

United Energy Tariff Criteria 2015



Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a brief description of the current (open) and sunset (closed) tariffs. Each tariff has been nominated as open or closed.

Current (open) tariffs are available to new and existing installations while sunset (closed) tariffs are only available to existing premises currently supplied under these tariffs.

2015 Default Network Tariffs for New Connections:

LVS1R - Low voltage small 1 rate (Open):

- This tariff is available to new connections
- Customers must consume <20 MWh/pa.
- Includes a summer and non-summer peak energy charge.
- Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during summer months. Usage during non-summer is cheaper.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.
- Where the customer is residential with an AMI meter installed, tariff re-assignment rules apply as per section 8.2.3 and section 8.3 of the 2015 UE Tariff Proposal.

LVM1R - Low voltage medium 1 rate (Open):

- This tariff is available to new connections.
- Customers must consume between 20 and 400 MWh/pa.
- Includes a summer and non-summer peak energy charge.
- Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during summer months. Usage during non-summer is cheaper.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.
- Once on this tariff, non-residential customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.

LVDED - Dedicated circuit (Open):

- This tariff is only available in conjunction with the LVS1R tariff for new connections.
- Customer must have a dedicated circuit connected to a controlled electric hot water service and/or storage space heating.
- Requires a separately metered dedicated circuit controlled by UE by means of time switch or other means.
- Is a dedicated off peak charge that applies for a maximum of 8 hours during the off peak period.

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- The Off Peak period is 11pm to 7am local time.
- All controlled load is controlled by the meter. Note, if there are any controlled load boosts during peak periods, these will be charged the peak tariff rate.
- This tariff is not available to New Customers with embedded generation or Existing Customers that install embedded generation.

TOD - Time of Day (Open):

- Customers to consume <20MWh/annum
- Requires an interval meter.
- Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods (3pm-11pm Local Time workdays).
- Non-Summer Peak energy charge is lower than Summer Peak energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Includes a seasonal shoulder energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the shoulder periods (7am-3pm Local Time workdays).
- Non-Summer shoulder energy charge is lower than Summer Shoulder energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Off-peak energy is all day weekends and public holidays and 11pm to 7am Local Time workdays. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.
- Includes a daily Standing Charge
- Where the customer is residential with an AMI meter installed, tariff re-assignment rules apply as per section 8.2.3 and section 8.3 of the 2015 UE Tariff Proposal.

TOD9 - Time of Day off peak starts at 9pm (Open):

- Customers to consume <20MWh/annum
- Requires an interval meter.
- Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods (3pm-9pm Local Time workdays).
- Non-Summer Peak energy charge is lower than Summer Peak energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Includes a seasonal shoulder energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the shoulder periods (7am-3pm Local Time workdays).
- Non-Summer shoulder energy charge is lower than Summer Shoulder energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Off-peak energy is all day weekends and public holidays and 9pm to 7am Local Time workdays. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.

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- Includes a daily Standing Charge
- Where the customer is residential with an AMI meter installed, tariff re-assignment rules apply as per section 8.2.3 and section 8.3 of the 2015 UE Tariff Proposal.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

TODFLEX: Time of Day Flexible (Open):

- Customers must be Residential.
- Requires an AMI meter.
- Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods. The peak energy period is between 3pm and 9pm Local Time workdays inclusive of public holidays on weekdays.
- Non-Summer Peak energy charge is lower than Summer Peak energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Includes a seasonal shoulder energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the shoulder periods. Shoulder energy is 7am-3pm and 9pm-10pm Local Time workdays including public holidays, and 7am-10pm local time on weekends.
- Non-Summer shoulder energy charge is lower than Summer Shoulder energy charge to encourage heating usage.
- Off-peak energy is 10pm to 7am Local Time workdays including public holidays and weekends. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.
- Includes a daily Standing Charge
- Tariff re-assignment rules apply as per section 8.2.3 and section 8.3 of the 2015 UE Tariff Proposal.
- Summer is defined as the commencement of daylight savings (early October) to the finish of daylight savings (early April).

TOU - Time of Use (Open):

- Customers must consume >20 and <400MWh/annum.
- Requires an interval meter.
- Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods (7am-11pm Local Time workdays).
- Off-peak energy is all day weekends and public holidays and 11pm to 7am Local Time workdays. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.
- Includes a Summer Demand Incentive Charge measured at maximum kW per billing period between 2pm and 7pm local time workdays in summer. This empowers customers to make savings by altering the time of use of their consumption away from 2pm to 7pm Local Time workdays in summer.
- Once on this tariff, non-residential customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

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LVkVATOU - Low voltage large KVA time of use (Open):

- Customers must be in "large" category (>400MWh and/or >150KVA).
- Must have an Interval meter measuring kW and kVar.
- Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods (7am-7pm Local Time workdays).
- Includes a Summer Demand Incentive Charge (measured as kVA at maximum kW per billing period). This empowers customers to make savings by altering the time of use of their consumption away from 3pm to 6pm Local Time workdays in summer.
- Off-peak energy is all day weekends and public holidays and 7pm to 7am Local Time workdays. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.
- The peak rolling demand is 7am - 7pm Local Time workdays and is measured as kVA at maximum kW. The minimum rolling demand applicable is 150 kVA.
- Once on this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

HVKVATOU - High voltage KVA time of use (Open):

- Customers must be in "large" category (>400MWh and/or >150KVA).
- Must have an Interval meter measuring kW and kVar Includes a seasonal peak energy charge. Customers can make savings by reducing their energy consumption during the peak periods (7am-7pm Local Time workdays).
- Includes a Summer Demand Incentive Charge (measured as kVA at maximum kW per billing period). This empowers customers to make savings by altering the time of use of their consumption away from 3pm to 6pm Local Time workdays in summer.
- Off-peak energy is all day weekends and public holidays and 7pm to 7am Local Time workdays. Usage during off peak times is cheaper than peak times.
- The peak rolling demand is 7am - 7pm Local Time workdays and is measured as kVA at maximum kW. The minimum rolling demand applicable is 1150 kVA.
- Once on this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months. .
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

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RESKWTOU - Seasonal Demand Time of Use Residential (Open from 1/7/2015):

- Customers must be Residential.
- Requires an AMI meter.
- Available from July 2015 for customers without a dedicated circuit meter configuration.
- Available from November 2015 for customers with a dedicated circuit meter configuration, connected to a controlled electric hot water service and/or storage space heating. The RESKWTOU tariff will apply for all consumption.
- No standing charge.
- Summer demand charge (1st December to 31st March) based on monthly maximum demand between 3pm and 9pm local time. No distinction between workday and non-workday. Minimum chargeable demand of 1.5KW.
- Non summer demand charge (1st April to 30th November) based on monthly maximum demand occurring between 3pm and 9pm local time. No distinction between workday and non-workday. Minimum chargeable demand of 1.5KW.
- Tariff specification makes provision for differential energy rates for peak, shoulder and off peak periods (as per TODFLEX). However, initial rate will be a single rate common to all periods.
- Tariff re-assignment rules apply as per section 8.2.3 and section 8.3 of the 2015 UE Tariff Proposal.

UNMET – Unmetered supplies (Open):

- Only available to unmetered supplies.
- Includes a summer and non-summer peak energy charge.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.
- The Off Peak period is 11pm to 7am EST.

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Network options for newly connecting small customers <20MWh pa

Subject to the commencement of the Government flexible pricing policy, for residential customers:

During the transitional period until the end of 2015, a retailer is able to offer a residential customer a choice of network tariffs within the respective tariff class.

Where a default tariff is applied and the retailer wishes to move to a different network tariff within the tariff class this may occur at any time

Change of network tariff will be prospective. Limited retrospectivity may be sought to align to a retail transfer.

For customers who use less than 20MWh per annum, the default and optional tariff combinations for new connections are detailed below.

All new connections and replacement meters will use an AMI interval meter.

Default and Tariff Options

	Default UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2015	Optional UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2015 if requested*
New connections (no solar)		
- Standard	LVS1R	TOD TOD9 TODFLEX RESKWTOU*
- Plus hot water and or slab	LVS1R + Ded	TOD TOD9 TODFLEX RESKWTOU* LVS1R
New Connections (Solar)		
- Standard	TOD9	TOD TODFLEX RESKWTOU* LVS1R
- Plus hot water and or slab	TOD9	TOD TODFLEX RESKWTOU* LVS1R

*RESKWTOU available from 1st July 2015

NB: Where a customer is not residential, a new connection must remain on the initial network tariff for a minimum of 12 consecutive months unless there is a load or connection characteristic change.

Until the end of 2015, a retailer may select the network tariff for residential customers. Where a default tariff is applied and the retailer wishes to move to a different network tariff within the tariff class for a residential customer, a prospective network tariff change will be allowed.

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Whilst the 12 month reversion rule has been relaxed for residential customers from the commencement of the Government's flexible pricing policy, UE reserves its right to reject a tariff change request where there appears to be retailers performing "mass" changes with a view to tariff arbitrage.

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Network options for newly connecting medium customers >20MWh pa and <400MWh per annum

For customers who use between 20-400 MWh per annum, the default and optional tariff combinations for new connections are detailed below:

Default Tariff Option

	Default UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2015	Optional UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2015 if requested
New connections (no Solar)		
- Standard	LVM1R	TOU
New Connections (Solar)		
- Standard	TOU	LVM1R*

Further information on the above tariffs and tariff eligibility is provided in the following section.

* TODFLEX and RESKWTOU tariffs are applicable to residential customers only with an AMI meter. On occasion, a residential customer may consume greater than 20MWh. In these cases, these customers are deemed "medium" but can remain eligible for either tariff.

Tariff Reassignment for Existing Customers

Meter Type	<20MWh	>20MWh
Basic	LVS1R	LVM1R
Interval	LVS1R TOD TOD9	LVM1R TOU
AMI	LVS1R TOD TOD9 TODFLEX (residential only) RESKWTOU	LVM1R TOU TODFLEX (residential only) RESKWTOU (residential only)
Solar	LVS1R TOD TOD9 TODFLEX (residential only with AMI enabled meter) RESKWTOU	LVM1R TOU TODFLEX (residential only with AMI enabled meter) RESKWTOU (residential only)

NB: Where solar metering exists, customers may be on Feed in Schemes (TFIT or PFIT). In these cases, a prefix of 'T' or 'F' will precede the tariff e.g. TOU becomes TTOU or FTOU.

UE's network tariffs contain summer and non-summer components. To avoid tariff arbitrage, an existing non-residential customer must remain on a re-assigned/assigned network tariff for a minimum of 12 consecutive months unless there is a load or connection characteristic change. It is important that customers speak to retailers to ensure they are well informed about retail and network tariff offerings.

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Guidelines specific to the introduction of Government flexible pricing policy (TODFLEX);

- Applies to residential customers with an AMI meter.
- During the transitional period until the end of 2015, a retailer is able to offer a residential customer a choice of network tariffs within the respective tariff class. There will be no limit on the number of reversions.

During the safe try period, from the commencement date of the flexible pricing policy until 31 March 2015, a residential customer may request their retailer;

- if there has been no change of retailer from the commencement date, to revert from TODFLEX back to the customers previous legacy network tariff (this can include reversion to a closed tariff).
- where there has been a change of retailer (or change of customer at the premises) revert from TODFLEX (or any residential tariff) back to an open network tariff.

Change of network tariff will be prospective. Limited retrospectivity may be sought to align to a retail transfer.

Whilst the 12 month reversion rule has been relaxed for residential customers from the commencement of the Government's flexible pricing policy, UE reserves its right to reject a tariff change request where there appears to be tariff arbitrage.

Jurisdictional Scheme: Feed in Tariff schemes

The Victorian Government introduced a premium feed in tariff policy in November 2009. A premium feed in tariff (PFIT) was available to residential and commercial customers consuming less than 100 MWh/annum who installed up to 5 kW of solar panels and had net interval metering. However, upon reaching 100MW of installed solar capacity across Victoria in November 2011, the Minister declared the end of the scheme. As a replacement, the Government introduced the Transitional Feed in Tariff (TFIT). The TFIT scheme closed as at 31 December 2012, and there is no new Distributor administered scheme to replace PFIT/TFIT.

Retailers provide a feed in tariff of a minimum of 8cents/KWh to customers installing solar PV under the 'Standard' feed in tariff (SFIT) scheme.

A summary of the feed in tariff schemes appears in the table below.

Scheme	Open	Closed	Scheme end	Feed in rate	Rebate Administered by
PFIT	1/11/2009	29/12/2011	1/11/2024	60 c/KWh	Distributor
TFIT	1/01/2012	31/12/2012	31/12/2016	25 c/KWh	Distributor
SFIT				8 c/KWh (Minimum)	Retailer funded

2015 Network Tariffs Closed to New Connections (only available to existing premises currently supplied under these tariffs):

LVS2R - Low voltage small 2 rate (closed)

- Customers must be residential.
- Two rate non Demand tariff. Peak energy measured between 7am and 11pm EST weekdays.
- Off peak energy measured between 11pm and 7am EST weekdays and all day weekends.
- Includes a summer and non-summer peak energy charge.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.
- Closed to New Connections.

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WET2Step - Winter Energy Tariff (closed)

- Customers must consume < 70 MWh or < 20 KVA per annum.
- Includes a summer and non-summer peak energy charge.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.
- Non summer peak energy is charged within the following blocks:

Step 1 <=1020kwh/Quarter
Step 2 >1020kwh/Quarter

- Closed to New Connections.

LVM2R5D - Low voltage medium 2 rate 5 day (closed)

- Two rate non Demand tariff.
- Peak energy measured between 7am and 11pm EST weekdays.
- Off peak energy measured between 11pm and 7am EST weekdays and all day weekends.
- Closed to New Connections.

LVM2R7D - Low voltage medium 2 rate 7 day (closed)

- Two rate non Demand tariff.
- Peak energy measured between 7am and 11pm EST.
- Off peak energy measured between 11pm and 7am EST.
- Closed to New Connections.

LVkWTOU - Low voltage KW time of use (closed)

- Customers must consume < 400 MWh or < 150 KVA per annum.
- Summer Demand (SDIC) measured between 3pm and 6pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 November to 31 March.
- Summer Peak Energy is energy consumed between 7am and 7pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 November to 31 March.
- Non Summer Peak Energy is energy consumed between 7am and 7pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 April to 31 October.
- Off Peak Energy is energy consumed from 7pm to 7am local time weekdays and all day weekends and public holidays.
- Closed to New Connections.

LVkWTOUH - Low voltage KW time of use – HOT (closed)

- Same as tariff **LVkWTOU** except SDIC only applies to days when Melbourne's maximum temperature is forecast to be equal or more than 30 deg C (Melbourne maximum daily temperature forecast in "The Age" on the day in question).
- Closed to New Connections.

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LVL1R - Low voltage large 1 rate (closed)

- One rate whether one or two registers or one or two meters.
- Closed to New Connections.

LVL2R - Low voltage large 2 rate (closed)

- Two rate non Demand tariff.
- Peak energy measured between 11pm and 7am EST.
- Off peak energy measured between 11pm and 7am EST.
- Closed to New Connections.

LVkVATOH - Low voltage large KVA time of use – HOT (closed)

- Same as tariff **LVkVATOU** except SDIC only applies to days when Melbourne's maximum temperature is forecast to be equal or more than 30 deg C (Melbourne maximum daily temperature forecast in "The Age" on the day in question).
- Closed to New Connections.

HVkVATOH - High voltage KVA time of use – HOT (closed)

- Same as tariff **HVkVATOU** except SDIC only applies to days when Melbourne's maximum temperature is forecast to be equal or more than 30 deg C (Melbourne maximum daily temperature forecast in "The Age" on the day in question).
- Closed to New Connections.

SubTkVATOU - Subtransmission KVA time of use (closed)

- Customers must consume > 400 MWh or > 150 KVA per annum.
- Demand Tariff - Minimum chargeable rolling demand 11,100 KVA.
- Rolling Peak Demand measured between 7am to 7pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays.
- Summer Demand (SDIC) measured between 3pm and 6pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 November to 31 March.
- Summer Peak Energy is energy consumed between 7am and 7pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 November to 31 March.
- Non Summer Peak Energy is energy consumed between 7am and 7pm local time weekdays excluding public holidays from 1 April to 31 October.
- Off Peak Energy is energy consumed from 7pm to 7am local time weekdays and all day weekends and public holidays.
- Closed to New Connections.