

February 28, 2019

Decision 24345-D01-2019

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Attention: Ms. Nicole Black  
 Senior Manager, Government and Regulatory Affairs  
 Direct Energy Marketing Limited

**Direct Energy Regulated Services  
 Regulated Rate Tariff  
 Electric Energy Charges – March 2019  
 Proceeding 24345**

- On February 22, 2019, Direct Energy Regulated Services (DERS) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of March 2019 with the Alberta Utilities Commission.
- The filing included an attestation letter from a senior officer of DERS in accordance with the format directed by the Commission in Decision 20459-D01-2015.<sup>1</sup> The attestation letter stated the senior officer had conducted a 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 21295-D01-2017.<sup>2</sup>
- DERS’ proposed energy charges for the month of March 2019 are as follows:

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)
Residential	5.963
Commercial	5.965
Industrial	5.818
Farming (Includes REA)	5.916
Irrigation (Includes REA)	5.760
Oil & Gas	5.803
Lighting	4.718

- As part of its filing and in accordance with the *Rate Cap (Commission Approved Regulated Rate Tariffs) Regulation*, DERS also submitted its deferral account statement for the

<sup>1</sup> Decision 20459-D01-2015: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2014-2018 Energy Price Setting Plan Compliance Filing, Proceeding 20459, December 21, 2015.  
<sup>2</sup> Decision 21295-D01-2017: Direct Energy Regulated Services, 2016-2018 Energy Price Setting Plan Second Compliance Filing, Proceeding 21295, August 30, 2017.

month of March 2019. DERS' energy charges did not exceed the price cap of 6.8 cents/kWh, and therefore, the price cap is not reflected in its energy charges for the month. DERS stated that its deferral account was calculated considering only 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 DERS' EPSP for 2016 to 2018.

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

*(original signed by)*

Mark Kolesar  
Chair

Attachment

## Appendix 1 – DERS March 2019 Deferral Account Statement



Appendix 1 - DERS  
March 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: Mar-19 Section 3(3)(a)

Rate Class	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 Residential	0.05963	0.068	52923990	0
2 Commercial	0.05965	0.068	20307596	0
3 Industrial	0.05818	0.068	2898785	0
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.05916	0.068	23730779	0
5 Irrigation	0.0576	0.068	446	0
6 Oil & Gas	0.05803	0.068	369187	0
7 Lighting	0.04718	0.068	164937	0
			GST	0
			<b>Total - Estimated (\$)</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Previously Submitted Month: Sep-18 Section 3(3)(b)

Rate Class	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 Residential	0.08472	0.068	40671270.52	753073.6154	680023.6431	-73049.97226
2 Commercial	0.08435	0.068	18048630.22	277104.3944	295095.1042	17990.70981
3 Industrial	0.08221	0.068	2384575.37	34851.19022	33884.81601	-966.3742066
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.08463	0.068	17481801	267302.2052	290722.3482	23420.14296
5 Irrigation (excl REA)	0.08067	0.068	141807.6498	1779.91961	1796.702923	16.78331297
6 Oil & Gas	0.08116	0.068	193870.1677	2460.30148	2551.331407	91.02992693
7 Lighting	0.06059	0.068	143774.2223	0	0	0
					GST	-1624.884023
					<b>Balance Adjustment (\$)</b>	<b>-34122.56448</b>

Previously Submitted Month:                      Section 3(3)(b)

1		0.068			0	0
2		0.068			0	0
3		0.068			0	0
4		0.068			0	0
5		0.068			0	0
6		0.068			0	0
					GST	0
					<b>Balance Adjustment (\$)</b>	<b>0</b>

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

-34122.56448 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

February 28, 2019  
Date