

January 31, 2019

Decision 24273-D01-2019

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 – February 2019
Proceeding 24273**

- On January 25, 2019, EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.¹ (EEA) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of February 2019 with the Alberta Utilities Commission. The RRT energy charges apply to the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. service territories.
- 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
- EEA’s proposed energy charges for the month of February 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	7.189	6.800
Small Commercial	7.189	6.800
Lighting	6.159	6.159

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	7.086	6.800
Small Commercial	7.185	6.800
Lighting	5.968	5.968
Farm	7.138	6.800
Irrigation	7.076	6.800
Oil & Gas	7.062	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 February 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 February 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 February 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 February 2019 Deferral Account Statement



Appendix 1 - EEA
February 2019 Defer
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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: Feb-19 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	0.07189	0.068	113904939.5	443090.2146
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.07189	0.068	46670565.63	181548.5003
3 EDTI Lighting	0.06159	0.068	194325.9287	0
4 Fortis Residential	0.07086	0.068	156267446.2	446924.8962
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.07185	0.068	54230685.21	208788.1381
6 Fortis Lighting	0.05968	0.068	480291.9054	0
7 Fortis Farm	0.07138	0.068	38563126.56	130343.3678
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.07076	0.068	119451.2668	329.6854962
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.07062	0.068	787625.4777	2063.578752
			GST	70654.41906
Total - Estimated (\$)				1483742.8

B.) **Recalculation based on actual consumption data**

Previously Submitted Month: Aug-18 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	0.0847	0.068	107797255.3	1784441.143	1800214.164	15773.02084
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.0847	0.068	46154566.43	758609.2459	770781.2593	12172.01345
3 EDTI Lighting	0.04992	0.068	127349.6243	0	0	0
4 Fortis Residential	0.08358	0.068	139044650.2	2140015.575	2166315.65	26300.07477
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.08475	0.068	54053375.95	844043.5406	905394.0472	61350.50658
6 Fortis Lighting	0.05439	0.068	323405.7998	0	0	0
7 Fortis Farm	0.0842	0.068	24879251.96	409254.9865	403043.8818	-6211.104659
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.08133	0.068	17507262.58	158903.753	233371.8101	74468.0571
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.08108	0.068	846738.3992	12710.31504	11075.33826	-1634.976776
10 Fortis REA Farm	0.08428	0.068	776.9108	0	12.64810782	12.64810782
				GST	9111.511971	
				Balance Adjustment (\$)	191341.7514	

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		
				Balance Adjustment (\$)		

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

1675084.552 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

January 31, 2019
Date