

AEMC

Re EPR0097: Pricing Review

Hello

Having worked in the energy policy area in the Commonwealth and State governments for over a decade, I'm struggling to resist laughing out aloud at the paper's suggestion to increase daily supply charges for electricity.

Over many years, residential consumers have been encouraged by both levels of government to reduce their consumption – through energy efficient appliances, improved housing insulation and installing solar PV and batteries. Blind Freddy could deduce that if implemented, these initiatives (often backed by government incentives/subsidies) would reduce average residential consumption.

Now as hundreds of thousands of residential consumers have followed government advice, solar PV owners were first slugged with an AEMC led charge for export tariffs introduced in 2025 ostensibly to pay for improvements to distribution networks to enable MORE solar PV on houses. Now the potential for increased daily supply charges.

Surely, the wise-heads at the AEMC can see that increasing daily supply charges applies to ALL consumers and that includes the vulnerable consumers (at a time when electricity debts/hardship cases are at an all-time high). For solar PV and battery owners, this potential increase may just reduce any potential credit from their exports; for non-PV owners, it's just another slug by the electricity industry with little or no obvious benefit to the consumer.

Lastly, will it be increased daily supply charges by distribution networks and/or by retailers? Or will both claim this suspicious pie? And in which revenue period for the DNSPs?

I would suggest that there should not be an increased daily supply charge which flies into the face of almost all of governments' electricity policies for the last two decades.

Yours sincerely

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