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**APPROVAL OF STANDING OFFER ELECTRICITY PRICES AND  
DETERMINATION OF REGULATED FEED-IN TARIFF RATE TO APPLY  
FROM 1 JULY 2016**

The independent Tasmanian Economic Regulator has approved Aurora Energy's standing offer electricity prices that will apply for 12 months from 1 July 2016.

The approved prices represent a 3.43 per cent increase compared to the prices applying for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

The approved prices will apply to all Tasmanian residential customers and small business customers who are on standing offer prices ie customers who have not entered into a market contract.

The price increase is mainly due to increases in costs associated with the purchase of wholesale electricity primarily due to higher Victorian wholesale contract prices and in complying with the Australian Government's renewable energy program. These increased costs have been partially offset by a decrease in network charges and retail charges, the latter of which are set by the Regulator.

The Regulator's approval of standing offer prices follows its consideration of Aurora Energy's Standing Offer Pricing Proposal which was submitted on 9 June 2016.

The approved price changes will result in a price increase of around \$60 per year or \$15 per quarter for typical residential and small business standing offer customers.

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi noted that, "Given the regulated nature of wholesale electricity costs in Tasmania, the recent Basslink outage and the actions taken to secure electricity supply have not affected the regulated electricity prices that will apply from 1 July 2016 to residential and small business customers."

The Regulator has also approved Aurora Energy's proposal to introduce new standing offer time-of-use tariffs for both residential and small business customers. Mr Dimasi noted that these new tariffs will provide increased customer choice and the potential for some customers to reduce their electricity bills through gaining a greater degree of control over their electricity consumption.

Aurora Energy is required to publish its approved standing offer prices on its website prior to 1 July 2016.

The Regulator has also determined that the regulated feed-in tariff rate, for electricity exported to the grid, by standard feed-in tariff customers during 2016-17 is 6.671 c/kWh which is a 21 per cent increase over the rate of 5.500 c/kWh which applied for 2015-16. The increase is due to a higher wholesale electricity price, which is, in turn, primarily due to higher Victorian wholesale contract prices.

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Copies of Aurora's Standing Offer Pricing  
Proposal are available at:  
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