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**STANDING OFFER ELECTRICITY PRICES AND REGULATED FEED-IN TARIFF
RATE TO APPLY FROM 1 JULY 2017**

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator has approved Aurora Energy's standing offer electricity prices that will apply for 12 months from 1 July 2017.

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 Tasmanian Economic Regulator, Mr Joe Dimasi, noted that the approved prices will result in a two per cent or \$38 increase in the annual bill for a Typical (residential) Customer with medium usage on both Tariff 31 and Tariff 41.

Mr Dimasi also noted that there are a number of changes to prices to reflect changes in underlying costs. Mr Dimasi cautioned that the estimated annual bill increase is based on a number of usage assumptions and will vary between customers. For example, residential customers with low light and power usage and high space heating usage could expect to see annual bill increases of \$77 while residential customers with high light and power usage and low space heating usage could expect to see annual bill increases of only \$9.

For small business customers on Tariff 22 (general), Mr Dimasi stated that the daily supply charge is unchanged from 2016-17 while usage charges are lower.

In considering Aurora Energy's Standing Offer Pricing Proposal, Mr Dimasi noted that he was required to ensure Aurora Energy's proposed prices complied with the pricing criteria set by the Treasurer.

Mr Dimasi also noted that the recent legislative changes resulted in the wholesale electricity price (WEP), a major cost component of regulated prices, increasing by less than would have otherwise been the case. He also pointed out that network charges, another major cost component, had decreased by over 16 per cent.

The Regulator has also determined a regulated feed-in tariff rate of 8.929c/kWh for energy exported to the grid by standard feed-in tariff customers for 2017-18. This is 34 per cent higher than the rate of 6.671 c/kWh which applied for 2016-17 due to the increase in the WEP.

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Aurora Energy's Pricing Proposal and the
Regulator's Typical Customer Report 2017
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