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1 Decision summary

1. In this decision, the Alberta Utilities Commission approves EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.'s (EEA) updated 2024 interim regulated rate tariff (RRT) non-energy rates, effective April 1, 2024.

2 Introduction

2. On September 28, 2023, EEA applied to the Commission requesting approval of its 2023-2025 RRT non-energy rates. The application proposed non-energy rates that would cover EEA's forecasted expenses for administering the RRT. These expenses exclude costs associated with the procurement of energy. The Commission set a process for the application that allowed EEA and interveners to enter negotiations. On February 9, 2024, EEA submitted a partial Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) to the Commission for approval.¹ The NSA resolved all matters of EEA's 2023-2025 RRT non-energy rates application except for the recovery of credit costs (Section 3.2.2 of the application). The Commission has yet to approve the NSA.

3. Following the submission of the partial NSA, EEA requested approval from the Commission to update its 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates. EEA's current 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates² are the same as its 2023 interim RRT non-energy rates,³ which are an extension of EEA's 2022 final RRT non-energy rates.⁴ The updated 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates are based on the results of the yet to be approved NSA.

3 Updated 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates

4. The updated interim RRT non-energy rates were derived using the 2024 rates submitted in the 2023-2025 RRT non-energy rates application, less the revenue requirement adjustments agreed to in the NSA, less the credit cost revenue requirement, and correcting for errors and omissions from the non-energy application, as identified in the NSA. The updated interim rates apply to regulated rate option (RRO) customers in the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc.(EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. service territories.

5. The proposed updated 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates are included in Table 1.

¹ Exhibit 28457-X0118.

² In Exhibit 28457-X0109, issued on December 21, 2023, the Commission confirmed that the 2023 interim non-energy rates would remain in effect into 2024.

³ The 2023 interim non-energy rates were approved in Decision 27773-D01-2022: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2023 Interim Regulated Rate Tariff Application, Proceeding 27773, December 8, 2022.

⁴ The 2022 final non-energy rates were approved in Decision 27305-D01-2022: EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., 2021-2022 Regulated Rate Tariff Refiling Application, Proceeding 27305, May 17, 2022.

Table 1. Current and proposed 2024 interim EEA RRT non-energy rates, by service territory pursuant to the NSA

Customer class	Service territory	2024 currently approved interim non-energy rate	2024 proposed, updated interim non-energy rate
		(\$/day/site)	
Residential	EDTI	0.206	0.223
Small commercial	EDTI	0.203	0.256
Security lights	EDTI	0.193	0.190
Residential	Fortis	0.211	0.227
Farm	Fortis	0.194	0.201
Irrigation	Fortis	0.159	0.182
Small commercial	Fortis	0.247	0.310
Oil and gas	Fortis	1.017	2.062
Lighting	Fortis	0.199	0.194

6. EEA requested that the current 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates be updated because of its recent large reductions in RRO site counts. EEA's current interim RRT non-energy rates use revenue requirements and RRO site count data from 2022, which is outdated. EEA contended that, as a result, the RRT non-energy rates have become materially lower than the forecast 2024 rates agreed to in the NSA. It stated that if this discrepancy continues, it will require a large true-up to settle the balances between the interim and final RRT non-energy rates. The updated 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates would mitigate some impact to customers when the true-up occurs.⁵

7. The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) submitted comments that supported adopting the updated 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates.⁶ The Consumers' Coalition of Alberta did not submit comments.

Commission findings

8. The Commission approves the 2024 proposed, updated interim RRT non-energy rates as set out in Table 1 above, effective April 1, 2024, on an interim refundable basis. The Commission agrees with EEA and the UCA that the current 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates are outdated and lower than the 2024 rates forecast in the NSA. Although the Commission has not ruled on the final rates for 2024, it finds that an increase to the current interim 2024 RRT non-energy rates is reasonable given the changes (RRO site counts and revenue requirements) that have occurred since 2022. The Commission notes that the impact of the increase in the 2024 interim RRT non-energy rates for residential customers is approximately \$0.50 per month.⁷ The Commission considers this increase will not result in rate shock for customers and will help reduce the amount of the true-up required when the final RRT non-energy rates are approved for 2024.

⁵ Exhibit 28457-X0124, PDF page 5, paragraph 7.

⁶ Exhibit 28457-X0129.

⁷ EDTI residential customer rates increase by \$0.017 per site per day (\$0.223 - \$0.206). \$0.223 * 31 days in a month is a charge of \$6.91. \$0.206 * 31 days is a charge of \$6.39. Increase is \$0.52, which is an 8.1 per cent increase in the non-energy portion of the residential customer bill. Fortis residential customer rates increase by \$0.016 per site per day (\$0.227 - \$0.211). \$0.227 * 31 days in a month is a charge of \$7.04. \$0.211 * 31 days is a charge of \$6.54. Increase is \$0.50, which is a 7.6 per cent increase in the non-energy portion of the residential customer bill.

4 Order

9. It is hereby ordered that:

- (1) The updated 2024 interim regulated rate tariff non-energy rates for EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc., as set out in Table 1 of this decision, are approved, effective April 1, 2024.
- (2) The regulated rate tariff price schedules for EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. as set out in [Appendix 2](#) and [Appendix 3](#) for the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. and FortisAlberta Inc. service areas, respectively, and attached to this decision, are approved on an interim basis, effective April 1, 2024.

Dated on March 14, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

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Vera Slawinski
Panel Chair

(original signed by)

Vincent Kostas
Acting Commission Member

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Price Schedule Applicable to Regulated Rate Tariff Customers within the City of Edmonton

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Residential Service

Applicable:

1. Available to regulated rate customers within the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (“EDTI”) service area. Residential service is only available to single-phase service at secondary voltage through a single meter and for normal use by a single and separate household. This rate applies to all residential rate customers who obtain service pursuant to the EDTI Distribution Tariff. Not applicable to any commercial or industrial use.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.223 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
EDTI Riders ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the EDTI Tariff

Regulations:

2. Service under all EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.’s (“EEA”) Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

¹ Rates subject to change monthly. For current rate information go <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by EDTI, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Commercial Service

Applicable:

3. Available to each separate electrical service, within the EDTI service area, which is not eligible for residential or lighting service and for which total annual consumption of electric energy is forecast by EDTI to be less than 250 megawatt hours of electric energy at the site with a single or three-phase electric service at secondary voltage. This rate applies to all commercial customers which obtain service pursuant to the EDTI Distribution Tariff.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.256 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
EDTI Riders ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the EDTI Tariff

Regulations:

4. Service under all EEA’s Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

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² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by EDTI, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Lighting Service

Applicable:

5. Available to existing lighting service customers within the EDTI service area. This price is not available to new services. This rate applies to all lighting service customers who obtain service pursuant to the EDTI Distribution Tariff and whose annual consumption at the site is forecast by EDTI to be less than 250 megawatts of electric energy.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.190 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
EDTI Riders ³	As per the EDTI Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the EDTI Tariff

Regulations:

6. Service under all EEA’s Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

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² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by EDTI, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Miscellaneous Fees & Credits

1. **Expedited Connection Charge**

An Expedited Connection Charge is applied as follows:

- a) Three business days notice is required prior to the service being transferred to the responsibility of the new Customer. Expedited service is available at an additional charge of \$10.00.
- b) Where a service exists but has been physically turned off at the time of application, three business days notice is required. Expedited service is available at an additional fee of \$24.00

2. **Reconnection of Service**

The fee for reconnection of service after cut-off for non-payment of account is \$41.00.

3. **Dishonoured Payment Charge**

Where a customer's payment is not honoured by the customer's bank or financial institution, a charge of \$25 will apply for each such payment received by EEA.

4. **Collection Fee**

Where EEA delivers a "Turn-Off Notice" to a customer due to non-payment of amounts owing, a collection fee of \$15.00 will be applied to the customer's account.

5. **Cost Recovery Charges**

For miscellaneous service request including providing historical data and other record searches, the charge will be based on the estimated cost of providing the service.

6. **Customer Notification Fee**

Where a customer fails to notify EEA that they have taken possession of a site and EEA is required to undertake an investigation to identify the customer, a fee of \$20.00 will be applied to the customer's account.

7. **E-Bill Credit**

This E-Bill Credit will be applied to customers who have elected to be billed electronically. The credit will be applied to the customer's account only where the customer will be charged an Administration Charge for the billing period. The amount of the credit will be prorated based on the number of days in the billing period for which the customer is on electronic billing and will not exceed \$0.96 per bill.

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Price Schedule Applicable to Regulated Rate Tariff Customers Outside the City of Edmonton

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Residential Service

Applicable:

1. Available to residential regulated rate customers within the FortisAlberta Inc. (“Fortis”) service area. Residential service is only available to individually metered single family dwelling units that are used for domestic purposes only. This rate applies to all residential rate customers who obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff. Not applicable to any commercial or industrial use.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.227 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

2. Service under all EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc.’s (“EEA”) Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

¹ Rates subject to change monthly. For current rate information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by Fortis, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Commercial Service

Applicable:

3. Available to Customers, within the Fortis service area that are not eligible for any of the other Regulated Rate Tariff Rate Classifications and are served directly by the Fortis Distribution System that are eligible for the Regulated Rate Tariff. This rate applies to all commercial customers who obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff and whose annual consumption at the site is forecast by Fortis to be less than 250 megawatts of electric energy.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.310 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

4. Service under all EEA’s Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

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² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by Fortis, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule**Lighting Service****Applicable:**

5. Available to lighting services that are within the Fortis service area. This rate applies to all street and yard lighting service customers which obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff and whose annual consumption at the site is forecast by Fortis to be less than 250 megawatts of electric energy.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.194 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

6. Service under all EEA’s Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

¹ Rates subject to change monthly. For current rate information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-commercial-power-rates.aspx>

² Administration charges subject to change. For current administration charge information go to <https://www.epcor.com/products-services/power/rates-tariffs-fees/Pages/regulated-residential-power-rates.aspx>

³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. (“EEA”) is billed by Fortis, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule**Farm Service****Applicable:**

7. Available to Customers in rural areas within the Fortis service area who are involved in a farming operation. This rate applies to all farm rate classification customers who obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.201 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

8. Service under all EEA's Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

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³ Shall be the amounts, either actual or estimated, that EPCOR Energy Alberta GP Inc. ("EEA") is billed by Fortis, for the site, for the applicable billing period.

Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule**Irrigation Service****Applicable:**

9. Available to customers within the Fortis service area who have individually metered motors driving irrigation pumps that operate only in the irrigation season. This rate applies to all irrigation rate classification customers who obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	0.182 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

10. Service under all EEA's Rates, Charges and Riders is subject to the Regulated Rate Tariff Terms and Conditions as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission.

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Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

Oil and Gas Service

Applicable:

11. Available to oil and natural gas field metered or unmetered services, within the Fortis service area, that normally require less than 75 kW. These services include pumping and related operations such as rectifiers, cathodic protection, radio transmitters, and water pumping services. This rate applies to all oil and gas service customers who obtain service pursuant to the Fortis Distribution Tariff and whose annual consumption at the site is forecast by Fortis to be less than 250 megawatts of electric energy.

Price:

Energy Charge	• (cents/kWh) ¹
Administration Charge	2.062 (\$/Day/Site) ²
System Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Distribution Access Service Charge ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Fortis Riders ³	As per the Fortis Tariff
Local Access Fee ³	As per the Fortis Tariff

Regulations:

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Regulated Rate Tariff – Price Schedule

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5. **Cost Recovery Charges**

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