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your energy costs**

New staff

Energy Intelligence is pleased to welcome Rahul Mediratta, Umesh Goonawardena and Maciej Milczarek to the team.

Rahul joins as an Energy Consultant. He has an extensive sales background and has quickly found his feet in the energy industry.

Umesh is our Data Administrator and brings with him significant industry experience with TRU Energy and Select Solutions metering (DMS).

Maciej is our new Energy Analyst. Maciej has previously worked as an Account Manager for Utilacor and has significant knowledge regarding network tariffs, procurement and the energy market.

Christmas Hours

We are closed between Monday 26 December and Friday 6 January.

We wish everyone a happy holiday season and will talk to you soon in the New Year

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New Victorian network tariffs 2012

This week the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) approved new network tariffs for Victoria effective 1 January 2012. The table on the right is a broad summary of the rate increases.

Networks maintain and build the infrastructure between the national transmission grid and your property. Their charges are listed separately on your power bill and are passed through by your electricity retailer. As a monopoly, their revenue is regulated by the AER, which is part of the ACCC.

While the carbon tax generates a lot of heat in the media, it is often overlooked that network charges can be 50%+ of your total bill. Furthermore, this year's increases follow years of steady uplift in network charges. It has long been identified that network charges have been the main driver of price increases over the last few years.

What is being done? The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) is in the process of reviewing the rules around network price regulation – however we expect this to be a slow process. In the short term, Energy Intelligence can help mitigate the increase by reviewing your network tariffs to ensure you are on the most appropriate tariff. **Please contact us to discuss your options.**

Citipower

Melbourne CBD

Increases of approximately 20 to 30%. Significant increases in off-peak rates, demand increases below average (although still significant at around 11%).

Powercor

Western Victoria

Increases of 25 to 35%. Like Citipower skewed towards off-peak, although demand charges still rising by around 20%.

Jemena

North-West Melbourne

Usage increases of around 15%, demand charges increasing by approximately 7%.

United

South-East Melbourne/Mornington

Increases in line with CPI, approximately 4%.

SPAusnet

Eastern Victoria

Increases very widely between tariff classes, between 7 and 30%.

Note these estimates are based on rate comparisons. The actual rate of increase for your property will vary depending on your specific tariff category and consumption profile.