

Price Schedule for Metering Services

1 July 2021

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Under Power of Choice any new meters will be installed by the Retailers and their meter providers, the new meters installed are smart meters (Type 4). However, Essential Energy continue to be responsible for Type 5 and 6 (basic) meters reading and maintenance. The Metering services will be charged for at the AER determined rates as provided in the tables below.

Meter Service Charges

Essential Energy will charge a metering service charge for all NMI's where Essential Energy provides type 5 & 6 metering services. Charges will be charged on a 'per service' basis as a daily fixed charge. This means each unique data stream will attract a charge, for example a site with a residential anytime tariff and a controlled

load tariff will receive the applicable annual metering charge for both tariffs.

Metering services are 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.

Table 1: Metering Service Daily Charges, excluding GST

Tariff Class	Operating and Maintenance – All Basic Meters			Pre-30 June Connections - Capital		
	MSC Tariff	Bill Print Description	Daily Charge \$/Day	MSC Tariff	Bill Print Description	Daily Charge \$/Day
Residential Anytime	BLNM1NC BLNM1NM	MSC MAINT – RES ANYTIME	\$0.06573	BLNM1CA	MSC CAPITAL – RES ANYTIME	\$0.02753
Residential TOU	BLNM2NC BLNM2NM	MSC MAINT – RES TOU	\$0.09860	BLNM2CA	MSC CAPITAL – RES TOU	\$0.04005
Small Business Anytime	BLNM5NC BLNM5NM	MSC MAINT – BUS ANYTIME	\$0.06573	BLNM5CA	MSC CAPITAL – BUS ANYTIME	\$0.02753
Small Business TOU	BLNM6NC BLNM6NM	MSC MAINT – BUS TOU	\$0.09860	BLNM6CA	MSC CAPITAL – BUS TOU	\$0.04005
Controlled Load 1	BLNM3NC BLNM3NM	MSC MAINT – CONTROLLED LOAD 1	\$0.01644	BLNM3CA	MSC CAPITAL – CONTROLLED LOAD 1	\$0.01255
Controlled Load 2	BLNM4NC BLNM4NM	MSC MAINT – CONTROLLED LOAD2	\$0.01644	BLNM4CA	MSC CAPITAL – CONTROLLED LOAD 2	\$0.01255

NB Essential Energy has removed its solar tariff class due to the removal of gross solar installations to which these charges related.

Explanations and Definitions

Metering Services

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

- > Meter provision – the capital costs of purchase of metering equipment;
- > Meter maintenance – activities to inspect, test, maintain, repair and replace 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 National Metering Identifier (NMI) standing data in accordance with the rules.

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Capital Recovery Charge (MSC CAPITAL)

A capital recovery charge will apply to all sites where Essential Energy funded metering equipment to recover the costs of the regulated Metering Asset Base (MAB), i.e. the capital costs of the meter/s installed at the connection point.

The capital charge is based on the network charge structure that applied on 30 June 2015. It will remain fixed and will not change, even if our network charges change. Where a customer funded a regulated metering upgrade or switched to a competitive metering arrangement after 1 July 2015, the capital charge continues to be applied to recover our costs for previously installed regulated metering equipment funded by Essential Energy. The capital costs will

continue to be recovered until the meters are fully depreciated.

Operating and Maintenance Charge (MSC MAINT)

The operating and maintenance charge covers the ongoing operating expenditure for providing Type 5 and 6 metering services, including meter reading, testing and inspection.

A maintenance metering service charge will apply for all NMIs where we provide Type 5 and 6 metering services, i.e. where Essential Energy is nominated as Metering Coordinator, Meter Provider and Meter Data Provider for the NMI in the National Electricity Market (NEM). Where a customer has a new smart meter (Type 4) installed the operating and maintenance charge ceases.

Table 2: Indicative Price Schedule for Metering Service Charges, excluding GST

	Metering Service Charge Tariff Class	MSC Tariff	Annual Charge (\$2020/21)			
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 *	2023/24 *
Operating and Maintenance - All Basic Meters	Residential Anytime	BLNM1NC BLNM1NM	\$22.94	\$23.99	\$26.08	\$28.13
	Residential TOU	BLNM2NC BLNM2NM	\$34.42	\$35.99	\$39.11	\$42.19
	Small Business Anytime	BLNM1NC BLNM1NM	\$22.94	\$23.99	\$26.08	\$28.13
	Small Business TOU	BLNM2NC BLNM2NM	\$34.42	\$35.99	\$39.11	\$42.19
	Controlled Load	BLNM3NM BLNM3NC	\$5.74	\$6.00	\$6.52	\$7.03
Pre-30 June Connections - Capital	Residential Anytime	BLNM1CA	\$10.07	\$10.05	\$9.97	\$9.91
	Residential TOU	BLNM2CA	\$14.65	\$14.62	\$14.52	\$14.42
	Small Business Anytime	BLNM1CA	\$10.07	\$10.05	\$9.97	\$9.91
	Small Business TOU	BLNM2CA	\$14.65	\$14.62	\$14.52	\$14.42
	Controlled Load	BLNM3CA	\$4.58	\$4.58	\$4.54	\$4.51

* NB Please note the future prices will increase by CPI each year

Modification History

Version	Date	Description
1	22/03/2021	Original version