

April 29, 2019

Decision 24531-D01-2019

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Attention: Ms. Nicole Black
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 Direct Energy Marketing Limited

**Direct Energy Regulated Services
 Regulated Rate Tariff
 Electric Energy Charges – May 2019
 Proceeding 24531**

- On April 24, 2019, Direct Energy Regulated Services (DERS) filed its energy charges applicable to its regulated rate tariff (RRT) for the month of May 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-D01-2015.¹ 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-D01-2017.²
- DERS’ proposed energy charges for the month of May 2019 are as follows:

Rate class	Energy charge as calculated cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)
Residential	6.215
Commercial	6.176
Industrial	6.021
Farming (Includes REA)	6.165
Irrigation (Includes REA)	5.952
Oil & Gas	5.994
Lighting	4.331

- 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

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

month of May 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 May 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.

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 – DERS May 2019 Deferral Account Statement



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May 2019 Deferral Ac
(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: May-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	0.06215	0.068	44211928	0
2 Commercial	0.06176	0.068	17745735	0
3 Industrial	0.06021	0.068	2478510	0
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.06165	0.068	15167970	0
5 Irrigation	0.05952	0.068	85291	0
6 Oil & Gas	0.05994	0.068	394046	0
7 Lighting	0.04331	0.068	113588	0
			GST	0
Total - Estimated (\$)				0

B.) Recalculation based on actual consumption data

Previously Submitted Month: Nov-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	0.06878	0.068	49,998,389.40	44506.86864	38998.74373	-5508.124907
2 Commercial	0.06846	0.068	21,654,008.74	9296.4528	9960.844019	664.3912187
3 Industrial	0.06699	0.068	3,148,396.34	0	0	0
4 Farming (excl REA)	0.06854	0.068	25,097,223.94	13614.3747	13552.50093	-61.87377283
5 Irrigation (excl REA)	0.06604	0.068	0	0	0	0
6 Oil & Gas	0.06665	0.068	295,084.94	0	0	0
7 Lighting	0.05862	0.068	199,676.11	0	0	0
					GST	-245.2803731
Balance Adjustment (\$)						-5150.887834

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
Balance Adjustment (\$)						0

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

-5150.887834 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

April 29, 2019
Date