

December 20, 2018

Decision 24170-D01-2018

EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.
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Attention: Ms. Helen Luk Luong
Manager, RRO & Default Operations

**EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.
Regulated Rate Tariff
Electric Energy Charges and Non-Energy Charges – January 2019
Proceeding 24170**

1. On December 19, 2018, EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.¹ (EEA) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of January 2019 with the Alberta Utilities Commission. The RRT energy charges apply to the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. service territories.

2. The filing included an attestation letter from a senior officer of EEA in accordance with the format directed by the Commission in Decision 20342-D02-2016.² The attestation letter stated the senior officer had conducted a final 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 20342-D04-2017 (Errata).³

3. EEA’s proposed energy charges for the month of January 2019 are as follows:

Energy charges (EDTI service territory)

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)	Energy charge as billed cents/kWh
Residential	7.733	6.800
Small Commercial	7.733	6.800
Lighting	6.723	6.723

¹ Through Decision 2014-045: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. and EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Approval of Arrangement to Provide Regulated Rate Option Service, Proceeding 2818, Application 1609903-1, February 26, 2014, the Commission approved the appointment of EEA, in its capacity as the general partner of EPCOR Energy Alberta Limited Partnership, to provide regulated rate option service to eligible customers within EDTI’s and Fortis’ distribution service area.

² Decision 20342-D02-2016: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2014-2018 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing, Proceeding 20342, February 11, 2016.

³ Decision 20342-D04-2017 (Errata): EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Backstop Procurement Mechanism and Backstop Supply Management, Proceeding 20342, November 28, 2017.

Energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kWh	Energy charge as billed cents/kWh
Residential	7.626	6.800
Small Commercial	7.733	6.800
Lighting	6.637	6.637
Farm	7.683	6.800
Irrigation	7.594	6.800
Oil & Gas	7.577	6.800

4. As part of its filing and in accordance with the *Rate Cap (Commission Approved Regulated Rate Tariffs) Regulation*, EEA also submitted its deferral account statement for the month of January 2019. EEA's energy charges for the EDTI Residential, EDTI Small Commercial, Fortis Residential, Fortis Small Commercial, Fortis Farm, Fortis Irrigation, and Fortis Oil and Gas rate classes exceeded the price cap of 6.8 cents/kWh and, therefore, the price cap is reflected in EEA's energy charges for the month. EEA 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 EEA's EPSP for 2016 to 2018 and are applicable to EEA's RRT in the EDTI and Fortis service territories for the month of January 2019.

6. The AUC has also reviewed EEA's deferral account statement and EEA's calculation of its deferral account balance. In accordance with Section 4 of the *Rate Cap (Commission Approved Regulated Rate Tariffs) Regulation*, the AUC approves EEA's submitted deferral account statement for the month of January 2019. The approved deferral account statement 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*, EEA must retain records sufficient to enable the AUC to audit any previous monthly rates set by EEA. 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 EEA in a timely manner, and include the nature of their objection and the reason(s) why it should be considered.

9. EEA's proposed non-energy charges, which took effect May 1, 2018, are as follows:

Non-energy charges (EDTI service territory)

Rate class	(\$/month/site)
Residential	5.36
Small Commercial	4.99
Lighting	4.96

Non-energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	(\$/month/site)
Residential	5.46
Small Commercial	5.76
Lighting	5.29
Farm	5.00
Irrigation	3.50
Oil & Gas	6.51

10. The AUC has reviewed the filing with respect to the non-energy charges and the AUC acknowledges that the above-noted non-energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with Decision 22879-D01-2017.⁴ These non-energy charges are applicable to the EDTI and Fortis service territories respectively.

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Chair

Attachment

⁴ Decision 22879-D01-2017: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2018 Interim Regulated Rate Tariff, Proceeding 22879, October 13, 2017.

Appendix 1 – EEA January 2019 Deferral Account Statement



Appendix 1 - EEA
January 2019 Deferral
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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:		Section 3(3)(a)			
Rate Class	Regulation, Section 3(3)(a)(i)	Act, Section 2(1)(b)	Forecast Consumption (kWh)	Deferral Account Amount (\$)	
1 EDTI Residential	0.07733	0.068	134382938.9	1253792.82	
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.07733	0.068	52981498.93	494317.3851	
3 EDTI Lighting	0.06723	0.068	237313.1044	0	
4 Fortis Residential	0.07626	0.068	186072473.2	1536958.629	
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.07733	0.068	62070487.77	579117.6509	
6 Fortis Lighting	0.06637	0.068	610811.5579	0	
7 Fortis Farm	0.07683	0.068	46109455.11	407146.4886	
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.07594	0.068	149252.7851	1185.067113	
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.07577	0.068	981465.5369	7625.987222	
			GST	214007.2014	Section 3(3)(a)(v)
Total - Estimated (\$)				4494151.229	Section 3(3)(a)(v)

B.) Recalculation based on actual consumption data

Previously Submitted Month:		Section 3(3)(b)					
Rate Class	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(i)	Act, Section 2(1)(b)	Actual Consumption (kWh)	Previous Deferral Account Amount (\$)	*Recalculation (\$)	Difference (\$)	
1 EDTI Residential	0.07856	0.068	112196844.3	1154232.778	1184798.676	30565.89799	
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.07856	0.068	47295119.19	477846.3753	499436.4587	21590.08337	
3 EDTI Lighting	0.04633	0.068	109337.5983	0	0	0	
4 Fortis Residential	0.07775	0.068	142945639.2	1361080.271	1393719.983	32639.71106	
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.07884	0.068	52638963.19	549087.5336	570606.361	21518.82746	
6 Fortis Lighting	0.04819	0.068	266446.8783	0	0	0	
7 Fortis Farm	0.07833	0.068	24567267.39	258495.7167	253779.8722	-4715.844522	
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.07597	0.068	31734716.62	180475.0601	252925.6915	72450.63135	
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.07576	0.068	919855.8652	8378.339915	7138.081514	-1240.258401	
10 Fortis REA Farm	0.0784	0.068	475.1473	0	4.94153192	4.94153192	
					GST	8640.699492	Section 3(3)(c)
Balance Adjustment (\$)						181454.6893	Section 3(3)(c)

Previously Submitted Month:		Section 3(3)(b)					
Rate Class	Regulation Section 3(3)(b)(i)	Act, Section 2(1)(b)	Actual Consumption (kWh)	Previous Deferral Account Amount (\$)	*Recalculation (\$)	Difference (\$)	
1		0.068					
2		0.068					
3		0.068					
4		0.068					
5		0.068					
6		0.068					
					GST		Section 3(3)(c)
Balance Adjustment (\$)							Section 3(3)(c)

C.) **Deferral Account Balance (\$): Net Amount Payable by Province/(Payable by the Owner)** 4675605.919 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

December 20, 2018
Date