

Price Schedule for Metering Services

1 July 2023

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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 | \$0.08577 | BLNM1CA | MSC CAPITAL – RES ANYTIME | \$0.03019 |
| Residential TOU | BLNM2NC BLNM2NM | MSC MAINT – RES TOU | \$0.12863 | BLNM2CA | MSC CAPITAL – RES TOU | \$0.04396 |
| Small Business Anytime | BLNM5NC BLNM5NM | MSC MAINT – BUS ANYTIME | \$0.08577 | BLNM5CA | MSC CAPITAL – BUS ANYTIME | \$0.03019 |
| Small Business TOU | BLNM6NC BLNM6NM | MSC MAINT – BUS TOU | \$0.12863 | BLNM6CA | MSC CAPITAL – BUS TOU | \$0.04396 |
| Controlled Load 1 | BLNM3NC BLNM3NM | MSC MAINT – CONTROLLED LOAD 1 | \$0.02145 | BLNM3CA | MSC CAPITAL – CONTROLLED LOAD 1 | \$0.01372 |
| Controlled Load 2 | BLNM4NC BLNM4NM | MSC MAINT – CONTROLLED LOAD2 | \$0.02145 | BLNM4CA | MSC CAPITAL – CONTROLLED LOAD 2 | \$0.01372 |

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 with 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 (\$2023/24) | | | |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 | 2023/24 |
| Operating and Maintenance - All Basic Meters | Residential Anytime | BLNM1NC BLNM1NM | \$22.94 | \$23.99 | \$26.99 | \$31.39 |
| | Residential TOU | BLNM2NC BLNM2NM | \$34.42 | \$35.99 | \$40.48 | \$47.08 |
| | Small Business Anytime | BLNM1NC BLNM1NM | \$22.94 | \$23.99 | \$26.99 | \$31.39 |
| | Small Business TOU | BLNM2NC BLNM2NM | \$34.42 | \$35.99 | \$40.48 | \$47.08 |
| | Controlled Load | BLNM3NM BLNM3NC | \$5.74 | \$6.00 | \$6.75 | \$7.85 |
| Pre-30 June Connections - Capital | Residential Anytime | BLNM1CA | \$10.07 | \$10.05 | \$10.32 | \$11.05 |
| | Residential TOU | BLNM2CA | \$14.65 | \$14.62 | \$15.02 | \$16.09 |
| | Small Business Anytime | BLNM1CA | \$10.07 | \$10.05 | \$10.32 | \$11.05 |
| | Small Business TOU | BLNM2CA | \$14.65 | \$14.62 | \$15.02 | \$16.09 |
| | Controlled Load | BLNM3CA | \$4.58 | \$4.58 | \$4.69 | \$5.02 |

Modification History

| Version | Date | Description |
|---------|------------|------------------|
| 1 | 31/03/2023 | Original version |
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