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1 Decision summary

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approves Direct Energy Regulated Services' (DERS) 2023 interim default rate tariff (DRT) and regulated rate tariff (RRT) non-energy rates, effective January 1, 2023. The 2023 interim rates are the same as the existing 2022 rates.

2 Background

2. On December 13, 2022, DERS applied to the Commission requesting approval of interim rates effective January 1, 2023. The requested interim rates include:

- (i) DRT and RRT rate schedules;
- (ii) Continuation of the DRT return margin charge of \$0.053 per gigajoule (/GJ), approved in Decision 26207-D01-2021;¹
- (iii) Continuation of the DRT energy-related charge of \$0.021/GJ, approved in Decision 26207-D01-2021; and
- (iv) Continuation of the monthly amount of \$34,499 for DRT energy-related labour, approved in Decision 26207-D01-2021.

3. DERS indicated that the 2023 interim rates are a continuation of the 2022 rates approved in Decision 26207-D01-2021 and requested that the interim rates remain in effect until the final rates are approved.

4. The Commission issued a notice of application on December 13, 2022, requesting that parties register their concerns or support for the application by December 19, 2022. No written submissions were received; therefore, the Commission considers the close of record for the proceeding is December 19, 2022.

5. The Commission reviewed the entire record in coming to this decision; lack of reference to a matter addressed on the record does not mean that it was not considered.

3 Commission findings

6. DERS is requesting continuation of its 2022 final DRT and RRT non-energy rates, as well as continuation of its 2022 final DRT return margin charge of \$0.053/GJ, the 2022 final

¹ Decision 26207-D01-2021: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2020-2022 Default Rate Tariff and Regulated Rate Tariff – Negotiated Settlement Agreement, Proceeding 26207, June 4, 2021.

charge of \$0.021/GJ for certain DRT energy costs, and the 2022 final monthly amount of \$34,499 for labour costs associated with DRT energy procurement, all on an interim basis beginning January 1, 2023. Because these amounts have all been previously tested and approved by the Commission, the Commission considers DERS' request to continue these amounts for 2023, on an interim basis, is reasonable and in the public interest. These amounts will be adjusted upon final approval of DERS' 2023 DRT and RRT non-energy application. The Commission therefore approves the interim rates as requested in DERS' application.

7. Once the Commission has approved the final 2023 DRT and RRT non-energy rates, the final DRT return margin charge, the final charge for certain DRT energy costs, and the final labour costs associated with the DRT energy procurement, DERS will be required to file an application to reflect the difference between the interim amounts approved in this decision and the final 2023 amounts.

4 Order

8. It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) The regulated rate tariff rate schedules for Direct Energy Regulated Services, as set out in [Appendix 2](#) to this decision, are approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2023.
- (2) The default rate tariff rate schedules for Direct Energy Regulated Services, as set out in [Appendix 3](#) and [Appendix 4](#) for the north and south, respectively, and attached to this decision, are approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2023.
- (3) The default rate tariff return margin charge of \$0.053/GJ for Direct Energy Regulated Services is approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2023.
- (4) The default rate tariff charge for certain energy-related costs of \$0.021/GJ for Direct Energy Regulated Services is approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2023.
- (5) The default rate tariff monthly amount of \$34,499 for labour related to gas procurement for Direct Energy Regulated Services is approved on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2023.

Dated on December 20, 2022.

Alberta Utilities Commission

(original signed by)

Chris Arnot
Acting Director, Retail Energy and Water
On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

Appendix 1 – Proceeding participants

Name of organization (abbreviation) Company name of counsel or representative
Direct Energy Regulated Services

Alberta Utilities Commission Delegated Authority C. Arnot, Acting Director, Retail Energy and Water

Appendix 2 – Electricity RRT interim rate schedules

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Appendix 3 – North gas DRT interim rate schedules

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Appendix 3 - North
Gas DRT interim rate

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Appendix 4 – South gas DRT interim rate schedules

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Appendix 4 -South
Gas DRT interim rate

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DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
2023 INTERIM RATE SCHEDULES
FOR ELECTRICITY RRT SERVICE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E1 – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D11 – Standard Residential Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge	\$0.460 per Day
plus	
DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
 AE Delivery – Customer Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E1	Rider “P”
plus	
AE Delivery – Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E2 – SMALL GENERAL SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D21 Standard Small General Service and Price Schedule D22 Small General Service – Energy Only

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge	\$0.488 per Day
plus	
DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
 AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders

plus
 AE Delivery - Demand Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E2	Rider “P”
plus	
AE Delivery - Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
RATE E3 – LARGE GENERAL SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D31 Large General Service/Industrial, Price Schedule T31 Large General Service/Industrial Transmission Connected, and Price Schedule D32 Generator Interconnection and Standby Power.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

	DERS Customer Charge	\$0.718 per Day
plus	DERS – Riders (as applicable)	
plus	AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders	
plus	AE Delivery - Demand Charge including Riders	

Variable Charges:

	DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E3	Rider “P”
plus	AE Delivery – Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge:

Fixed Charges



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E4 – OILFIELD SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D41 Small Oilfield and Pumping Power.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge	\$0.491 per Day
plus	
DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
 AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders
 plus
 AE Delivery - Demand Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E4	Rider “P”
plus	
AE Delivery – Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E5 – FARM SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D56 Farm Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge	\$0.484 per Day
plus DERS – Riders (as applicable)	
plus AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders	
plus AE Delivery – Demand Charge including Riders	

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E5	Rider “P”
plus AE Delivery – Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E6 – LIGHTING SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D61 Street Lighting Service and Price Schedule D63 Private Lighting Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge*	\$0.242 per Day
plus DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders
 plus
AE Delivery - Demand Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E6	Rider “P”
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Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**

* The Customer Charge applies per Site



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE E7 – IRRIGATION PUMPING SERVICE**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Price Schedule D25 Irrigation Pumping Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

DERS Customer Charge	\$0.506 per Day
plus	
DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
 AE Delivery - Customer Charge including Riders
 plus
 AE - Demand Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

DERS Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E7	Rider “P”
plus	
AE Delivery - Energy Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 Rider "P" ENERGY CHARGE SCHEDULE**

To be applied to all energy sold to customers served under Rates E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6 and E7.

Energy Charge Schedule:

Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E1	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E2	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E3	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E4	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E5	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E6	\$TBD per kWh
Energy Charge Applicable to Rate E7	\$TBD per kWh



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
PRICE SCHEDULE**

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|---|---|
| 1. Reconnection Charge
(Section 8.7) | Amount of any applicable ATCO Electric charge |
| 2. Meter Reads,
Supplementary Meter
Reads or Meter Disputes | Amount of any applicable ATCO Electric charge |
| 3. Interval Meter Usage Data | Amount of any applicable ATCO Electric charge |
| 4. Dishonoured Cheque | \$25.00 |
| 5. Late Payment Fee | 1.5% per month of the amount outstanding |
| 6. Fee for Credit Check | Amount equal to the cost of the credit check |

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. Approval of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC)

All Rates and Riders of DERS are subject to approval by the AUC.

2. Terms and Conditions of Service

Service under all DERS' Rates and Riders are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Regulated Rate Service of DERS as approved by the AUC.

3. Other ATCO Electric Ltd. (AE) Charges

In addition to the AE charges specifically identified in these Rate Schedules, customer bills will include, as applicable, all other AE charges and Riders as well as any Power Factor Corrections and Price Options, levied by AE and approved by the AUC.



DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
2023 INTERIM RATE SCHEDULES
FOR DRT SERVICE IN ATCO GAS NORTH SERVICE TERRITORY
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
RATE G1 – LOW AND MID USE DELIVERY SERVICE
ATCO GAS NORTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. North (AGPLN) Low Use Delivery Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

plus DERS Customer Charge **\$0.294 per Day**
DERS – Riders (as applicable)

plus AGPLN Delivery – Fixed Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

plus DERS Gas Cost Flow-through Rate **Rider “F”**
AGPLN Delivery – Variable Charge including Riders

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE G3 – HIGH USE SERVICE
 ATCO GAS NORTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. North (AGPLN) High Use Delivery Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

	DERS Customer Charge	\$0.507 per Day
plus	DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus
 AGPLN Delivery – Fixed Charge including Riders

Variable Charges:

	DERS Gas Cost Flow-through Rate	Rider “F”
plus	AGPLN Delivery – Variable Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge: **Fixed Charges**



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
Rider "F" GAS COST FLOW-THROUGH
ATCO GAS NORTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

To be applied to all energy sold to customers served under Rates Low Use Delivery Service, Mid Use Delivery Service, High Use Delivery Service.

CHARGES:

Gas Cost Flow-through Rate:

For customers served by ATCO Gas North:

For the Period TBD

\$TBD per GJ

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 PRICE SCHEDULE**

1. Connection Charge (Section 4.1)	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
2. Reconnection Charge (Section 8.7)	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
3. Meter Reads, Off-Cycle Meter Reads or Meter Disputes	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
4. Meter Handling or Meter Relocations	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
5. Customer Usage Information	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
6. Dishonored Cheque	\$25.00
7. Late Payment Fee	1.5% per month of the amount outstanding
8. Fee for Credit Check	Amount equal to the cost of the credit check

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
GENERAL CONDITIONS
ATCO GAS NORTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

1. Approval of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) All Rates

and Riders of DERS are subject to approval by the AUC.

2. Terms and Conditions of Service

Service under all DERS' Rates and Riders are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Default Rate Service of DERS as approved by the AUC.

3. Other ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (AGPL) Charges

In addition to the AGPL charges specifically identified in these Rate Schedules, customer bills will include, as applicable, all AGPL charges or riders approved by the AUC.



DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
2023 INTERIM RATE SCHEDULES
FOR DRT SERVICE IN ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023



**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE G1 – LOW AND MID USE DELIVERY SERVICE
 ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South (AGPLS) Low Use Delivery Service

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

	DERS Customer Charge	\$0.294 per Day
plus	DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus	AGPLS Delivery – Fixed Charge including Riders
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Variable Charges:

	DERS Gas Cost Flow-through Rate	Rider “F”
plus	AGPLS Delivery – Variable Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge:	Fixed Charges
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**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE G3 – LARGE USE SERVICE
 ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South (AGPLS) High Use Delivery Service.

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

plus	DERS Customer Charge	\$0.507 per Day
	DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus	AGPLS Delivery – Fixed Charge including Riders
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Variable Charges:

plus	DERS Gas Cost Flow-through Rate	Rider “F”
	AGPLS Delivery – Variable Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge:	Fixed Charges
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**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
 (DERS)
 RATE G5 – IRRIGATION DELIVERY SERVICE
 ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

Available to all customers eligible for ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South (AGPLS)
 Irrigation Delivery Service

CHARGES:

Fixed Charges:

plus	DERS Customer Charge	\$0.244 per Day
	DERS – Riders (as applicable)	

plus	AGPLS Delivery – Fixed Charge including Riders
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Variable Charges:

	DERS Gas Cost Flow-through Rate	Rider “F”
plus	AGPLS Delivery – Variable Charge including Riders	

Minimum Monthly Charge:	Fixed Charges
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**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
Rider "F" GAS COST FLOW-THROUGH
ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

To be applied to all energy sold to customers served under Rates Low Use Delivery Service, Mid Use Delivery Service, High Use Delivery Service and Irrigation Delivery Service

CHARGES:

Gas Cost Flow-through Rate:

For customers served by ATCO Gas South:

For the Period TBD

\$TBD per GJ

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
PRICE SCHEDULE**

1. Connection Charge (Section 4.1)	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
2. Reconnection Charge (Section 8.7)	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
3. Meter Reads, Off-Cycle Meter Reads or Meter Disputes	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
4. Meter Handling or Meter Relocations	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
5. Customer Usage Information	Amount of any applicable ATCO Gas charge
6. Dishonored Cheque	\$ 25.00
7. Late Payment Fee	1.5% per month of the amount outstanding
8. Fee for Credit Check	Amount equal to the cost of the credit check

**DIRECT ENERGY REGULATED SERVICES
(DERS)
GENERAL CONDITIONS
ATCO GAS SOUTH SERVICE TERRITORY**

1. Approval of the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) All Rates

and Riders of DERS are subject to approval by the AUC.

2. Terms and Conditions of Service

Service under all DERS' Rates and Riders are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Default Rate Service of DERS as approved by the AUC.

3. Other ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. (AGPL) Charges

In addition to the AGPL charges specifically identified in these Rate Schedules, customer bills will include, as applicable, all AGPL charges or riders approved by the AUC.