

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

*Electricity Reform Act*

ELECTRICITY PRICING ORDER

I, Delia Pheobe Lawrie, the Treasurer, under section 44(1)(a) and (1)(b) of the *Electricity Reform Act*, issue the electricity pricing order specified in the Schedule for the sale of electricity to non-contestable customers, to take effect on 1 July 2008 and to remain in force to 30 June 2009.

Dated

3 June 2008



Treasurer

**SCHEDULE**

**ORDER**

**1. Definitions**

In this Order:

***caravan park resident tariff customer*** means a non-contestable customer that is on-supplied electricity by the proprietor of a caravan park (who is also a non-contestable customer) that is supplied electricity by the Power and Water Corporation.

***commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer*** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than for domestic use and who elects to pay the commercial Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff for a period of not less than 12 months.

***commercial – demand tariff customer*** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than for domestic use, who consumes, or is likely to consume, more than 160 000 kWh per annum, and who elects to pay the commercial – demand tariff (as specified in Tables 1 and 2) for a period of not less than 12 months.

**commercial – standard tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than for domestic use and who does not elect to pay the commercial – demand tariff or the commercial – time of use tariff.

**commercial – time of use tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than for domestic use and who elects to pay the commercial – time of use tariff (as specified in Tables 1 and 3) for a period of not less than 12 months.

**domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for domestic use who elects to pay the domestic Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff for a period of not less than 12 months.

**domestic pre-payment meter tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for domestic use, supplied through a pre-payment meter.

**domestic – standard tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for domestic use and who does not elect to pay the domestic – time of use tariff and who does not purchase electricity through a pre-payment meter.

**domestic – time of use tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for domestic use, and who consumes, or is likely to consume, more than 16 000 kWh per annum, and elects to pay the domestic time of use tariff (as specified in Tables 1 and 3) for a period of not less than 12 months.

**domestic use** means electricity used primarily for domestic purposes and not for use by government, commercial or not-for-profit organisations.

**kWh** means kilowatt hours.

**kVA** means kilovolt amps.

**non-metered installation customer** means a customer who purchases electricity for the type of installation as set out in Tables 4 and 5.

**non-contestable customer** means an electricity customer who has not been granted a contestable customer certificate under the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations* and whose annual electricity consumption for a given customer site does

not exceed the minimum amount for a contestable customer as determined by the Schedule to those Regulations.

**related services** means:

- (a) services ancillary to the provision of electricity, if the Power and Water Corporation has an effective monopoly in the provision of the ancillary services; and
- (b) services ancillary to the ownership or operation of the infrastructure associated with the provision of electricity.

**retail prices** means final GST inclusive prices for electricity sold to non-contestable customers by the Power and Water Corporation, in accordance with its retail licence.

## **2. Application of Order**

- (1) This Order only applies in relation to retail prices for electricity and related services supplied to non-contestable customers by the Power and Water Corporation.
- (2) A price to which this Order applies is to comply with a restriction on pricing specified in directions or notifications issued in accordance with sections 28, 29 and 30 of the *Government Owned Corporations Act*.

## **3. Electricity Retail Prices**

- (1) The retail prices for electricity under this Order are to distinguish between the following non-contestable customer groups:
  - (a) commercial – standard tariff customer;
  - (b) commercial – demand tariff customer;
  - (c) commercial – time of use tariff customer;
  - (d) caravan park resident customer;
  - (e) non-metered installation customer;
  - (f) domestic – pre-payment meter tariff customer;
  - (g) domestic – standard tariff customer;
  - (h) domestic – time of use tariff customer,

in accordance with Tables 1 to 5 below.

- (2) Prices for retail electricity for all non-contestable customer groups referred to in subclause (1) may only consist of:
- (a) for all customer groups except for domestic pre-payment meter tariff customers, non-metered installation customers, and caravan park resident customers – fixed daily charges that do not exceed the amounts detailed in Table 1; and
  - (b) for commercial – demand tariff customers – peak and off-peak energy usage charges and peak and off-peak demand charges that do not exceed the amounts detailed in Table 2; and
  - (c) for all customer groups except non-metered installation and commercial – demand tariff customers – usage charges that do not exceed the amounts detailed in Table 3; and
  - (d) for non-metered installation customers – charges per type of installation that do not exceed the amounts detailed in Tables 4 and 5.

#### **4. Prices for Related Services**

Prices for related services must be no more than a fair and reasonable amount taking into consideration the costs of providing the service in an efficient manner.

#### **5. Role of Utilities Commission**

The Utilities Commission is to:

- (a) monitor compliance with this Order;
- (b) enforce this Order in accordance with section 23 of the *Utilities Commission Act* in the same manner as if it were a determination under that Act; and
- (c) investigate any complaints made to the Utilities Commission by non-contestable customers that prices to which this Order applies do not comply with this Order.

## TABLES

**Table 1 – Fixed daily charge (\$/day) for all non-contestable customer groups except for pre-payment meter tariff customers, non-metered installation customers, and caravan park resident customers.**

<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Fixed Daily Charge (\$)</b>
Commercial – standard tariff	0.4778
Commercial – demand tariff	3.8543
Commercial – time of use tariff	0.4778
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff	0.4778
Domestic – standard tariff	0.3060
Domestic – time of use tariff	0.3060
Domestic - Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff	0.3060

**Table 2 – Peak and off-peak monthly energy usage (cents/kWh) and demand charges (\$/kVA) for commercial – demand tariff customers**

<b>Monthly Energy Usage Charge (cents/kWh)</b>		
<b>Monthly Energy Usage</b>	<b>Peak Period</b>	<b>Off-Peak Period</b>
First 10 000 kWh	11.96	10.93
Next 20 000 kWh	11.85	10.80
Next 50 000 kWh	11.75	10.68
Next 100 000 kWh	11.61	10.57
Next 200 000 kWh	11.50	10.45
Next 200 000 kWh	11.38	10.33
Balance of monthly energy consumption	11.26	10.22
<b>Monthly Demand Charge (\$/kVA)</b>		
<b>Monthly Maximum Demand</b>	<b>Peak Period</b>	<b>Off-Peak Period</b>
First 50 kVA	26.73	3.52
Next 100 kVA	24.39	3.23
Next 300 kVA	22.08	2.94
Next 500 kVA	19.76	2.64
Next 1 000 kVA	17.43	2.47
Next 1 000 kVA	16.25	2.36
Balance of monthly energy demand	16.25	2.36

**Table 3 – Usage charges (c/kWh), all customer groups except for non-metered installation customers and commercial – demand tariff customers.**

<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Usage Charge (cents/kWh)</b>
Commercial – standard tariff	18.05
Commercial – time of use tariff (peak)	23.11
Commercial – time of use tariff (off-peak)	13.01
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (peak)	23.11
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (off-peak)	13.01
Caravan park resident	20.71
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	17.72
Domestic – standard tariff	15.52
Domestic – time of use tariff (peak)	15.52
Domestic – time of use tariff (off-peak)	13.01
Domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (peak)	23.11
Domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (off-peak)	13.01

**Table 4 – Charge per installation (\$/installation) per annum for non-metered installation customers.**

<b>Type of Installation</b>	<b>Charge (\$)</b>
Telephone cubicle	148.42
Bus shelter	116.30
Pedestrian lights (per pole)	243.66
Traffic lights (per pole)	520.58
Water sprinkler (no pump)	21.67
Traffic counter	21.67

**Table 5 – Charge per installation (\$/installation) per annum for non-metered installation customers – Street Lighting Supply**

<b>Light wattage range</b>	<b>Light without pole (\$)</b>	<b>Light with pole, overhead reticulation (\$)</b>	<b>Light with pole, underground reticulation (\$)</b>
1-100	67.42	127.62	143.26
101-200	216.70	264.86	144.46
201-300	297.36	339.49	355.15
301-400	410.52	424.96	458.68
1000	1088.31	-	-