

October 30, 2018

Decision 23998-D01-2018

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Attention: Ms. Nicole Black
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**Direct Energy Regulated Services
Regulated Rate Tariff
Electric Energy Charges – November 2018
Proceeding 23998**

- On October 25, 2018, Direct Energy Regulated Services (DERS) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of November 2018 with the Alberta Utilities Commission.
- The filing included an attestation letter from a senior officer of DERS in accordance with the format directed by the Commission in Decision 20459-D01-2015.¹ The attestation letter stated the senior officer had conducted a review of the filing and affirmed that the rates had been determined in accordance with the energy price setting plan (EPSP) for 2016 to 2018, as approved by the Commission in Decision 21295-D01-2017.²
- DERS' proposed energy charges for the month of November 2018 are as follows:

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)	Energy charge as billed cents/kWh
Residential	6.878	6.800
Commercial	6.846	6.800
Industrial	6.699	6.699
Farming (Includes REA)	6.854	6.800
Irrigation (Includes REA)	6.604	6.604
Oil & Gas	6.665	6.665
Lighting	5.862	5.862

- As part of its filing and in accordance with the *Rate Cap (Commission Approved Regulated Rate Tariffs) Regulation*, DERS also submitted its deferral account statement for the

¹ Decision 20459-D01-2015: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2014-2018 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing, Proceeding 20459, December 21, 2015.

² Decision 21295-D01-2017: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2016-2018 Energy Price Setting Plan Second Compliance Filing, Proceeding 21295, August 30, 2017.

month of November 2018. DERS' energy charges for the Residential, Commercial and Farming classes exceeded the price cap of 6.8 cents/kWh, and therefore, the price cap is reflected in DERS' energy charges for the month. DERS stated that its deferral account was calculated for both the revenue shortfall related to the implementation of the price cap in addition to any deferral account balance adjustments.

5. The AUC has reviewed the filing, including the attestation letter from the senior officer. In accordance with Section 7(3) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, the AUC acknowledges that the energy charges as set out above represent rates determined in accordance with DERS' EPSP for 2016 to 2018.

6. The AUC has also reviewed DERS' deferral account statement and DERS' calculation of its deferral account balance. In accordance with Section 4 of the *Rate Cap (Commission Approved Regulated Rate Tariffs) Regulation*, the AUC approves DERS' submitted deferral account statement for the month of November 2018. The approved deferral account statement(s) is included as an appendix to this letter.

7. Further, as outlined in sections 7(4) and 7(5) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, DERS must retain records sufficient to enable the AUC to audit any previous monthly rates set by DERS. Any amount overcharged to customers due to an incorrect rate calculation must be refunded to customers as soon as practicable after the error is discovered.

8. If any affected party objects to the calculation of the energy charges for the month in question, they should notify the AUC and DERS in a timely manner, and include the nature of their objection and the reason(s) why it should be considered.

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Chair

Attachment

Appendix 1 – DERS November 2018 Deferral Account Statement



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DEFERRAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT PRESCRIBED UNDER Section 3 of RATE CAP (COMMISSION APPROVED REGULATED RATE TARIFFS) REGULATION
(Calculation of Deferral Account Amounts for Owners regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission)

NOTE: Areas shaded in grey to be completed by the Owner

A.) Current Delivery Month Calculation

Current Month Submission: Nov-18 Section 3(3)(a)

Rate Class	Monthly Rate (\$/kWh)	Maximum Rate (\$/kWh)	Forecast Consumption (kWh)	Deferral Account Amount (\$)
	Regulation , Section 3(3)(a)(i)	Act, Section 2(1)(b)	Regulation Section 3(3)(a)(ii)	Regulation Section 3(3)(a)(iii) or (iv)
1 Residential	0.06878	0.068	57060088	44506.86864
2 Commercial	0.06846	0.068	20209680	9296.4528
3 Industrial	0.06699	0.068	2864333	0
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.06854	0.068	25211805	13614.3747
5 Irrigation	0.06604	0.068	45	0
6 Oil & Gas	0.06665	0.068	325876	0
7 Lighting	0.05862	0.068	196389	0
			GST	3370.884807
Total - Estimated (\$)				70788.58095

B.) Recalculation based on actual consumption data

Previously Submitted Month: May-18 Section 3(3)(b)

Rate Class	Monthly Rate (\$/kWh)	Maximum Rate (\$/kWh)	Actual Consumption (kWh)	Previous Deferral Account Amount (\$)	*Recalculation (\$)	Difference (\$)
	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(i)	Act, Section 2(1)(b)	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(ii)	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(iii)	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(iv)	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(v)
1 Residential	0.057	0.068	42293461.14	0	0	0
2 Commercial	0.05678	0.068	18858626.14	0	0	0
3 Industrial	0.05532	0.068	2559723.31	0	0	0
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.05686	0.068	15970519	0	0	0
5 Irrigation (excl REA)	0.05461	0.068	132929.39	0	0	0
6 Oil & Gas	0.05499	0.068	318691.4	0	0	0
7 Lighting	0.0373	0.068	107248.32	0	0	0
					GST	0
Balance Adjustment (\$)						0

Previously Submitted Month: Section 3(3)(b)

1		0.068				
2		0.068				
3		0.068				
4		0.068				
5		0.068				
6		0.068				
					GST	0
Balance Adjustment (\$)						0

C.) Deferral Account Balance (\$): Net Amount Payable by Province/(Payable by the Owner)

70788.58095 Section 3(3)(d)

**Instruction:
 For Recalculation, calculate the Actual Results for applicable month for each rate class based on final monthly rate and actual consumption, according to sections 3.3.b.(i) and (ii)*

Document Review and Sign-off:

Mark Kolesar, Chair
 Name and Title of AUC Signing Authority

October 30, 2018
 Date