

**Electronic Notification**

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**EPCOR ENERGY ALBERTA INC.  
REGULATED RATE OPTION (RRO)  
ELECTRIC ENERGY CHARGES – OCTOBER 2009 AND  
FOURTH QUARTER 2009 NON-ENERGY CHARGE RATES  
APPLICATION NO. 1605475**

1. EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. (EEAI) filed an application on September 24, 2009, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for its energy charges applicable to its Regulated Rate Tariff (RRT) for the month of October 2009. The RRT energy charges are for the EPCOR Distribution and Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) service territories.
2. The Application included a letter from the independent advisor<sup>1</sup> (the Advisor) confirming that the energy charges for October 2009 were calculated in accordance with all aspects of the Energy price Setting Plan (EPSP) for 2006-2011, including the month-ahead portion and the Index Support agreement as approved in Order [U2007-352](#).<sup>2</sup>
3. EEAI's EPSP was approved in Order [U2006-109](#),<sup>3</sup> dated April 28, 2006, an order of the AUC's predecessor, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board). The EPSP formed part of a Negotiated Settlement, which the Board considered would result in rates that were just and reasonable.

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<sup>1</sup> The independent advisor is an independent expert retained by the Consultation Parties and EPCOR to provide advice and assistance as provided in the 2006-2011 energy price setting plan (EPSP).

<sup>2</sup> Order U2007-352 – EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., Amendment to 2006-2011 Energy Price Setting Plan Index Support Agreement (Application 1546917) (Released: December 7, 2007)

<sup>3</sup> Order U2006-109 – EPCOR Energy Inc. and EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., 2006-2011 Regulated Rate Option Energy Price Setting Plan Negotiated Settlement (Applications 1454218 and 1454219) (Released: April 28, 2006)

4. EEAI's proposed energy charges for the month of October 2009 are as follows:

Energy Charges (EDTI Service Territory)

Rate Class	cents/kWh
Residential	5.377
Small Commercial	5.377
Lighting	4.003

Energy Charges (Fortis Service Territory)

Rate Class	cents/kWh
Residential	5.365
Small Commercial	5.361
Lighting	3.819
Farm	5.455
Irrigation	5.067
Oil & Gas	5.300

5. AUC staff members have reviewed the filing with respect to the energy charges and the AUC accepts that the above noted energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with EEAI's EPSP for 2006-2011, including the month-ahead portion and the Index Support Agreement as approved in Order U2007-352. In this Order, the Board approved EEAI's adjustment to its 2006-2011 Regulated Rate Tariff EPSP Index Support Agreement as agreed to by customer parties and the Advisor.

6. In accordance with section 7(3) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, AR 262/2005, as amended, the AUC acknowledges that the energy charges as set out above are applicable to EEAI's RRO service for the month of October 2009.

7. Further, as outlined in sections 7(4) and 7(5) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, EEAI must retain records sufficient to enable the AUC to audit any previous monthly rates set by EEAI. 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 EEAI in a timely manner, and include the nature of their objection and the reason(s) why it should be considered.

9. In the Application, EEAI also filed for acknowledgement the non-energy charges that are applicable to EEAI's RRO service for the fourth quarter of 2009. EEAI indicated that the final non-energy charges, bad debt deferral account true-ups and non-energy true-ups used to calculate the non-energy charges for the third quarter were approved in Decision [2008-063](#),<sup>4</sup> dated July 23, 2008.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 2008-063 – EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., 2007-2009 Regulated Rate Tariff Non-Energy Charge Refiling (Application No. 1573623) (Released: July 23, 2008)

10. EEAI's proposed non-energy charges for the fourth quarter of 2009 are as follows:

**Non-Energy Charges (EDTI Service Territory)**

Rate Class	(\$/Month/Site)
Residential	5.80
Small Commercial	5.07
Lighting	5.43

**Non-Energy Charges (Fortis Service Territory)**

Rate Class	(\$/Month/Site)
Residential	5.59
Small Commercial	7.25
Lighting	5.70
Farm	5.13
Irrigation	4.24
Oil & Gas	-0.66

11. AUC staff members have reviewed the filing with respect to the non-energy charges and the AUC accepts that the above noted non-energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with Decision 2008-063 for the EDTI and Fortis service territories respectively.



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