

REGULATED ELECTRICITY PRICES AND FEED-IN TARIFF RATE TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 2023

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi, has today approved Aurora Energy's proposed regulated retail electricity (standing offer) prices for 2023-24.

From 1 July 2023, Aurora Energy's standing offer prices will increase, on average, by 9.51 per cent for residential and small business customers on mainland Tasmania (including Bruny Island).

Mr Dimasi said that "the price increases have been driven by external factors, particularly wholesale electricity costs which are 24.8 per cent higher than in 2022-23 and account for more than 8 percentage points of the 9.51 per cent price increase".

Mr Dimasi recognised that any increase in standing offer prices is difficult for customers in the current environment but noted that the increase is amongst the lowest in the country, with regulated prices in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia increasing by between 17 and 29 per cent in 2023-24.

While the average price increase is 9.51 per cent, to reflect Aurora Energy's underlying costs more accurately, Aurora Energy's fixed and variable prices will change as follows:

- 15 per cent increase to all fixed retail tariff prices except for Tariff 22;
- 10 per cent increase to the Tariff 22 fixed retail tariff price; and
- 8.38 per cent increase to all variable retail tariff prices.

The approved prices are estimated to increase the annual bill for a residential customer on Tariff 31 / 41 with median usage of 7 428kWh by \$201. The annual bill for residential customers on time-of-use Tariff 93 using 7 932kWh is estimated to increase by \$199.

For a business customer on Tariff 22 with median usage of 3 508kWh, the annual bill is estimated to increase by \$126. For a business customer on time-of-use Tariff 94 using 12 180kWh, the annual bill is estimated to increase by \$284.

At median usage levels, the estimated annual bills for Tasmanian customers on regulated tariffs are amongst the lowest in the National Electricity Market.

Mr Dimasi expressed concern about the impact of the price increases on vulnerable customers but noted that the Tasmanian and Australian Governments will provide a rebate of \$250 per year for 2023-24 and 2024-25 for eligible residential customers. Depending on usage, this year's rebate should offset the impact of the 2023-24 price increase. There is also a rebate of \$650 for eligible small business customers.

Customers having difficulty paying their bills are encouraged to contact their retailer. Under national energy laws, retailers must have a hardship policy and give customers information about different payment options and the availability of government assistance.

The Regulator has also determined that the minimum feed-in tariff rate for 2023-24 is 10.869c/kWh. This rate is 22.4 per cent higher than the 2022-23 rate of 8.883c/kWh. This increase is primarily due to the higher wholesale electricity price for 2023-24.

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Aurora Energy's Standing Offer Pricing Proposal and the approved 2023-24 Standing Offer Price Schedule are available at:

[Pricing - Approvals | Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator](#)

More information about feed-in tariffs is available at:

[Feed-in Tariffs | Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator](#)



Table 1: Comparison of Aurora Energy's cost components between 2022-23 and 2023-24 and contribution to average price increase

Component	Contribution to total costs in 2023-24 (%)	Percentage change (%)	Contribution of the change in component to average price increase (percentage points)
Energy Costs	40	24.9	8.18
Network Costs	36	4.4	1.58
Renewable Energy Target Costs	7	-12.3	-0.94
Retail Operating Costs	7	7.7	0.52
Metering Costs	5	21.7	0.98
Retail Margin	5	6.6	0.29
NEM Costs	1	9.1	0.08
Over / Under Recoveries	-	-158.7	-1.18
Total*	100		9.51

*Totals may not be exact due to rounding.