This Part applies in relation to the following prescribed customers:
 - (a) general non-metered installation customers;
 - (b) street lighting customers.
- (2) The billing entity must ensure that the retail prices it charges under this Part distinguish between the prescribed customers mentioned in subclause (1).

7 General non-metered installation customer

The billing entity may charge a general non-metered installation customer, on a pro rata basis per annum, for the consumption of electricity supplied to the customer's electrical installations during a period of operation specified in the following table, a retail price calculated on the basis of the amount specified opposite the period.

Period of operation	Annual charge (\$ per watt)
Off-peak operation (6pm to 6am)	1.2815
Peak operation (6am to 6pm)	1.4234
24 hour operation	2.7679

8 Street lighting customer

- (1) The billing entity may charge a street lighting customer, on a pro rata basis per annum, for the consumption of electricity supplied to the customer's electrical installations of a light wattage range specified in the following table, a retail price not exceeding the amount specified opposite the wattage range.

Light wattage range	Annual charge (\$)
1-50	66.521
51-100	133.041
101-200	266.082
201-300	399.122
301-400	532.164
401 and above	1330.410

- (2) The retail price must be calculated on the actual light wattage range of the prescribed customer's electrical installations as provided in writing to the billing entity by the customer.

Part 4 Account credits for certain customers

9 Application of Part

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), this Part applies to the following prescribed customers:
- (a) commercial – standard tariff customers;
 - (b) commercial – time of use tariff customers;

- (c) public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff customers;
 - (d) domestic – pre-payment meter tariff customers;
 - (e) domestic – standard tariff customers;
 - (f) domestic – time of use tariff customers;
 - (g) multipurpose tariff customers.
- (2) This Part does not apply to:
- (a) a prescribed customer specified in subclause (1)(a), (b) or (c) if the customer's consumption of electricity is 160 000 kWh per annum or greater; or
 - (b) a prescribed customer that is an Agency, instrumentality or corporation of the Territory or the Commonwealth, unless its primary function involves providing services or facilities to the public that compete with services provided by the private sector; or
 - (c) a prescribed customer that is a local government council.

10 Account credit

- (1) The billing entity must provide each prescribed customer that is charged retail prices under Part 2 an annual account credit of up to the amount specified opposite the customer in the following table for the billing year.

Prescribed customer	Annual account credit (\$)
Commercial – standard tariff	325.00
Commercial – time of use tariff	325.00
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	325.00
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	300.00
Domestic – standard tariff	300.00
Domestic – time of use tariff	300.00
Multipurpose tariff	300.00

- (2) For a prescribed customer other than a domestic – pre-payment meter tariff customer, the account credit for the billing year must be provided by the billing entity under subclause (1):

- (a) in quarterly instalments for each quarter of the billing year in which electricity is sold to the prescribed customer by the billing entity; and
 - (b) by applying the credit to the amounts charged to the customer's account from time to time in respect of the electricity sold to the customer during the relevant quarter.
- (3) In this clause:

billing year means the financial year commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.

quarter, of the billing year, means the period of 3 months starting on 1 July, 1 October, 1 January or 1 April in the billing year.

Part 5 Utilities Commission

11 Role of Utilities Commission

The Utilities Commission is to:

- (a) monitor compliance with this electricity pricing order; and
- (b) investigate any complaints made to the Utilities Commission by prescribed customers that prices to which this order applies do not comply with this order.