

DA 2011-0005

June 29, 2011

EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc.
10065 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5J 3B1Attention: Mr. Pawel Stroemich
Manager, Regulated Rate Option and Default Operations**EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc.**
Regulated Rate Tariff
Electric Energy Charges – July 2011
Third Quarter 2011 Non-Energy Charges
Application No. 1607438

1. On June 24, 2011, EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. (EEAI) filed its energy charges applicable to its Regulated Rate Tariff (RRT) for the month of July 2011 with the Alberta Utilities Commission (the AUC or the Commission). The RRT energy charges apply to the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) service territories.
2. The filing included a letter from the independent advisor.¹ The advisor stated that he had reviewed the energy charges filed by EEAI for the month of July 2011, and stated that they were calculated in accordance with all aspects of the Energy Price Setting Plan (EPSP) for 2011 to 2014, as approved in Decision [2011-123](#)² and later amended in Decision [2011-259](#).³
3. EEAI's EPSP, approved in Decision 2011-123 and amended in Decision 2011-259, formed part of a negotiated settlement, which the Commission considered to result in just and reasonable rates.

¹ The advisor assisted in designing the 2006-2011 and the 2011-2014 energy price setting plans (EPSP) and has an ongoing role respecting the procurement of the energy under the protocols established in the EPSP.

² Decision 2011-123: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. Application for Approval of a Settlement Agreement in respect of the 2011-2014 Energy Price Setting Plan, Application No. 1606913, Proceeding ID No. 1032, March 31, 2011.

³ Decision 2011-259: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. Amendment to 2011-2014 Energy Price Setting Plan, Application No. 1607373, Proceeding ID No. 1266, June 15, 2011. In this decision, EEAI request and received approval to amend its 2011-2014 EPSP to: i) clarify the timing of the load forecast used to determine hedging volumes; ii) correct an error in the on-peak price and off-peak price formulae; iii) revise the Target Volume Blocks and the Liquidity Adder Volume and; iv) to revise the backstop protocol.

4. EEAI's proposed energy charges for the month of July 2011 are as follows:

Energy charges (EDTI service territory)

Rate class	cents/kWh
Residential	9.989
Small Commercial	9.989
Lighting	3.917

Energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	cents/kWh
Residential	9.859
Small Commercial	9.951
Lighting	4.072
Farm	9.932
Irrigation	9.466
Oil & Gas	9.424

5. The AUC has reviewed the filing, including the letter from the advisor, and the AUC accepts that the above-noted energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with EEAI's EPSP for 2011-2014, including the month-ahead portion, uplift charges and the Index Support Agreement as approved in Decision 2011-123.

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 RRT in the noted service territories for the month of July 2011.

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. EEAI's proposed non-energy charges for the third quarter of 2011 are as follows:

Non-energy charges (EDTI service territory)

Rate class	(\$/month/site)
Residential	6.67
Small Commercial	7.89
Lighting	6.18

Non-energy charges (Fortis service territory)

Rate class	(\$/month/site)
Residential	7.18
Small Commercial	9.06
Lighting	5.37
Farm	7.22
Irrigation	1.61
Oil & Gas	9.10

10. The AUC has 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 2011-266⁴ for the EDTI and Fortis service territories respectively.



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On behalf of the Alberta Utilities Commission

⁴ Decision 2011-266: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. 2010 -2011 Regulated Rate Tariff Non-Energy Charge Refiling, Application No. 1607017, Proceeding ID. 1079, June 23, 2011.