



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 on 1 July 2023 and remain in force for 12 months.

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Treasurer

Dated 15th June 2023

Schedule Electricity Pricing Order

for customers of a class prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the
Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations

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 customers, means customers of the class prescribed by regulation 13A(d) of the *Electricity Reform (Administration) Regulations 2000*.

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).

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 on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.
- (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	0.8654
Commercial – time of use tariff	0.8654
Domestic – standard tariff	0.5542
Domestic – time of use tariff	0.5542
Multipurpose tariff	0.5542
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	0.6762

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	32.7158
Commercial – time of use tariff	41.8588 during peak operation (6am to 6pm on all days) 23.5543 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am on all days)
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	30.9066
Domestic – standard tariff	28.1117

Domestic – time of use tariff	<p>33.1600 during peak operation (6am to 6pm weekdays including public holidays)</p> <p>25.2843 during off-peak operation (6pm to 6am weekdays and all weekends)</p>
Caravan park resident tariff	37.5257
Multipurpose tariff	<p>28.1117 for the first 45 kWh per day</p> <p>32.7158 above 45 kWh per day</p>
Public benevolent institution (PBI) tariff	28.9600

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)	1.2334
Peak operation (6am to 6pm)	1.3700
24 hour operation	2.6640

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	64.024
51-100	128.047
101-200	256.094
201-300	384.140
301-400	512.189
401 and above	1280.472

- (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 credit for certain commercial customers

9 Application of Part

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), this Part applies to the following prescribed customers if the customers' consumption of electricity is not greater than 160 000 kWh per annum:
- (a) commercial – standard tariff customers;
 - (b) commercial – time of use tariff customers.
- (2) This Part does not apply to a prescribed customer that is:
- (a) 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
 - (b) a local government council.

10 Account credit

- (1) The billing entity must provide a credit of up to \$650 to the account of each prescribed customer that is charged retail prices under Part 2 for the period commencing on 1 July 2023 and ending on 30 June 2024.

- (2) The credit must be applied to the account on pro-rata basis while retail prices are charged to the prescribed customer during the period.

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.