

March 29, 2021

Disposition 26414-D01-2021

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**EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.
Regulated Rate Tariff
Electric Energy Charges – April 2021
Proceeding 26414**

1. On March 25, 2021, EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.¹ (EEA) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of April 2021 with the Alberta Utilities Commission. The RRT energy charges apply to the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. service territories.
2. The filing included an attestation letter from a senior officer of EEA in accordance with the format directed by the Commission in Decision 22357-D01-2018.² The attestation letter stated the senior officer had conducted a final review of the filing and affirmed that the rates had been determined in accordance with the energy price setting plan (EPSP) for 2018 to 2021, as approved by the Commission in Decision 22357-D01-2018, Decision 23492-D01-2018,³ Decision 23916-D01-2018⁴ and Decision 24284-D01-2019.⁵

¹ Through Decision 2014-045: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. and EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Approval of Arrangement to Provide Regulated Rate Option Service, Proceeding 2818, Application 1609903-1, February 26, 2014, the Commission approved the appointment of EEA, in its capacity as the general partner of EPCOR Energy Alberta Limited Partnership, to provide regulated rate option service to eligible customers within EDTI's and Fortis's distribution service area.

² Decision 22357-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 22357, March 16, 2018.

³ Decision 23492-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing, Proceeding 23492, May 31, 2018.

⁴ Decision 23916-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Application for Amendments to the 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 23916, October 18, 2018.

⁵ Decision 24284-D01-2019: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Application for Amendment to the 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 24284, February 21, 2019.

3. EEA's proposed energy charges for the month of April 2021 are as follows:

Energy charges (EDTI service territory)

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour
Residential	9.070
Small Commercial	9.070
Lighting	6.117

Energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour
Residential	8.924
Small Commercial	9.048
Lighting	5.979
Farm	8.989
Irrigation	8.823
Oil & Gas	8.797

4. EEA identified and described an error it had found with respect to calculating the weather normalization factor for the Fortis service territory, which affected the load forecasts for August 2020 to March 2021. EEA confirmed that the error had no impact on the procurement target volumes or rates for August 2020 to March 2021, but noted that it did affect the number and size of the full-load strips procured for April 2021. EEA procured 59 full-load-strips of 0.8475 per cent for April 2021, as opposed to the prescribed procurement of 58 full-load strips of 0.8621 per cent if the correct calculation had been employed. EEA noted that it still procured 50 per cent of its load through full-load strips. EEA added the following:

However, EEA has not been able to determine if purchasing a higher number of smaller full-load strips as compared to a smaller number of larger full-load strips had an impact on the resulting prices. EEA will continue to analyze the impact of the error and if a material negative impact is determined, EEA will refund customers in a future Acknowledgment Filing. EEA has determined that the procurement of one additional full-load strip resulted in an additional cost of \$175 in NGX [Natural Gas Exchange Inc.] fees. To ensure that customers have not incurred any costs associated with this error, EEA has deducted the \$175 from the April 2021 Energy Charge Calculation.⁶

5. The Commission has reviewed the filing, including the attestation letter from the senior officer. In accordance with Section 7(3) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, the Commission acknowledges that the energy charges as set out above represent rates determined in accordance with EEA's EPSP for 2018 to 2021 and are applicable to EEA's RRT in the EDTI and Fortis service territories for the month of April 2021. The Commission acknowledges the error reported by EEA and accepts EEA's explanation and future actions as filed, including

⁶ Exhibit 26414-X0001, paragraph 9.

EEA's commitment to continue to analyze the impact of the error and make future refunds if warranted.

6. Further, as outlined in sections 7(4) and 7(5) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, EEA must retain records sufficient to enable the Commission to audit any previous monthly rates set by EEA. Any amount overcharged to customers due to an incorrect rate calculation must be refunded to customers as soon as practicable after the error is discovered.

7. If any affected party objects to the calculation of the energy charges for the month in question, they should notify the Commission and EEA in a timely manner, and include the nature of their objection and the reason(s) why it should be considered.

8. The Commission may, within 30 days of the date of this disposition and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected disposition on its website.

(original signed by)

Cairns Price
Commission Member