

STANDING OFFER ELECTRICITY PRICES AND REGULATED FEED-IN TARIFF RATE TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 2021

Regulated electricity prices for Tasmanian residential customers will decrease by 7.11 per cent from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. For small business customers, regulated prices will decrease by 11.00 per cent over that period. The Tasmanian Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi, has today approved these price decreases.

As pointed out in Aurora Energy's pricing proposal, the prices to business customers have been higher than the costs of supplying electricity to those customers, while the opposite has been the case for the prices to residential customers. Mr Dimasi noted that Aurora Energy's proposal for a greater price decrease in the tariffs to business customers aims to address this issue.

"The standing offer price decrease is estimated to reduce the annual bill for a residential customer with median usage on Tariff 31/Tariff 41 by around \$145 and by around \$126 for a residential customer with median usage on the time-of-use (ToU) tariff, Tariff 93. For a business customer on Tariff 22 with median usage, the decrease is estimated to be around \$183 per annum", Mr Dimasi said.

Mr Dimasi explained that annual standing offer prices are based on his assessment of Aurora Energy's costs with the price decreases mainly reflecting lower wholesale electricity costs (due to a wholesale electricity price that is 24 per cent lower than for 2020-21) and lower Renewable Energy Target-related costs.

The Regulator has also determined the minimum feed-in tariff rate for 2021-22 is 6.501c/kWh. This minimum rate for 2021-22 is lower than the 2020-21 rate of 8.471c/kWh, by around 23 per cent, due to the lower wholesale electricity price for 2021-22.

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Aurora Energy's Standing Offer Pricing Proposal and the approved 2021-22 Standing Offer Price Schedule are available at:
<https://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au/electricity/pricing/retail/pricing-approvals>

More information about feed-in tariffs is available at:
<https://www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au/electricity/pricing/feed-in-tariffs>

