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## 1 Introduction

This 2017-18 Ancillary Services – Fee Based Services Application and Price Guide outlines TasNetworks' terms and conditions for the provision of fee based services and applies from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Fee based services are those services provided by TasNetworks where the service is, in general, provided for the benefit of a single customer rather than uniformly supplied to all customers. These services are provided upon request and are typically initiated by way of a service request received from a retailer on behalf of their customer or through submission of a connection application form.

Changes in the National Electricity Rules (**Rules**) mean that TasNetworks will discontinue provision of all metering services from 1 December 2017 where a new meter is installed. TasNetworks will, however, continue to provide metering services for the existing stock of meters as at that date, until those meters are replaced.

Further information on TasNetworks' fee based services can be found at TasNetworks' website at:

<http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/our-network/network-revenue-pricing/distribution-fees-and-tariffs>

The service levels provided by TasNetworks for fee based services are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Service levels for fee based services**

Service category	Service level
Retail contract termination, energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation and special read	Services will be performed on the scheduled date requested by the retailer, providing they do not involve any changes to the network.
Meter alteration	Meter alterations will be delivered within 10 business days from receiving a service request from a retailer (unless otherwise agreed), providing the metering alteration does not involve changes to the network.  Renewable energy connections are not meter alterations for the purposes of this Guide.
Meter test	All meter testing will be delivered within 15 business days of receiving a retailer's service request, unless otherwise agreed.
Supply abolishment	Supply abolitions will be carried out within 10 business days of receiving a service request from a retailer, unless otherwise agreed.
Tee-up/appointment	TasNetworks resources will be on-site on the date and/or time agreed with the electrical contractor or customer requesting their attendance.
Miscellaneous services	Miscellaneous services will be delivered within 10 business days of receiving a retailer's service request, unless otherwise agreed.
Connection establishment	Where a cross-over service pole is not required, connection establishment will be delivered within 10 business days from the approval of a connection application and receipt of a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.  Where a cross-over service pole is required, connection establishment will be delivered within 50 business days from the approval of a connection application and receipt of a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.  A valid B2B service request from the retailer is also required for all connections.

Service category	Service level
Renewable energy connection	Renewable energy connection will be delivered within 10 business days from the approval of a connection application and receipt of a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor. A valid B2B service request from the retailer is also required.
Temporary disconnection	Temporary disconnection will be delivered within 10 business days from receipt of both a valid connection application and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor
Basic connection alteration	Basic connection alteration will be delivered within 10 business days from receipt of both a valid connection application and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.



## 2 Application of fee based services tariffs

### 2.1 TasNetworks

All references to TasNetworks within this Ancillary Services – Fee Based Services Application and Price Guide, unless otherwise stated, are to TasNetworks in its capacity as a licensed distribution network service provider in the Tasmanian region of the National Electricity Market (**NEM**) only.

### 2.2 Goods and service tax (GST)

The fee based services charges published by TasNetworks, unless otherwise stated, are exclusive of GST.

### 2.3 Fee based services charges

The fee based service charges within this Guide are calculated in accordance with the Australian Energy Regulator's (**AER**) final distribution determination.<sup>1</sup>

### 2.4 Time zones

Tasmania is part of the Australian eastern time zone. All times in this document refer to Tasmanian local time.

### 2.5 Scheduled day for service delivery

A scheduled day for service delivery is a day of the week that the suburb is scheduled to be visited for retail contract termination, energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation, credit action or special read as per the service area calendar detailed in Schedule 1 of this Guide.

### 2.6 Request process

TasNetworks' service request process aligns with jurisdictional Business to Business Electronic Request (**B2B**) Service Order procedures. A B2B service order is required for the provision of all services.

Service requests may be initiated by the customer by means of TasNetworks' application process for basic connection services available at TasNetworks' website at:

<http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/our-network/new-connections-and-alterations>

In most instances the provision of the service request also requires the lodgement, and acceptance by TasNetworks, of an Electrical Work Request (**EWR**) by a licensed Electrical Contractor.

### 2.7 Business day

A business day is a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a gazetted public holiday in any part of mainland Tasmania.

### 2.8 Field operational hours

TasNetworks' field operational hours are the hours between 7:30 am and 4:20 pm on a business day.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-formerly-aurora-energy-2017-2019/final-decision>.



## 2.9 After hours fees

After hours fees apply where part or all of the work or travel associated with a service falls outside field operational hours.

## 2.10 Invoicing process

TasNetworks' Market Support Team is responsible for managing the fee based services charging process. This is typically done via the Service Order Management system using applicable product codes. In these situations the charges will be issued in compliance with the jurisdictional distribution billing B2B protocols and the services will be invoiced via the customer's retailer. In some cases, however, TasNetworks may invoice the customer directly.

## 2.11 Published fee based services

TasNetworks' published fee based services list the services offered by TasNetworks for B2B Service Orders. The agreement to deliver these services as outlined in this Guide, are made assuming:

- that there is unhindered access to the metering and connection servicing assets;
- there are no safety issues associated with the delivery of the service;
- the electrical contractor has performed work to agreed standards; and
- the network infrastructure required to facilitate delivery of the service is present.

### **3 Assigning and reassigning customers to fee based service tariff classes**

#### **3.1 Assigning customers to fee based service tariffs**

A fee based service is considered to be a tariff class under the Rules. The Rules require TasNetworks to describe how customers are assigned to tariff classes.

TasNetworks assigns customers to fee based service tariff classes on the basis of the fee based service selected. Customers are assigned into one of the following fee based service tariff classes:

- retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation and special reads;
- meter alteration;
- meter test;
- supply abolishment;
- tee-up;
- miscellaneous services;
- connection establishment charges;
- renewable energy connection;
- temporary disconnection charges; and
- basic connection alteration.

Customers may be assigned to at least one fee based service tariff class. Assignment to fee based service tariff classes is based on the type of service provided.

#### **3.2 Re-assignment of customers to fee based service tariffs**

Customers will not be reassigned to a different fee based service class for the provision of a fee based service.

## 4 Retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation and special reads

### 4.1 General conditions

These services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake a retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation or perform a special read. These services will be performed on the scheduled date requested by the retailer with the exception of de-energisations, which are undertaken in a manner consistent with rule 111 of the National Electricity Retail Rules (**NERR**). De-energisation without consultation with the customer will occur on a regular scheduled day for service delivery.

Unless specified, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time, it will be treated as a tee-up service request. Section 8 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required, the service will be treated as a tee-up service request.

Retailer service requests received after 3:00 pm on any business day will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The cut off for same day connection before they are deemed after hours is 3:00 pm.

A scheduled day for service delivery is a day that the area in which the customer's premises are located is normally serviced by TasNetworks.

Protected periods apply to de-energisations that are conducted in accordance with rule 111 of the NERR. The protected periods are:

- a business day before 8:00 am or after 3:00 pm; or
- a Friday or the day before a public holiday; or
- a weekend or a public holiday; or
- the days between 20 December and 31 December (inclusive).

De-energisations that are requested to occur within a protected period will not be performed until that period has concluded, in accordance with rule 111 of the NERR.

Network tariff reassignment may not coincide with the provision of these fee based services. A tariff alteration may involve a change to a customer's metering equipment and, therefore, require a subsequent visit to the premises by TasNetworks to complete the service. Tariff alterations are outlined in section 5 of this document. If customer consultation is required, a tee-up service will be charged accordingly.

### 4.2 Site visit – no appointment

If no appointment is required, visits to customer premises during field operational hours to perform de-energisations, re-energisations, energisations or special reads, will be undertaken on the regular scheduled day for service delivery in the locality in question.

### 4.3 Site visit – non-scheduled visit

Where no appointment is required, visits to customer premises for the purposes of performing de-energisations, re-energisations or energisations that are undertaken during field operational hours but requested to be carried out on a day that is not a regular scheduled day for service delivery will be treated as a non-scheduled site visit. Visits to customer premises during field operational hours

where the visit is required on the same day as the retailer's request will also be treated as a non-scheduled site visit if the request is received by TasNetworks before 11:00 am on that day.

#### **4.4 Site visit – same day premium service**

Visits to customer premises during field operational hours to perform a re-energisation or energisation, where no appointment is required but the visit is required on the same day as a retailer's request, will be classified as a same day premium service if the request from the retailer is received by TasNetworks after 11:00 am, and prior to 3:00 pm on that day. Requests received after 3:00 pm are treated as a Site visit – after hours.

#### **4.5 Site visit – after hours**

Visits to customer premises to perform a re-energisation or energisation where no appointment is required and the visit is required on the day of the customer's request will be classified as an after hours site visit if the visit is organised for a time that is outside field operational hours.

#### **4.6 Site visit – credit action or site issues**

Visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours due to a credit issue or a request from a retailer that the site be de-energised without consultation with the customer, where no appointment is required and the requested date is on a day that is a regular scheduled day for service delivery are classified as a site visit for the purposes of credit action or site issues.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

The fee for this service does not include costs which may apply for the repair of damaged equipment.

#### **4.7 Site visit – credit action pillar box/pole top**

Visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to perform a de-energisation, due to a credit issue, other than at the distribution point of attachment, switchboard isolation fuse or disconnect switch, where no appointment is required and the visit occurs on the regular scheduled day.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

The fee for this service does not include costs which may apply for the repair of damaged equipment.

#### **4.8 Site visit – current transformer (CT) metering**

Visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours on a scheduled service delivery day to de-energise or re-energise a site where current transformer metering exists.

#### **4.9 Site visit – pillar box/pole top**

Visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to de-energise the site by means other than the point of attachment, switchboard isolation fuse or disconnect switch without consultation with the customer and where no appointment is required.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

#### **4.10 Site visit – pillar box/pole top wasted visit**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to undertake a site visit – pillar box/pole top where the service could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

#### 4.11 Transfer of retailer

The transfer of premises from one retailer to another retailer where the meter read date for those premises is effective as per the meter reading schedule will not incur a fee if no site visit is required.

A transfer of premises to another retailer which involves a site visit or is requested for a date other than the scheduled meter read date will incur a site visit fee.

#### 4.12 Fee based services charges

Table 2 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation and special reads for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 2: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Site visit – no appointment	59.53
Site visit – non-scheduled visit	131.59
Site visit – same day premium service	222.84
Site visit – after hours	350.32
Site visit – credit action or site issues	138.47
Site visit – credit action pillar box/pole top	248.47
Site visit – current transformer (CT) metering	129.03
Site visit – pillar box/pole top	248.47
Site visit – pillar box/pole top wasted visit	148.13
Transfer of retailer	0.00

## 5 Meter alteration

These services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake works associated with the provision of basic metering services. Requests for the provision for meter alteration services are to be made via a retailer.

All services will be delivered within 10 business days following TasNetworks' receipt of a completed request from the retailer, unless an alternative date for the service has been agreed to between TasNetworks and the customer, their retailer or electrical contractor.

Retailers' service requests received after 3:00 pm on any business day will be deemed to have been received on the next business day.

Where the provision of a meter alteration service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at a customer's premises that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a Meter alteration – wasted visit fee may be charged.

Unless specified otherwise, the meter alteration services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time, it will be treated as a tee-up service request. Section 8 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Customers will not be consulted prior to the work being undertaken, unless specified otherwise. If customer consultation is required, a tee-up service will be charged accordingly.

### 5.1 Tariff alteration – single phase

This service describes a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to add, modify or remove a single phase meter in order to accommodate a tariff change, where no appointment is required.

### 5.2 Tariff alteration – multi-phase

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to add, modify or remove a multi-phase meter in order to accommodate a tariff change, where no appointment is required.

### 5.3 Adjust time clock

This service refers to visit to customers' premises during field operational hours to adjust the time period of an existing time clock, where no appointment is required.

### 5.4 Install pulse outputs

This service applies to visits to customers' premises during field operational hours to install a pulse output facility, where no appointment is required.

### 5.5 Remove meter – single phase

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to remove a single phase metering circuit, where no appointment is required.

### 5.6 Remove meter – multi-phase

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to remove a multi-phase metering circuit, where no appointment is required.

### 5.7 Meter alteration – after hours visit

This service refers to a visit to a customer’s premises outside of field operational hours to undertake a meter alteration, where no appointment is required.

### 5.8 Meter alteration – wasted visit

This service refers to a visit to a customer’s premises during field operational hours to undertake a meter alteration where the alteration could not be completed due to issues at the customer’s premises.

A Meter alteration – after hours visit fee will also be charged if the visit to the customer’s premises occurred outside of field operational hours and the alteration could not be completed due to issues at the customer’s premises.

### 5.9 Fee based services charges

Table 3 sets out TasNetworks’ prices for meter alterations provided as a fee based services for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 3: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate \$
Tariff alteration – single phase	139.88
Tariff alteration – multi-phase	183.33
Adjust time clock	81.24
Install pulse outputs	129.03
Remove meter – single phase	139.88
Remove meter – multi-phase	183.33
Meter alteration – after hours visit	429.47
Meter alteration – wasted visit	85.58

## 6 Meter test

Meter testing services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake the testing of a basic metering installation at the request of a retailer.

All services are to be delivered within 15 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of a completed retailer's service request, unless an alternative date for the service has been agreed.

Retailer service requests received after 3:00 pm on any business day will be deemed to have been received on the next business day.

Unless specified otherwise, meter testing services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time it will be treated as a tee-up service. Section 8 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Customers will not be consulted by TasNetworks prior to the meter testing work being undertaken, unless specified otherwise. If customer consultation is required, an additional tee-up service will be charged.

The charges for meter tests are per meter tested, as opposed to per electrical installation. The retailer is to provide details of the meter for testing. If no details are received by TasNetworks regarding the specific meter(s) to be tested at a customer's premises, it will be assumed that all meters at the site are to be tested.

No meter testing fee will apply if a meter is found to be faulty.

Where the provision of a meter test service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the customer's premises that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a Meter test – wasted visit fee may be charged.

### 6.1 Meter test – single phase

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to test a single phase meter at the request of a retailer, where no appointment is required.

### 6.2 Meter test – multi-phase

This service describes a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to test a multi-phase meter at the request of a retailer, where no appointment is required.

### 6.3 Meter test – current transformer

This service applies to visits to customer premises during field operational hours where no appointment is required, to test a current transformer (CT) meter at the request of the retailer.

### 6.4 Meter test – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises, at the request of the retailer, outside field operational hours where no appointment is required, to undertake the following services:

- meter test – single phase; or
- meter test – multi-phase; or
- meter test – CT.



## 6.5 Meter test – wasted visit

A visit to a customer’s premises during field operational hours to test a meter at the request of the retailer where the test could not be completed due to issues at the customer’s premises.

A Meter test – after hours fee will also be charged where a visit to test a meter at the request of the retailer occurs outside of field operational hours and could not be completed due to issues at the customer’s premises.

## 6.6 Fee based services charges

Table 4 sets out TasNetworks’ fee based services prices for meter tests for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 4: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Meter test – single phase	215.91
Meter test – multi-phase	411.38
Meter test – current transformer (CT)	454.83
Meter test – after hours	825.24
Meter test – wasted visit	85.58

## 7 Supply abolishment

These services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake the abolishment of the customer's connection.

The service is to be delivered within 10 business days of receiving a valid retailer service request, unless an alternate date of removal has been agreed.

Requests to perform this service on a specific day will be classed as a tee-up and tee-up charges will also apply (refer Section 8).

A retailer service request, for all services, is to be received by 3:00 pm on any business day; otherwise it will be deemed to have been received the next business day.

Unless specified, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time, an additional tee-up service will be charged. Section 8 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted by TasNetworks prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required, the service will be treated as a tee-up service.

Where the provision of a supply abolishment service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the customer's premises that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a wasted visit fee may be charged.

### 7.1 Remove service and meters

A visit to a customer's premises to remove meters and service connection at the request of the retailer, the owner or as a result of building demolition, during field operational hours where no appointment is required.

### 7.2 Supply abolishment – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, outside field operational hours where no appointment is required.

### 7.3 Supply abolishment – wasted visit

A visit to a customer's premises to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, where the service could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

A Supply abolishment – after hours fee will also be charged where a visit to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, occurs outside of normal field operational hours and could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

### 7.4 Fee based services charges

Table 5 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for supply abolishment for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 5: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Remove service and meters	260.72
Supply abolishment – after hours	655.77
Supply abolishment – wasted visit	169.51

## 8 Tee-up/appointment

A tee-up occurs when a customer's electrical contractor or retailer requests that a TasNetworks service be provided at a nominated location at a specified date and / or time. Alternatively, a tee-up is required when a customer would like to consult at a specified date and / or time with TasNetworks personnel.

Where another service has been requested with a tee-up, the service will be provided on the negotiated tee-up date: the time limits referenced in this document no longer apply.

Tee-ups relating to services listed in all Sections other than Section 6 are to be requested by a retailer through standard B2B customer consultation process. All other tee-up requests should be made via an Electrical Works Request form (**EWR**).

Tee-ups will be arranged following TasNetworks' receipt of all required documentation. TasNetworks will attempt to contact the party requesting the tee-up service within two business days of receipt of the required documentation. If no contact can be made within four business days, TasNetworks will request the customer's retailer to confirm the request for a tee-up service via B2B processes.

It should be noted that tee-up charges are in addition to the charges for the relevant service.

### 8.1 Tee-up/appointment

A tee-up with a TasNetworks crew during field operational hours.

### 8.2 Tee-up/appointment – after hours

A tee-up with a TasNetworks crew where part of the work or travel time falls outside field operational hours and the work to be completed requires a crew with a truck.

### 8.3 Tee-up/appointment – no truck – after hours

A tee-up with a TasNetworks crew where part of the work or travel time falls outside field operational hours and the work to be completed does not require a crew with a truck.

### 8.4 Tee-up/appointment – wasted visit

A tee-up where the works could not be completed due to issues at the customers premises or where a TasNetworks crew was not required once on site.

An after hours fee will also be charged where part of the work or travel time falls outside field operational hours and the work could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

### 8.5 Fee based services charges

Table 6 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for the provision of a tee-up for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 6: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Tee-up/appointment	146.27
Tee-up/appointment – after hours	655.77
Tee-up/appointment – no truck – after hours	350.32
Tee-up/appointment – wasted visit	95.94

## 9 Miscellaneous services

These services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake the services detailed below.

All services will be delivered within 10 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of a service request; unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed.

A service request, for all services, is to be received by 3:00 pm on any business day; otherwise it will be deemed to have been received the next business day.

Unless specified, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time, it will be treated as a tee-up service. Section 8 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted by TasNetworks prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required, the service will be treated as a tee-up service.

Where the provision of a miscellaneous service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the premise that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a Miscellaneous service – wasted visit fee may be charged.

### 9.1 Open turret

A visit to a customer's premises to open a turret or cabinet during field operational hours, where no appointment is required. Service may be completed in conjunction with a tee-up.

### 9.2 Data download

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to download data from a meter, where no appointment is required.

### 9.3 Alteration to unmetered supply

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to add or remove a load on an existing unmetered supply site during field operational hours, where no appointment is required.

### 9.4 Meter relocation

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to relocate an existing metering position to a new location where the point of attachment has not altered position, where no appointment is required.

### 9.5 Miscellaneous service

A visit to a customer's premises, at the request of the retailer, during field operational hours to perform a service that is not described elsewhere, where no appointment is required.

### 9.6 Miscellaneous service – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises, at the request of the retailer, outside field operational hours and where no appointment is required, to perform any of the above-mentioned miscellaneous services.

### 9.7 Miscellaneous service – wasted visit

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for the requested miscellaneous service where the service could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

A Miscellaneous service – after hours fee will also be charged where part of the work or travel time falls outside field operational hours and the work could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

## 9.8 Fee based services charges

Table 7 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for the provision of miscellaneous services for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 7: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Open turret	137.77
Data download	276.20
Alteration to unmetered supply	213.28
Meter relocation	165.69
Miscellaneous service	125.19
Miscellaneous service – after hours	559.33
Miscellaneous service – wasted visit	100.01

## **10 Connection establishment charges**

This basic connection service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to provide a connection service to establish a new customer connection. The connection service is in accordance with the customer's approved application to connect.

Customers requiring the installation of multiple spans of overhead service wire will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

All services requiring a cross-over service pole will be delivered within 50 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of both a valid connection application and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor; unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed. All other services will be delivered within 10 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of both a valid connection application and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor; unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed.

### **10.1 Overhead service, single span – single phase**

Installation of a single span of single phase overhead service wire (off a pole) and associated service fuse. If a cross-over service pole is required, this service is a connection type B12, otherwise it is a connection type B1.

### **10.2 Overhead service, single span – multi-phase**

Installation of a single span of multi-phase overhead service wire (off a pole) and associated service fuses. If a cross-over service pole is required, this service is a connection type B13, otherwise it is a connection type B2.

### **10.3 Underground service with turret/cabinet – single phase**

Installation of a single phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to the fuse located in a TasNetworks turret or cabinet. If a cross-over service pole is required, this service is a connection type B14, otherwise it is a connection type B3.

### **10.4 Underground service with turret/cabinet – multi-phase**

Installation of a multi-phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to the fuses located in a TasNetworks turret or cabinet. If a cross-over service pole is required, this service is a connection type B15, otherwise it is a connection type B3M.

### **10.5 Underground service with pole mounted fuse – single phase**

Installation of a single phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to a fuse located on a TasNetworks pole or private pole. This service is a connection type B4.

### **10.6 Underground service with pole mounted fuse – multi-phase**

Installation of a multi-phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to the fuses located on a TasNetworks pole or private pole. This service is a connection type B5.

### **10.7 Basic connection – after hours**

A visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours for the basic connection service. This relates to the connection services listed in this section 10 including connection types B1, B2, B3, B3M, B4, B5, B12, B13, B14 and B15.

## 10.8 Connection establishment wasted visit

A visit to a customer's premises to provide basic connection service where the connection could not be completed due to issues at the site.

## 10.9 Fee based service charges

Table 8 sets out TasNetworks' schedule of fees for the establishment of new customer connections for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 8: Fee based service prices**

Service	Connection type	Rate \$
Overhead service, single span – single phase	B1 or B12	551.02
Overhead service, single span – multi-phase	B2 or B13	777.13
Underground service with turret/cabinet – single phase	B3 or B14	180.57
Underground service with turret/cabinet – multi-phase	B3M or B15	226.46
Underground service with pole mounted fuse – single phase	B4	422.33
Underground service with pole mounted fuses – multi-phase	B5	530.44
Basic connection – after hours	B1, B2, B3, B3M, B4, B5, B12, B13, B14 or B15	1,010.36
Connections establishment – wasted visit		154.43

## 11 Renewable energy connection

This service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to install the metering equipment necessary for the establishment of a new micro-embedded generating system at the customer's installation. This service requires the customer (or their representative) to submit a connection application to TasNetworks.

Customers with an existing connection to the distribution network will have their supply of electricity interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

The provision of this service requires the customer to have a connection to the TasNetworks distribution network.

Customers also seeking to establish a connection to the TasNetworks distribution network will be required to pay an additional customer connection fee associated with the establishment of that new connection.

The maximum output of the generating system will be 10 kW per phase of the generating system. Customers wanting to connect a generating system with an expected output greater than 10 kW per phase may be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process, in which case they will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

A customer with a micro-embedded generating system may elect to feed its power output via multiple tariffs for example the residential low voltage general tariff (TAS31) and the uncontrolled low voltage heating (TAS41). This is only possible where a generating system has two inverters and effectively operates as two generating systems. If the set up requires additional metering, additional metering charges may be applicable.

The generating system must be compliant with Australian Standard *AS 4777.2:2015 – Australian Standard for Grid Connection of Energy Systems via Inverters (AS 4777.2:2015)*. Customers seeking connection of a generating system that is not AS 4777.2:2015 compliant will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

Upgrades to an existing micro-embedded generation system need to be approved by TasNetworks prior to work being carried out. The customer (or their representative) is required to submit a connection application to TasNetworks. An upgrade includes: additional panels; additional invertors increasing the output of the system; or the installation of batteries to an existing system.

### 11.1 Modify existing connection for micro-embedded generation – single phase

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to supply and install a single phase dual register basic import/export metering equipment at a customer's premises. This service is a connection type B6.

### 11.2 Modify existing connection for micro-embedded generation – multi-phase

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to supply and install a multi-phase dual register basic import/export metering equipment at a customer's premises. This service is a connection type B7.

### 11.3 Renewable energy connection – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises to supply and install single phase dual register basic import/export metering equipment at Customer's premises, outside field operational hours. This relates to the connection services listed in this section 11 including connection types B6 and B7.



#### 11.4 Renewable energy connection – wasted visit

A visit to a customer’s premises during field operational hours to modify existing connection for micro-embedded generations where the service could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

#### 11.5 Fee based service charges

Table 9 sets out TasNetworks’ customer connection fees for the provision of a service for the establishment of a new or modified micro-embedded generating system at the customer’s installation for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 9: Fee based service prices**

Service	Connection type	Rate \$
Modify existing connection for micro-embedded generation – single phase	B6	171.17
Modify existing connection for micro-embedded generation – multi-phase	B7	214.61
Renewable energy connection – after hours	B6 or B7	809.11
Renewable energy connection – wasted visit		116.87

## 12 Temporary disconnection charges

This service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to provide a connection service for the establishment of a new temporary customer connection.

Customers requiring the installation of multiple spans of overhead service wire will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

Supply abolishment fees will apply as an additional fee for the removal of the temporary connection.

The temporary connection will be removed if a permanent connection is established at a later date. Additional connection charges will also apply for the provision of the permanent connection.

### 12.1 Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – single phase

A visit to a customer's premises during operation hours to disconnect and reconnect an existing TasNetworks' single span of single phase overhead service wire whilst repairs are made to a fascia containing the customer's connection point for the overhead service wire.

### 12.2 Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – multi-phase

A visit to a customer's premises during operation hours to disconnect and reconnect an existing TasNetworks' single span of multi-phase overhead service wire whilst repairs are made to a fascia containing the customer's connection point for the overhead service wire.

### 12.3 Temporary disconnect/reconnect – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours to perform temporary disconnection.

### 12.4 Temporary disconnect/reconnect – wasted visit

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for the requested temporary disconnection where the service could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

### 12.5 Fee based service charges

Table 10 sets out TasNetworks' customer connection fees for the provision of a service for the establishment of a temporary customer connection for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 10: Fee based service prices**

Service	Rate \$
Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – single phase	322.67
Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – multi-phase	413.89
Temporary disconnect/reconnect – after hours	852.57
Temporary disconnect/reconnect – wasted visit	185.85

## 13 Basic connection alteration

This service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to alter or augment the customer's connection to the distribution network.

In a number of instances the provision of this basic connection service will require TasNetworks to interrupt the supply of electricity to the customer's premises.

Where a basic connection service only requires the receipt and acceptance of a valid EWR from the customer's Electrical Contractor, that EWR is deemed to be TasNetworks' receipt and acceptance of a valid application for the provision of that basic connection service from the customer.

As a basic connection service, a connection alteration requires the installation of a single span of overhead service wire only. Customers requiring the installation of multiple spans of overhead service wire will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

In relation to overhead connections, unless indicated to the contrary:

- If the connection point has moved, but the existing service wire is long enough to reach the new connection point and remain compliant with relevant standards, the existing overhead service wire will be re-used.
- If the connection point has moved and the existing service wire is not long enough to reach the new connection point and remain compliant with relevant standards, this fee will not apply and the customer will be required to pay the fee for the equivalent basic connection service.
- Existing overhead service wires that do not meet the current construction standard will be replaced with a new service wire at no additional cost to the customer.

In some circumstances a service may involve more than one type of basic connection service. For example, a job may require new consumer mains and an alteration to a connection.

Where consumer mains work is required and the Electrical Contractor is also altering the connection from:

- overhead to underground; or
- from one building to another; or
- from single phase to multi-phase;
- from multi-phase to single phase

an EWR alone is not sufficient and TasNetworks requires lodgement of a connection application.

### 13.1 Connection alteration – overhead single phase

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for a single phase connection alteration following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service could include:

- new consumer mains – overhead supply;
- new consumer mains – underground to pole;
- changeover new consumer mains to new private pole; or

- changeover overhead service to new point of attachment.

### **13.2 Connection alteration – overhead multi-phase**

A visit to a customer's premises during operation hours for a multi-phase connection alteration following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service could include:

- new consumer mains – overhead supply;
- new consumer mains – underground to pole;
- changeover new consumer mains to new private pole; or
- changeover overhead service to new point of attachment.

### **13.3 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (turret or pole)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new single phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **13.4 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (turret or pole)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new multi-phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **13.5 Augment single phase overhead service to multi-phase supply**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of single phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuse, and connect a new single span of multi-phase overhead service wire and associated service fuses to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network. This service is a connection augmentation type BA2.

The existing single phase overhead service wire must be removed and not reused.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application.

### **13.6 Augment multi-phase overhead service to single phase supply**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of multi-phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuses, and connect a new single span of single phase overhead service wire and associated service fuse to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network. This service is a connection augmentation type BA1.

The existing multi-phase overhead service wire will be removed and not reused.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application.

### **13.7 Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of single phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuse, and connect a new single phase underground consumer mains to the fuse located in an existing TasNetworks' turret or cabinet. This service is a connection augmentation type BA3.

The existing single phase overhead service wire will be removed and not reused.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

Customers also requiring the installation of a TasNetworks' turret or cabinet will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

This service requires a connection application.

### **13.8 Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of multi-phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuses, and connect a new multi-phase underground consumer mains to the fuses located in an existing TasNetworks' turret or cabinet. This service is a connection augmentation type BA4.

The existing multi-phase overhead service wire will be removed and not reused.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

Customers also requiring the installation of an TasNetworks turret or cabinet will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

This service requires a connection application.

### **13.9 Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of single phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuse, and connect a new single phase underground consumer mains to a fuse located on a TasNetworks' pole. This service is a connection augmentation type BA5.

The existing single phase overhead service wire will be removed and not re-used.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application.

### **13.10 Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)**

A visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove an existing single span of multi-phase overhead service wire, and associated service fuses, and connect a new

multi-phase underground consumer mains to the fuses located on a TasNetworks' pole. This service is a connection augmentation type BA6.

The existing multi-phase overhead service wire will be removed and not reused.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application.

### 13.11 Basic connection alteration – after hours

A visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours to perform a basic connection alteration. This relates to the connection services listed in this section 13 including connection augmentation types BA1, BA2, BA3, BA4, BA5 or BA6.

### 13.12 Basic connection – wasted visit

Site visit to provide a basic connection service where the connection could not be completed due to issues at the site.

### 13.13 Fee based services charges

Table 11 sets out TasNetworks' customer connection fees for the provision of a basic connection alteration service for the 2017-18 regulatory year.

**Table 11: Fee based services prices**

Service	Connection augmentation type	Rate \$
Connection alteration – overhead single phase		322.67
Connection alteration – overhead multi-phase		413.89
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (turret or pole)		225.21
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (turret or pole)		275.55
Augment single phase overhead service to multi-phase supply	BA2	845.55
Augment multi-phase overhead service to single phase supply	BA1	619.44
Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)	BA3	392.32
Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)	BA4	483.53
Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)	BA5	490.75
Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)	BA6	598.84
Basic connection alteration – after hours	BA1, BA2, BA3, BA4, BA5 or BA6	1,082.17
Basic connection – wasted visit		174.45

## 14 Procedure for reviewing complaints and disputes

TasNetworks will ensure that all complaints and disputes are dealt with in accordance with its standard complaints and dispute resolution policy and procedures. TasNetworks' dispute resolution policy is reviewed annually and published on TasNetworks' website.

### 14.1 Internal procedure for reviewing objections

Where TasNetworks receives written notification that a customer has an objection to the proposed fee based service tariff assignment or reassignment, the following additional procedures will be followed.

TasNetworks may consult with the customer's retailer during the process of undertaking a review.

TasNetworks will undertake the following internal review process:

- the customer's written objection will be reviewed by TasNetworks;
- additional information provided by the customer (and/or the customer's retailer) will be considered;
- TasNetworks will determine the tariff assignment that should apply;
- the proposed tariff assignment will be reviewed and approved by the Market Services Team Leader; and
- the customer (and/or customer's retailer) will be notified in writing of the tariff assignment review outcomes within 15 business days of receipt of the customer's written objection.

### 14.2 Objection not resolved to satisfaction of customer under internal review process

If the customer's objection to the fee based service is not resolved to their satisfaction, the customer is entitled to seek resolution through the following avenues after applying TasNetworks' internal review process as detailed above:

- if the resolution of the dispute is within the jurisdiction of the Energy Ombudsman Tasmania, the customer is entitled to escalate the matter to the Energy Ombudsman Tasmania; or
- the customer is entitled to seek a decision from the AER via the dispute resolution process available under Part L of Chapter 6 of the Rules.

## 15 Glossary

AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator.
AER	Australian Energy Regulator.
B2B	Business to business electronic requests.
B2B service orders	AEMO's B2B procedure service order process which is the communication procedures between retailers and service providers.
Basic metering services	Reading services for accumulation meters or unmetered supplied as defined in the Rules.
Business day	A day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a gazetted public holiday in any part of mainland Tasmania.
Charges	For service means the constituent elements of the charge.
Connection point	In relation to a customer, the point at which electricity leaves the TasNetworks distribution network for delivery to the customer's premises.
Customer	A person to whom TasNetworks provides regulated services.
De-energisation	The de-energisation of an energised electrical installation.
Distribution Determination	AER, Final Decision, TasNetworks distribution determination, 2017-18 to 2018-19, April 2017 (see <a href="https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-formerly-aurora-energy-2017-2019/final-decision">https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-formerly-aurora-energy-2017-2019/final-decision</a> ).
Distribution network	As defined in the <i>Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995</i> (Tas).
Electrical contractor	A person or company licensed as an electrical contractor under the <i>Occupational Licensing Act 2005</i> (Tas).
Energisation	The energisation of an electrical installation.
Energy Ombudsman	As defined in the <i>Energy Ombudsman Act 1998</i> (Tas).
EWR	Electrical Works Request form.
Field operational hours	Between 7:30 am and 4:20 pm on a business day.
Illegal connection	An electrical installation that has been energised without authorisation from TasNetworks.
Interval metering services	Reading services for interval meters – types 1 – 5 as defined in the Rules and provision of other services.
Meter alterations	Alterations made to an existing electrical installation to add, remove, exchange, reprogram metering equipment at the request of the retailer.
Meter tests	Testing of a meter to ensure that the components, accuracy and testing of the installation complies with the requirements of the Rules.
NEM	National Electricity Market.
NERR	National Energy Retail Rules.
New connection	Connection of the supply to a new electrical installation.
Protected period	A period in which a de-energisation cannot be undertaken in accordance with NERR provisions.
Re-energisation	The energisation of an electrical installation which has previously been de-energised.



Renewable energy connections	Installation of a small generator of less than 10 kW per phase.
Retail contract termination	The ending of a Standard Retail Contract pursuant to Section 70 of the NERR.
Rules	National Electricity Rules.
TasNetworks	Unless otherwise stated means Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd ABN 24 167 357 299 in its capacity as a distributor licensed by the Tasmanian Economic Regulator in the state of Tasmania.
Tee-up	Service provision at a nominated location at a specified date and/or time.

## 16 Schedule 1: TasNetworks' service area calendar

Table 12 details on which day's services are undertaken in each area.

Areas marked with an asterisk are "Daily Service Areas"

**Table 12: Scheduled Day for Service**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>North West</b>	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast
		West Coast	Hellyer	West Coast	
		Cape	North West Tip	Granville	
		Barrington	Gunns Plains	Cape	Gunns Plains
		The Nut	Cradle Valley	Barrington	
			The Nut		
<b>North</b>	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston
	Northern Midlands	North East Tip	East Tamar	Northern Midlands	West Tamar
	Meander Valley	Scottsdale	Meander Valley	Scottsdale	East Tamar
		West Tamar		Midlands	
		Goulds Country		Fingal	
		East Coast		East Coast	
		Freycinet			
<b>South</b>	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart
	South Arm	Western Huon	Bruny Island	Derwent Valley	Channel
	Southern Midlands	West Lakes	Southern Midlands	Strathgordon	South Arm
	Inner East Coast	Derwent Valley	East Lakes	Southern Huon	Peninsula
	Southern East Coast	Peninsula	Southern East Coast	Huon	
		Huon	Channel		

The following information has been provided to assist customers in understanding the service area groupings in the above table. Each service area lists suburbs that represent the borders of the service area and includes any location between those suburbs.

### 16.1 North West

- \*Greater North West Coast – Wynyard to Port Sorell
- West Coast – Tullah to Queenstown
- Cape – Table Cape to Sisters Beach to Meunna
- Barrington – Sassafra to Kimberley to Acacia Hills to West Kentish

- The Nut – Cowrie Point to Smithton
- Hellyer – Hellyer Gorge to Corinna
- North West Tip – Arthur River to Woolnorth
- Gunns Plains – Wilmot to Riana
- Cradle Valley – Cradle Mountain
- Granville – Granville Harbour

## 16.2 North

- \*Greater Launceston – Launceston and surrounding suburbs
- Northern Midlands – Ross to Bishopsbourne
- Meander Valley – Carrick to Mole Creek
- North East Tip – Waterhouse to Musselroe Bay
- Scottsdale – Scottsdale region
- West Tamar – Rosevears to Greens Beach
- East Tamar – Dilston to George Town to Pipers Brook
- Goulds Country – Goulds Country region
- East Coast – St Helens to St Marys
- Freycinet – Coles Bay
- Fingal – Fingal Valley region

## 16.3 South

- \*Greater Hobart – Hobart and surrounding suburbs
- South Arm – Opossum Bay to Sandford
- Southern Midlands – Oatlands to Tea Tree
- Inner East Coast – Mount Seymour to Levendale
- Southern East Coast – Little Swanport to Orford
- Western Huon – Lonnavaile
- West Lakes – Liawenee to Osterley
- Derwent Valley – Ouse to Maydena
- Peninsula – Copping to White Beach
- Channel – Cygnet to Verona Sands to Snug
- Bruny Island – Bruny Island
- East Lakes – Arthurs Lake to Miena
- Strathgordon – Strathgordon
- Southern Huon – Raminea to Hastings
- Huon – Dover to Allens Rivulet to Lower Wattle Grove