Disposition 26555-D01-2021



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Direct Energy Regulated Services Regulated Rate Tariff Electric Energy Charges – June 2021 Proceeding 26555

1. On May 25, 2021, Direct Energy Regulated Services (DERS) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff for the month of June 2021 with the Alberta Utilities Commission.

2. The filing included an attestation letter from a senior officer of DERS in accordance with the format approved by the Commission in Decision 24296-D01-2019.¹ The attestation letter stated the senior officer had conducted a review of the filing and affirmed that the rates had been determined in accordance with the energy price setting plan (EPSP) for 2018 to 2020, as approved by the Commission in Decision 22635-D01-2018,² Decision 24296-D01-2019 and Decision 24296-D02-2020,³ extended in Decision 25357-D02-2020⁴ and amended in Disposition 26463-D01-2021.⁵

¹ Decision 24296-D01-2019: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2018-2020 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing to Decision 22635-D01-2018, Proceeding 24296, May 22, 2019.

² Decision 22635-D01-2018: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2018-2020 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 22635, December 21, 2018.

³ Decision 24296-D02-2020: Direct Energy Regulated Services, Revised 2018-2020 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 24296, August 24, 2020.

⁴ Decision 25357-D02-2020: Direct Energy Regulated Services, Extension Request for 2018-2020 Energy Price Setting Plan, Proceeding 25357, February 20, 2020.

⁵ Disposition 26463-D01-2021: Direct Energy Regulated Services, Acknowledgment of the filing of changes in the forecast load methodology and approval of revisions to the 2018-2020 energy price plan, Proceeding 26463, April 21, 2021.

Rate class	Energy charge cents/kilowatt hour
Residential	7.238
Commercial	7.242
Industrial	7.035
Farming (Includes REA)	7.189
Irrigation (Includes REA)	6.913
Oil & Gas	6.966
Lighting	4.791

3. DERS' proposed energy charges for the month of June 2021 are as follows:

4. On December 9, 2020, the Government of Alberta passed the *Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020*, which reduced the provincial corporate income tax rate to eight per cent effective July 1, 2020. DERS included the income tax rate true-up adjustment in its June 2021 rate calculations to reflect the reduction in the income tax rate for July 2020 through December 2020 and to reflect the final load settlement data for the same period.

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 DERS' EPSP for 2018 to 2020 as extended in Decision 25357-D02-2020.

6. Further, as outlined in sections 7(4) and 7(5) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, DERS must retain records sufficient to enable the Commission to audit any previous monthly rates set by DERS. 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 DERS 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 60 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)

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