



United Energy Tariff Criteria

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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.

2012 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.
- Once on this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.

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, 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.
- 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.
- A two element AMI enabled meter with contactor will be installed for new customers to separately measure the off peak load (same as current two meters plus a time switch combination).
- Is a dedicated off peak charge.
- The Off Peak period is 11pm to 7am EST for new connections from 2010.
- This tariff is not available to New Customers with embedded generation or Existing Customers that install embedded generation.

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TOD - Time of Day (Open):

- This tariff is available to new connections
- 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.
- 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.
- Once transferred to this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

TOD9 - Time of Day off peak starts at 9pm (Open from 1/1/2012):

- This tariff is available to new connections
- 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.
- Includes a daily standing charge.
- 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.
- Once transferred to 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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TOU - Time of Use (Open):

- This tariff is available to new connections
- Customers must consume > 20 MWh and < 400 MWh per 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 transferred to this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

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

- This tariff is available to new connections
- Customers must be in "large" category (>400MWh 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 transferred to 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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HVKVATOU - High voltage KVA time of use (Open):

- This tariff is available to new connections
- Customers must be in "large" category (>400MWh 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 1,150 kVA.
- Once transferred to this tariff, customers cannot move onto another tariff for a minimum period of 12 months.
- Summer is defined as 1 November to 31 March.

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

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

Metering requirements are noted: a prefix of “B” denotes a basic meter and a prefix of “I” denotes an interval meter.

Default and Tariff Option

	Default UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2012	Optional UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2012 if requested
New connections (no solar)		
- Standard	LVS1R (B or I)	TOD(I) TOD9 (I)
- Plus hot water and or slab	LVS1R + Ded (B or I)	TOD (I) TOD9 (I) LVS1R (B or I)
New Connections (Solar)		
- Standard	TOD (I) *	TOD9 (I) LVS1R (I)
- Plus hot water and or slab	TOD (I) *	TOD9 (I) LVS1R (I)

NB: A new connection must remain on an existing network tariff for a minimum of 12 consecutive months unless there is a load or connection characteristic change.

* – Where a new connection has solar installed, these customers may choose to be on the Transitional Feed In Tariff Scheme (TFIT). In these cases, a prefix of “T” will precede the tariff eg. TOD becomes TTOD.

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

For customers who use 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 2012	Optional UE Network Tariff from 1 January 2012 if requested
New connections (no Solar)		
- Standard	LVM1R (B or I)	TOU (I)
New Connections (Solar)		
- Standard	TOU (I) *	LVM1R (I) *

* – Where a new connection has solar installed, these customers may choose to be on the Transitional Feed In Tariff Scheme (TFIT). In these cases, a prefix of “T” will precede the tariff eg. TOU becomes TTOU.

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

It should be noted that any customer who chooses LVS1R or LVM1R who has an AMI enabled meter, will be changed to the respective time of use tariff in accordance should the Victorian Government tariff moratorium be lifted. The change of tariff will be in accordance with the notification obligations on distributors and retailers.

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Tariff Reassignments for Existing Customers

Tariff Reassignment for Existing Customers

METER TYPE	< 20 Mwh	> 20 Mwh
Basic	LVS1R	LVM1R
Interval	LVS1R	LVM1R
	TOD	TOU
	TOD9	
Solar	LVS1R	LVM1R
	TOD	TOU
	TOD9	

NB: Where solar metering exists, customers can choose to be on the Transitional Feed in Scheme (TFIT). In these cases, a prefix of ‘T’ will precede the tariff eg. TOU becomes TTOU.

UE’s network tariffs contain summer and non summer components. To avoid tariff arbitrage, an existing 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. This applies to all categories – small, medium and large.

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Premium Feed in Tariff (PFIT) (Open until December 2011):

This tariff is available to residential and commercial customers consuming less than 100 MWh/annum who install up to 5 kW of solar panels and have net interval metering.

60 cents per kWh credit will be issued to the NET exported energy ie. Solar generation less home/business usage = net energy exported from the customers premise to the UE distribution network.

Your retailer may request this rebate if you are a qualifying customer. The solar rebate may be requested until the declared scheme capacity date.

As mandated by the Victorian Government and approved by the AER, United Energy has a pass through charge to recover the costs of the PFIT. These charges are included in the approved Network Use of System charges and are recovered from all customers.

This tariff is charged as an “add on” to the following distribution tariffs:

- FLVS1R - PFIT Low voltage small 1 rate
- FLVM1R - PFIT Low voltage medium 1 rate
- FTOD - PFIT Time of Day
- FTOU - PFIT Time of Use
- FTOD9 - PFIT Time of Day off peak starts at 9pm

Transitional Feed in Tariff (TFIT) (Open from 1/1/2012):

This tariff is available to residential and commercial customers consuming less than 100 MWh/annum who install up to 5 kW of solar panels and have net interval metering.

25 cents per kWh credit will be issued to the NET exported energy ie. Solar generation less home/business usage = net energy exported from the customers premise to the UE distribution network.

Your retailer may request this rebate if you are a qualifying customer. The solar rebate may be requested until the declared scheme capacity date.

As mandated by the Victorian Government and approved by the AER, United Energy has a pass through charge to recover the costs of the TFIT. These charges are included in the approved Network Use of System charges and are recovered from all customers.

This tariff is charged as an “add on” to the following distribution tariffs:

- TLVS1R - TFIT Low voltage small 1 rate
- TLVM1R - TFIT Low voltage medium 1 rate
- TTOD - TFIT Time of Day
- TTOU - TFIT Time of Use
- TTOD9 - TFIT Time of Day off peak starts at 9pm

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2012 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.

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.

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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.

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.

LVkVATOUH - 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.

HVkVATOUH - 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.

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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.