

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

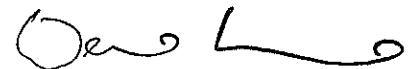
*Electricity Reform Act*

NOTICE OF MAKING OF ELECTRICITY PRICING ORDER

I, Delia Phoebe Lawrie, Treasurer, under section 44(8) of the *Electricity Reform Act*, give notice that:

- (a) an electricity pricing order regulating prices for the sale of electricity and other services to non-contestable customers has been made; and
- (b) the order will have the effect of regulating the maximum prices for the sale of electricity and other services to those customers from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013; and
- (c) copies of the order may be inspected at or obtained from any office of the Power and Water Corporation.

Dated            25 JUN 2009



Treasurer

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ELECTRICITY PRICING ORDER

I, Delia Phoebe Lawrie, Treasurer, under section 44(1)(a) and (b) of the *Electricity Reform Act*, issue the electricity pricing order set out in the Schedule, to take effect on 1 July 2009 and remain in force to 30 June 2013.

Dated 25 June 2009



Treasurer

SCHEDULE

Electricity pricing order

1 **Definitions**

In this electricity pricing order:

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

**commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than domestic use and 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:

- (a) purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than domestic use; and
- (b) consumes, or is likely to consume, more than 160 000 kWh per annum; and

- (c) elects to pay the commercial – demand tariff (as specified in Tables 1, 2 and 3) 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 domestic use and does not elect to pay the commercial – demand tariff or commercial – time of use tariff.

**commercial – time of use tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for reasons other than domestic use and elects to pay the commercial – time of use tariff (as specified in Tables 1 and 4) for a period of not less than 12 months.

**Corporation** means the Power and Water Corporation.

**domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer** means a non-contestable customer who purchases electricity primarily for domestic use and 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:

- (a) purchases electricity primarily for domestic use; and
- (b) does not elect to pay the domestic – time of use tariff; and
- (c) does not purchase electricity through a pre-payment meter.

**domestic – time of use tariff customer** means a non-contestable customer who:

- (a) purchases electricity primarily for domestic use; and
- (b) consumes, or is likely to consume, more than 16 000 kWh per annum; and
- (c) elects to pay the domestic time of use tariff (as specified in Tables 1 and 4) for a period of not less than 12 months.

**domestic use** means use for domestic purposes and does not include use by government, commercial or not-for-profit organisations.

**GreenPower accredited** means accredited under the National GreenPower Accreditation Program.

**kVA** means kilovolt amps.

**kWh** means kilowatt hours.

**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.

**non-metered installation customer** means a customer who purchases electricity for a type of installation mentioned in Table 5 or 6.

**related services** means:

- (a) services ancillary to the provision of electricity, if the 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 and related services supplied to non-contestable customers by the Corporation in accordance with its retail licence, excluding a charge for a customer who elects to purchase Territory GreenPower in accordance with the GreenPower accredited Territory GreenPower scheme.

## **2 Application of electricity pricing order**

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

## **3 Electricity retail prices**

- (1) The retail prices for electricity under this electricity pricing 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) commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer;
  - (e) caravan park resident customer;
  - (f) non-metered installation customer;

- (g) domestic – pre-payment meter tariff customer;
- (h) domestic – standard tariff customer;
- (i) domestic – time of use tariff customer;
- (j) domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities customer,

in accordance with Tables 1 to 6.

(2) Retail prices for electricity for all non-contestable customer groups mentioned in subclause (1) may only consist of:

- (a) for all customer groups except 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 for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011; 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 for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and Table 3 for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011; 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 4 for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011; and
- (d) for non-metered installation customers – charges per type of installation that do not exceed the amounts detailed in Tables 5 and 6.

(3) Retail prices for electricity for all non-contestable customer groups mentioned in subclause (2)(a) to (c) for the periods 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 and 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 must be calculated in accordance with the formula:

$$p_t = p_{t-1}(1 + CPI_t)$$

where:

**$p_t$**  is the price to be charged for the relevant service in the period;  
and

$p_{t-1}$  is the price paid for the relevant service in the previous period;  
and

$CPI_t$  means the consumer price index (CPI) factor used in the Northern Territory Government Budget for the period identified. If a CPI factor is not used in the Budget then CPI will mean an index determined by the Treasurer that is the best estimate of CPI.

#### **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 electricity pricing order; and
- (b) enforce this order under section 23 of the *Utilities Commission Act* in the same way 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 for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

Customer Group	Fixed Daily Charge (\$)	
	2009-10	2010-11
Commercial – standard tariff	0.5638	0.5920
Commercial – demand tariff	4.5481	4.7755
Commercial – time of use tariff	0.5638	0.5920
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff	0.5638	0.5920
Domestic – standard tariff	0.3611	0.3792
Domestic – time of use tariff	0.3611	0.3792
Domestic - Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff	0.3611	0.3792

**Table 2 – Peak and off-peak monthly energy usage (cents/kWh) and demand charges (\$/kVA) for commercial – demand tariff customers for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010**

Monthly Energy Usage Charge (cents/kWh)		
Monthly Energy Usage	Peak Period	Off-Peak Period
First 10 000 kWh	14.11	12.90
Next 20 000 kWh	13.98	12.74
Next 50 000 kWh	13.87	12.60
Next 100 000 kWh	13.70	12.47
Next 200 000 kWh	13.57	12.33
Next 200 000 kWh	13.43	12.19
Balance of monthly energy consumption	13.29	12.06
Monthly Demand Charge (\$/kVA)		
Monthly Maximum Demand	Peak Period	Off-Peak Period
First 50 kVA	31.54	4.15
Next 100 kVA	28.78	3.81
Next 300 kVA	26.05	3.47
Next 500 kVA	23.32	3.12
Next 1 000 kVA	20.57	2.91
Next 1 000 kVA	19.18	2.78
Balance of monthly energy demand	19.18	2.78

**Table 3 – Peak and off-peak monthly energy usage (cents/kWh) and demand charges (\$/kVA) for commercial – demand tariff customers for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

<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	14.82	13.55
Next 20 000 kWh	14.68	13.38
Next 50 000 kWh	14.56	13.23
Next 100 000 kWh	14.39	13.09
Next 200 000 kWh	14.25	12.95
Next 200 000 kWh	14.10	12.80
Balance of monthly energy consumption	13.95	12.66
<b>Monthly Demand Charge (\$/kVA)</b>		
<b>Monthly Maximum Demand</b>	<b>Peak Period</b>	<b>Off-Peak Period</b>
First 50 kVA	33.12	4.36
Next 100 kVA	30.22	4.00
Next 300 kVA	27.35	3.64
Next 500 kVA	24.49	3.28
Next 1 000 kVA	21.60	3.06
Next 1 000 kVA	20.14	2.92
Balance of monthly energy demand	20.14	2.92

**Table 4 – Usage charges (c/kWh), all customer groups except for non-metered installation customers and commercial – demand tariff customers for the periods 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 and 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011**

<b>Customer Group</b>	<b>Usage Charge (cents/kWh)</b>	
	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Commercial – standard tariff	21.30	22.37
Commercial – time of use tariff (peak)	27.27	28.63
Commercial – time of use tariff (off-peak)	15.35	16.12
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (peak)	27.27	28.63
Commercial – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (off-peak)	15.35	16.12
Caravan park resident	24.44	25.66
Domestic – pre-payment meter tariff	20.13	21.14
Domestic – standard tariff	18.31	19.23
Domestic – time of use tariff (peak)	18.31	19.23
Domestic – time of use tariff (off-peak)	15.35	16.12
Domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (peak)	27.27	28.63
Domestic – Alice Springs Solar Cities tariff (off-peak)	15.35	16.12

**Table 5 – Charge 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 6 – 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
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