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APPROVAL OF ELECTRICITY NETWORK TARIFFS FOR 1 OCTOBER 2000 TO 30 JUNE 2001

In accordance with clause 78(3) of the *Electricity Networks (Third Party Access) Code* ("the Code"), the Commission hereby approves the attached schedules of network tariffs and charges relating to the use of the Power and Water Authority's electricity networks. In the Commission's opinion, these tariffs and charges comply with the relevant principles laid down in the Code.

The approved tariffs and charges are the maximum that the Authority can charge for standard network access services provided with respect to each electricity network.

The approved tariffs and charges may take effect 30 days after they are published by the Authority.

The Commission approves the combining of the revenue caps determined previously by the Commission for the Authority's Darwin and Katherine networks, for the purpose of establishing tariffs and charges for the use of the Northern Grid (that is, the inter-connected Darwin and Katherine distribution networks).

The tariffs and charges approved for the Northern Grid incorporate an amount, in addition to the determined revenue caps, which the Commission has approved for the purpose of recovering the costs which the Authority pays to the operator of the transmission line connecting the Authority's Darwin and Katherine distribution networks.

The rationale for these decisions, as required by clause 64 of the Code, will be set out in a paper to be entitled "Network Tariffs and Charges, 2000-01" to be issued by the Commission shortly.

Utilities Commission
30 August 2000

PAWA Network Charges - Northern Grid

INCLUDING GST

A - For Customers[#] as they become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity consumed through customer's metering for customers supplied and metered at any voltage in the Darwin and Katherine areas.

	System Availability Charge	\$/kVA peak ¹	\$/kVA off peak	c/kWh peak [♦]	c/kWh off-peak [♦]
<i>System Availability Charge</i>					
Dollars per month	\$440.00				
<i>Plus charges related to monthly demand</i>					
First 50 kVA per month		\$8.250	\$1.925		
Next 100 kVA per month		\$7.150	\$1.705		
Next 300 kVA per month		\$5.940	\$1.485		
Next 500 kVA per month		\$4.510	\$1.265		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$3.410	\$1.045		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$3.080	\$0.935		
Any further kVA per month		\$3.080	\$0.935		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>					
First 10,000 kWh per month				4.371	4.041
Next 20,000 kWh per month				3.931	3.601
Next 50,000 kWh per month				3.381	3.051
Next 100,000 kWh per month				2.941	2.611
Next 200,000 kWh per month				2.501	2.061
Next 200,000 kWh per month				2.281	1.951
Any further energy per month				2.171	1.841

B - For non-contestable customers[#] and other customers which have not yet become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity for Customers supplied at low voltage².

	System Availability Charge	c/kWh off-peak [♦]	c/kWh anytime [♦]
<i>System Availability Charge</i>			
Commercial: cents per day	35.2		
Domestic: cents per day	22.0		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>			
First 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			6.846
Energy used above 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			5.746
Street lighting		3.821	

Charges to apply from 1 October 2000 to 30 June 2001

¹ Peak and off-peak periods for demand and energy related charging rates will be as determined from time to time. The initial peak period rates apply to usage between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm on any day. Off-peak period rates apply at other times.

[♦] These energy rates include an amount approved by the Utilities Commission to recover the costs of the Darwin-Katherine transmission line.

[#] These charges are normally paid by retailers on behalf of the customer

² Note: If a non-contestable customer is supplied at high voltage, a discount of 5% will apply to Energy rate charges but not to the SAC.

PAWA Network Charges - Alice Springs

INCLUDING GST

A - For Customers[#] as they become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity consumed through customer's metering for customers supplied and metered at any voltage.

	System Availability Charge	\$/kVA peak ³	\$/kVA off peak	c/kWh peak	c/kWh off-peak
<i>System Availability Charge</i>					
Dollars per month	\$440.00				
<i>Plus charges related to monthly demand</i>					
First 50 kVA per month		\$7.480	\$1.595		
Next 100 kVA per month		\$6.490	\$1.375		
Next 300 kVA per month		\$5.280	\$1.210		
Next 500 kVA per month		\$4.180	\$1.100		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$3.080	\$0.880		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$2.860	\$0.825		
Any further kVA per month		\$2.860	\$0.825		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>					
First 10,000 kWh per month				3.520	3.190
Next 20,000 kWh per month				3.080	2.750
Next 50,000 kWh per month				2.530	2.200
Next 100,000 kWh per month				2.090	1.760
Next 200,000 kWh per month				1.870	1.430
Next 200,000 kWh per month				1.650	1.320
Any further energy per month				1.650	1.320

B - For non-contestable customers[#] and other customers which have not yet become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity for Customers supplied at low voltage⁴.

	System Availability Charge	c/kWh off-peak	c/kWh anytime
<i>System Availability Charge</i>			
Commercial: cents per day	35.2		
Domestic: cents per day	22.0		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>			
First 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			5.775
Energy used above 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			4.675
Street lighting		3.520	

Charges to apply from 1 October 2000 to 30 June 2001

³ Peak and off-peak periods for demand and energy related charging rates will be as determined from time to time. The initial peak period rates apply to usage between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm on any day. Off-peak period rates apply at other times.

⁴ Note: If a non-contestable customer is supplied at high voltage, a discount of 5% will apply to Energy rate charges but not to the SAC.

These charges are normally paid by retailers on behalf of the customer

PAWA Network Charges - Tennant Creek

INCLUDING GST

A - For Customers[#] as they become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity consumed through customer's metering for customers supplied and metered at any voltage.

	System Availability Charge	\$/kVA peak ⁵	\$/kVA off peak	c/kWh peak	c/kWh off-peak
<i>System Availability Charge</i>					
Dollars per month	\$440.00				
<i>Plus charges related to monthly demand</i>					
First 50 kVA per month		\$11.550	\$2.420		
Next 100 kVA per month		\$9.900	\$2.145		
Next 300 kVA per month		\$8.030	\$1.870		
Next 500 kVA per month		\$6.490	\$1.595		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$5.390	\$1.375		
Next 1,000 kVA per month		\$4.950	\$1.155		
Any further kVA per month		\$4.950	\$1.155		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>					
First 10,000 kWh per month				5.610	5.280
Next 20,000 kWh per month				5.170	4.840
Next 50,000 kWh per month				4.400	4.070
Next 100,000 kWh per month				3.740	3.410
Next 200,000 kWh per month				2.970	2.530
Next 200,000 kWh per month				2.640	2.310
Any further energy per month				2.530	2.200

B - For non-contestable customers[#] and other customers which have not yet become contestable

Service provided: Transmission and Distribution of Electricity for Customers supplied at low voltage⁶.

	System Availability Charge	c/kWh off-peak	c/kWh anytime
<i>System Availability Charge</i>			
Commercial: cents per day	35.2		
Domestic: cents per day	22.0		
<i>Plus charges related to energy metered</i>			
First 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			14.850
Energy used above 1,000 kWh per month (pro-rated per billing period)			13.750
Street lighting		11.000	

Charges to apply from 1 October 2000 to 30 June 2001

⁵ Peak and off-peak periods for demand and energy related charging rates will be as determined from time to time. The initial peak period rates apply to usage between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm on any day. Off-peak period rates apply at other times.

⁶ Note: If a non-contestable customer is supplied at high voltage, a discount of 5% will apply to Energy rate charges but not to the SAC.

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