

Northern Territory of Australia

*Electricity Reform Act 2000*

**Amendment and Issue of Electricity Pricing Order**

I, Nicole Susan Manison, Treasurer:

- (a) under section 44(1)(a) of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000* and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, amend the instrument entitled "Issue of Electricity Pricing Order" dated 26 June 2019 as follows:
- (i) by omitting "on 1 July 2019 and to remain in force for 12 months" and inserting "from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020";
  - (ii) in the Schedule; Part 1, clause 1, definition **pricing period** – by omitting "30 June 2020" and inserting "31 March 2020"; and
- (b) under section 44(1)(a) of the *Electricity Reform Act 2000*, issue the electricity pricing order set out in the Schedule to take effect from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Dated

15.5.20



Treasurer

**Schedule**  
**Electricity Pricing Order**

Customers of the class prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the  
*Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations 2000*

**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) does not elect to pay the commercial – time of use tariff; 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) 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) does not elect to pay the domestic – time of use tariff; 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) agrees to pay for any associated meter upgrade costs; and
- (d) 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 in excess of 16 425 kWh per annum 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 customers**, means customers of the class prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations 2000*.

**pricing period** means 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.

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

**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 during pricing period**

- (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 pricing period.
- (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 related services that are fair and reasonable taking into consideration the costs of supplying the 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) caravan park resident 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;
  - (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.

<b>Prescribed customer</b>	<b>Fixed daily charge (\$)</b>
Commercial – standard tariff	0.8020
Commercial – time of use tariff	0.8020
Domestic – standard tariff	0.5136
Domestic – time of use tariff	0.5136
Multipurpose tariff	0.5136
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	0.6267

## 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	30.32
Commercial – time of use tariff	38.79 during peak operation (6am to 6pm on all days) 21.83 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am on all days)
Caravan park resident tariff	34.78
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	28.64
Domestic – standard tariff	26.05
Domestic – time of use tariff	30.73 during peak operation (6am to 6pm weekdays including public holidays) 23.43 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am weekdays and all weekends)
Multipurpose tariff	26.05 for the first 45 kWh per day 30.32 above 45 kWh per day
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	26.84

## 6 Lower charge for certain prescribed customers

- (1) The following prescribed customers are entitled to be charged at a rate that does not exceed 50% of the charges specified in clauses 4 and 5 if the customer has been issued with a Business Hardship Certificate from the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation:
- (a) commercial – standard tariff;
  - (b) commercial – time of use tariff;
  - (c) multipurpose tariff customers;
  - (d) public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff customers.

- (2) Subclause (1) applies from the date specified in the Business Hardship Certificate to 30 September 2020.

### **PART 3 NON-METERED SUPPLY**

#### **7 Application of Part**

- (1) This Part applies in relation to the following prescribed customers:
- (a) general non-metered installation customers; and
  - (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).

#### **8 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.

<b>Period of operation</b>	<b>Annual charge (\$ per watt)</b>
Off-peak operation (6pm to 6am)	1.142
Peak operation (6am to 6pm)	1.270
24 hour operation	2.468

#### **9 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	59.337
51-100	118.674
101-200	237.347
201-300	356.019
301-400	474.693
401 and above	1 186.734

- (2) The retail price is to 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 UTILITIES COMMISSION**

##### **10 Role of Utilities Commission**

The Utilities Commission is to:

- (a) monitor compliance with this electricity pricing order; and
- (b) enforce this order under section 23 of the *Utilities Commission Act 2000* in the same way as if it were a determination under that Act; and
- (c) investigate any complaints made to the Utilities Commission by prescribed customers that prices to which this order applies do not comply with this order.