

July 30, 2019

Decision 24775-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 – August 2019
Proceeding 24775**

1. On July 25, 2019, EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.¹ (EEA) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of August 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 22357-D01-2018.² 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 2018 to 2021, as approved by the Commission in Decision 22357-D01-2018, Decision 23492-D01-2018,³ Decision 23916-D01-2018,⁴ Decision 24284-D01-2019.⁵

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 22357-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, March 16, 2018.

³ Decision 23492-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing, May 31, 2018.

⁴ Decision 23916-D01-2018: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Application for Amendments to the 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, October 18, 2018.

⁵ Decision 24284-D01-2019: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., Application for Amendment to the 2018-2021 Energy Price Setting Plan, February 21, 2019.

3. EEA's proposed energy charges for the month of August 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	10.191	6.800
Small Commercial	10.191	6.800
Lighting	6.147	6.147

Energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kWh	Energy charge as billed cents/kWh
Residential	10.024	6.800
Small Commercial	10.165	6.800
Lighting	6.638	6.638
Farm	10.099	6.800
Irrigation	9.775	6.800
Oil & Gas	9.746	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 August 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 2018 to 2021 and are applicable to EEA's RRT in the EDTI and Fortis service territories for the month of August 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 August 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. The Commission may, within 30 days of the date of this decision and without notice, correct typographical, spelling and calculation errors and other similar types of errors and post the corrected decision on its website.

(original signed by)

Mark Kolesar
Chair

Attachment

Appendix 1 – EEA August 2019 Deferral Account Statement



Appendix 1- EPCOR
August 2019 Deferral
(consists of 1 page)

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: Aug-19 Section 3(3)(a)

	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 EDTI Residential	0.10191	0.068	102283179.4	3468422.614
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.10191	0.068	44699797.14	1515770.121
3 EDTI Lighting	0.06147	0.068	125408.2933	0
4 Fortis Residential	0.10024	0.068	130866084.2	4219122.555
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.10165	0.068	50409636.05	1696284.253
6 Fortis Lighting	0.06638	0.068	303510.8804	0
7 Fortis Farm	0.10099	0.068	23342375.9	770064.9809
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.09775	0.068	16907068.72	502985.2944
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.09746	0.068	370855.912	10925.41517
			GST	609178.7617
			Total - Estimated (\$)	12792754

B.) Recalculation based on actual consumption data

Previously Submitted Month: Feb-19 Section 3(3)(b)

	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 EDTI Residential	0.07189	0.068	127897059.6	443090.2146	497519.5619	54429.34725
2 EDTI Small Comm	0.07189	0.068	49662549.86	181548.5003	193187.3189	11638.81864
3 EDTI Lighting	0.06159	0.068	194867.5898	0	0	0
4 Fortis Residential	0.07086	0.068	183351621.8	446924.8962	524385.6382	77460.74204
5 Fortis Small Comm	0.07185	0.068	59388223.81	208788.1381	228644.6617	19856.5236
6 Fortis Lighting	0.05968	0.068	463914.2639	0	0	0
7 Fortis Farm	0.07138	0.068	46897856.12	130343.3678	158514.7537	28171.3859
8 Fortis Irrigation	0.07076	0.068	157366.7067	329.6854962	434.3321106	104.6466143
9 Fortis Oil & Gas	0.07062	0.068	950325.8552	2063.578752	2489.853741	426.2749891
10					0	0
					GST	9604.386952
					Balance Adjustment (\$)	201692.126

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)

12994446.12 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

July 30, 2019
Date