

Attachment 3 – 2019-24 TSS

Indicative metering services pricing schedule

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Charge schedule for metering services

Essential Energy's proposed annual charges for metering services for the 2019-24 regulatory period are provided in the tables below. The charges are presented in 2018/19 dollars and are exclusive of GST. Appropriate CPI increases will be applied to the charges each year.

Metering services related to the provision, operation and maintenance of type 5 and 6 metering equipment, including:

- > Meter maintenance – activities to inspect, and test meters;
- > Meter reading – the quarterly or other regular reading of type 5 & 6 meters; and
- > Meter data services – services for the collection, processing, storage and delivery of metering data and the management of NMI standing data in accordance with the rules.

Annual Meter Charges

Essential Energy will charge an annual metering fee for all National Meter Identifiers (NMI's) where Essential Energy provides type 5 & 6 metering services. Essential Energy will be nominated as Responsible Person, Meter Provider and Meter Data Provider for the NMI in the National Electricity Market.

Charges have been developed and will be charged on a 'per service' basis. This means each unique data stream will attract a charge, for example a site with residential anytime tariff and controlled load will receive the applicable annual metering charge for both tariffs.

The annual meter charge covers the ongoing operating expenditure for providing type 5 & 6 metering services as well as the recovery of the capital costs of the meter/s installed at the connection point prior to 1 July 2015.

Table 1: Metering services annual charges where meters funded by Essential Energy (\$2018/19)

Charge by tariff class	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Residential anytime	32.93	33.94	35.27	37.87	40.65
Residential TOU	48.95	50.45	52.45	56.35	60.53
Small business anytime	32.93	33.94	35.27	37.87	40.65
Small business TOU	48.95	50.45	52.45	56.35	60.53
Controlled load	10.30	10.57	10.90	11.54	12.23

Charges are exclusive of GST

Where customers pay an upfront metering charge, they will be charged a reduced annual metering charge as provided in the table below. Charges will apply on a 'per service' basis as discussed above. This annual charge covers the ongoing operating expenditure for providing type 5 & 6 metering services.

Table 2: Metering services annual charges where customers fund their own meters (\$2018/19)

Charge by tariff class	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Residential anytime	22.90	23.77	25.14	27.76	30.57
Residential TOU	34.34	35.65	37.71	41.64	45.85
Small business anytime	22.90	23.77	25.14	27.76	30.57
Small business TOU	34.34	35.65	37.71	41.64	45.85
Controlled load	5.72	5.94	6.28	6.94	7.64

Charges are exclusive of GST

Essential Energy will continue to charge an annual metering fee for all NMI's where Essential Energy provided type 5 & 6 metering services prior to 1 July 2015, even where Essential Energy is no longer the nominated Responsible Person, Meter Provider and Meter Data Provider for the NMI in the National Electricity Market. This metering charge recovers the capital costs of the meter/s installed at the connection point prior to 1 July 2015.

Table 3: Metering services annual charges where customers had Essential Energy funded meters as at 30 June 2015 and have since switched to competitive metering (\$2018/19)

Charge by tariff class	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Residential anytime	10.04	10.17	10.13	10.11	10.08
Residential TOU	14.61	14.80	14.74	14.71	14.67
Small business anytime	10.04	10.17	10.13	10.11	10.08
Small business TOU	14.61	14.80	14.74	14.71	14.67
Controlled load	4.57	4.63	4.61	4.60	4.59

Charges are exclusive of GST

Customers pay our metering services charges on a cents-per-day basis, and each metering charge aligns to an equivalent network charge such as Anytime or TOU.