

April 25, 2024

Alberta Utilities Commission 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 10055 – 106 St. Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2Y2

Attention: Mr. Chris Arnot Director, Retail Energy and Water

Dear Mr. Arnot:

## Re: Direct Energy Regulated Services Regulated Rate Tariff Transition Rate for May 2024

Direct Energy Regulated Services (DERS) is filing with the Alberta Utilities Commission (Commission or AUC) Regulated Rate Tariff (RRT) rates for May 2024 for the service territory of ATCO Electric Ltd (ATCO).

The May 2024 rates have been developed in accordance with DERS' 2023-2025 Energy Price Setting Plan ("EPSP") as approved by the Commission in Decision 27950-D01-2023. The derivations of these rates are detailed in the attached supporting schedules. DERS has also attached a Director Attestation Letter and Trader Attestation Letters. The Director Attestation Letter states that the rates have been calculated in accordance with DERS' EPSP. The Trader Attestation Letters assert that, to the best of the RRO trader's or backup trader's knowledge, the "RRO-related information" contained in Confidential Schedule "E" of the EPSP has not been disclosed to any party that has not signed Appendix "G.1" of the EPSP, the Procurement Conduct Agreement. DERS is submitting its confidential report as part of this filing and requesting the confidential treatment granted in the Commission's confidentiality ruling in Proceeding 27562, Exhibit 27562-X0017.

The Regulated Rate Option Stability Act ("RROSA") enacted a limit of 13.5 cents per kilowatt hour ("kWh") on the energy charge component of RRO rates for the months of January, February and March 2023. For these months, DERS' calculated energy charges exceeded the limit for all rate classes. Accordingly, DERS seeks approval of recovery charges by rate class in accordance with Section 4.4(2) of the RROSA and Section 2 of the Regulated Rate Option Stability Regulation ("RROSR"). DERS has included the statement that is required under Section 2 of the RROSR and it can be found in the attachment named "2024 Rate Cap Workbook – DERS RRT May 2024" within which the forecast recovery charge has been calculated for May 2024. Furthermore, as per the regulation, DERS has calculated different rates for each of the REAs it serves and has included them for information purposes in the table below. The following table summarizes the rates for which DERS seeks approval, along with the REA rates (which are provided for information purposes only):

	Calculated	Recovery	Applied for
Rate Class	Energy Charge	Charge	Energy Charge
	(cents/kWh)	(cents/kWh)	(cents/kWh)
Residential	7.655	3.146	10.801
	7.602	2.977	10.579
Commercial			
Industrial	7.404	2.081	9.485
Farm	7.588	4.898	12.486
Irrigation	7.303	0.000	7.303
Oil & Gas	7.357	6.265	13.622
Lighting	5.245	3.162	8.407
Farm - REA			
Beaver REA	7.588	4.662	12.250
Borradaile REA	7.588	4.821	12.409
Braes REA	7.588	4.414	12.002
Claysmore REA	7.588	5.708	13.296
Devonia REA	7.588	4.391	11.979
Heart River	7.588	3.246	10.834
Kneehill REA	7.588	4.507	12.095
Mackenzie REA	7.588	3.723	11.311
Myrnam REA	7.588	3.991	11.579
Zawale REA	7.588	3.091	10.679

DERS notes that it has removed its forecast REA volumes based on the information provided in the attachment named "DERS REA Forecast Volumes May 2024".

Additionally, DERS has included the calculation of the energy return margin in its rate book "Inputs" tab as approved in paragraph 18 of Decision 27950-D01-2023 and it has updated the numbers based on DERS' 2022 Rule 005 RRT annual report.

Attached for the Commission's acknowledgement is DERS' Rider "P" Energy Charge Schedule applicable to Rates E1 through E7 for May 2024. DERS has also attached the Rider "P (REA)" Energy Charge Schedule applicable to REA farm and irrigation service.

Should you require additional information please contact the undersigned at 403-463-3520.

Yours truly,

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