



TERMS & CONDITIONS  
OF  
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

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## INTRODUCTION

Throughout these Terms and Conditions of Electric Distribution Service (“Terms and Conditions”), the term “you” or “your” refers to a person who establishes membership with EQUS, including its affiliates, landlords, successors, or assigns, as the context requires. Use of the term “us,” “we,” or “EQUS” refers to EQUS REA Ltd. or any of its affiliates, successors, or assigns (or any or all of them) as the context requires.

This information sets out our Board-approved Terms and Conditions, which describe our mutual responsibilities. It is important that you read and understand this information because, as a member, you agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions, as amended from time to time.

These Terms and Conditions form part of EQUS’ Distribution Tariff and are subject to all applicable legislation and EQUS’ by-laws and policies. EQUS will provide all standard services according to its Distribution Tariff. All additional services, including payment for these services, are set out in Appendix A: Service Charges. We also file these Terms and Conditions (and any amendments) with the Alberta Utilities Commission for information purposes and post the current Terms and Conditions on our website: [www.equs.ca/terms](http://www.equs.ca/terms).

We invite you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

## 1 BEING A MEMBER

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### Becoming a member

You become a member when you make arrangements with us for electric distribution service, either by installation of a new service, moving into, purchasing, or otherwise acquiring a property EQUS currently serves, or choosing to transfer to EQUS as your electric distribution service provider. You may be asked to provide an upfront security deposit, sign an Electric Service Agreement and sign a utility right of way. By receiving service from EQUS, you agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and it is your agreement with EQUS for the delivery, acceptance, and payment for electric distribution service under our Rate Schedule and these Terms and Conditions. You also agree that if required by law, EQUS may disclose to FortisAlberta Inc. the fact of your membership in EQUS.

EQUS is and remains the owner of all facilities necessary to provide electric distribution services to its members. Payment by you for the installation of these facilities or use of an existing service does not entitle you to any individual ownership of these facilities.

If more than one person owns the property, these Terms and Conditions will apply to each of you individually, as well as to all of you jointly. EQUS may require that you confirm that you are the registered owner of the property, or that you are a tenant. If you are a tenant, EQUS shall have the right, but not the obligation, to perform any or all of the following, including:

- a) verify the identity of the registered owner(s) of the property;
- b) notify the registered owner(s) of the nature of the proposed service and of any other information that EQUS considers relevant; and
- c) require the registered owner(s) to sign a tenant security agreement with EQUS consenting to the service and any access to the property required by EQUS, and for the registered owner(s) to be responsible for your obligations as tenant, jointly and severally, if you fail to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

By making arrangements for electric distribution service with EQUS as a tenant, you grant your irrevocable consent for EQUS to communicate with the registered owner(s) for the purposes described in the preceding paragraph.

EQUS may be unable or unwilling to commence or continue to provide you with electric distribution service, specifically if you do not have the proper permits in place, credit issues have been identified, or other requirements have not been met.

### **Information we require from you**

To ensure that you receive superior electric distribution service, EQUS will require information from you, including, but not limited to, your service requirements, credit information, and some personal information. It is important to provide accurate information and to advise us immediately of any changes. Personal information provided by you may be used for a number of purposes, including:

- confirming your identity,
- administering your account, which includes billing, sending you notices or contacting you or the registered owner(s) of the service location,
- credit verification, and
- improving our member service, including monitoring and following up on enquiries and complaints.

EQUS will protect your personal information and will fully comply with Alberta's *Personal Information Protection Act*, as amended from time to time. This means that EQUS will not disclose your personal information to anyone unless:

- such disclosure is made in the normal operation of our business pursuant to our Privacy Code;
- you authorize us to do so; for example, by naming somebody as an authorized person on the account,
- it is being provided to a collection agency in the event you default on your payment(s), or
- it is required by a government agency or by law.

We record telephone conversations we have with you as a condition of service to maintain accurate records and to improve our quality standards. We may also use telephone recordings to train our employees or contractors and to meet our obligations under the *Code of Conduct Regulation*, as amended from time to time. By making arrangements for electric distribution service with EQUS, you consent to such recordings of our telephone conversations with you. You may enquire about your services with us by letter, e-mail, or in-person if you prefer not to have recorded telephone calls with us.

If your account with EQUS is in your name alone, we will not share any information about that account with anyone other than you unless you authorize us to do so. If you want to appoint an 'authorized person' to act on your behalf, you must complete a 'Consent to Release to Another' form before EQUS releases any information about you or your account.

If two or more individuals own the property on which the service location is located, we will only provide billing and service information regarding the account, or make changes to the account, on the direction of the individual who originally made arrangements for electric distribution service with us. Owners as joint tenants or tenants-in-common will be made an 'authorized person' on an account only with the consent of the individual(s) who originally made arrangements for service with us, except as required by law.

### **Meters, reading your meter, meter testing and Automated Metering Infrastructure**

The metering equipment on your property is owned and maintained by EQUS. If the existing metering equipment is unsuitable for your needs, you will be responsible for the costs of installing new or altering existing equipment.

EQUS uses automated metering infrastructure (AMI) meters, an integrated system of smart meters, communication networks and data management systems that enable two-way communication between your meter and EQUS staff. Each device has a unique identification number associated with your account and is transmitted along with the meter reading to EQUS staff. All AMI equipment is safe, and all EQUS AMI devices are certified to meet government and professional safety standards and operate well within Health Canada's wireless signal guidelines.

In the event EQUS' AMI is not functioning correctly or if a physical reading of your meter is required as determined by EQUS, an EQUS employee will visit your property.

We will arrange to have the meter on your property tested if you think it is faulty. If the meter is not operating within accepted industry standards, and the fault was not caused by you, we will repair or replace the meter, including any necessary testing, at no cost to you. A charge may apply to you if the meter is found to be measuring the supply of energy within accepted industry standards.

Tampering with a meter is dangerous and is a criminal offence. You must take all reasonable steps to ensure no one tampers or interferes with your metering equipment. You must tell us immediately if you become aware there may be a problem with your metering equipment, for example, if your bill is unusually low or the meter has stopped. You will be billed for the energy we estimate you would have used while your metering equipment was not reading correctly if:

- your metering equipment is tampered or interfered with, or bypassed,
- you take advantage of metering equipment that is inaccurate or not operating correctly, or
- you cause, or allow someone else to cause, any other loss or damage to EQUS' equipment.

Other charges may apply, such as costs or losses we incur in investigating the interference and in replacing or repairing any damage to the metering equipment. EQUS may also cease or restrict the energy supply and take legal action against you.

#### **Accessing your property**

EQUS requires safe, unobstructed and easy access to your property and require a utility right of way from you as a condition of service to you. 'Utility right of way' means we have the right to access and go on, over or under your land for construction, rebuilding, and upgrading, as well as maintaining and operating EQUS' utility services.

#### **Vegetation management**

EQUS manages vegetation growth near its facilities, including the removal of trees and brush. EQUS is responsible for managing vegetation that encroaches upon all high-voltage lines up to and including the transformer pole. You are responsible for vegetation management on your secondary power lines that are low voltage. You must ensure that any trees or shrubs planted by you do not affect the right of way or they may be removed at your expense.

#### **Billing you**

Billing for electric distribution services will be issued to you by your retailer on behalf of EQUS or directly by EQUS. EQUS may also invoice you directly for other services such as member loans, member contributions, investment riders, or other services covered in these Terms and Conditions.

For additional services, each service will be billed separately.

- Payment is required in full by the due date on the bill.
- If you have accrued overdue charges, any payments will be applied first to overdue charges and then to your current bill.
- Payments received by EQUS after the due date will have a late payment charge applied.
- If you think there are any discrepancies with your bill, please contact us immediately. Please note that in the event of any disputes, you are still required to pay the current bill.
- If your bank dishonours any payment you make, we will charge a dishonoured payment charge in addition to recovering all other amounts owed to us.
- To the extent permitted by law, in the event of an overpayment by you caused by our billing or meter error, EQUS will refund up to 24 months of the amount of the error to you. To the extent permitted by law, in the event of an

underpayment by you caused by our billing or meter error, EQUS will charge up to 12 months of the amount of the error to you. EQUS will not pay or charge interest on any overpayment or underpayment that is made as a result of our billing or meter error.

#### **Establishment of Credit or Deposits**

EQUS, at its sole discretion and acting reasonably, reserves the right to request members to establish credit with EQUS by way of a deposit or other acceptable method for any amounts in relation to any services provided by EQUS to you under these Terms and Conditions.

#### **Amount of Security Deposits**

EQUS, at its sole discretion and acting reasonably, will determine the amount to be deposited at the time of the service application or upon you entering into any new or varying any existing contractual arrangements with EQUS.

#### **Use of Security Deposits**

If a member fails to pay an amount billed when due, EQUS may, at its sole discretion, apply all or any portion of a member's security deposit toward payment of the outstanding amounts or any subsequent unpaid costs incurred by EQUS, including interest and any late payment charges. When EQUS has taken this step, the member may be required to pay to EQUS the amount deducted from the member's security deposit. Upon termination of a service or any contractual arrangement between the member and EQUS, EQUS may apply all or any portion of a member's security deposit toward payment of any amount due, including late payment charges or interest (or both), and owing by that member.

EQUS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any application for credit for failing to comply with EQUS' credit and deposit criteria.

#### **Interest and Dishonoured Payment Charges**

An interest charge of 2.0% per month (26.82% APR) is applied to a member's account if EQUS has not received the member's bill payment by the last day of the month in which that bill is issued.

EQUS reserves the right to assess a service charge to the member in respect of any dishonoured payment returned by the member's bank for any reason as defined in Appendix A: Service Charges under these Terms and Conditions. Any such interest or dishonoured payment charge constitutes EQUS' pre-estimation of liquidated damages, and is not a penalty.

#### **Collections**

Any invoice rendered for which valid payment has not been received by the due date shall be considered past due. On the first day following the payment due date, interest charges as set out above will apply to all overdue billed amounts, including arrears and previously unpaid late payment charges. Failure to make payments on time will also be subject to normal credit collection actions, which may include, without limitation: reminder letters; notification by telephone; use of collection agencies; withholding or limiting of additional service(s); disconnection of service and legal action.

In the event EQUS is required to take legal action against you to collect past due accounts, you agree to pay *any and all* legal costs incurred by EQUS, including disbursements, *on a solicitor-and-client basis*.

#### **Your responsibilities to protect EQUS' equipment and facilities**

It is your responsibility to protect EQUS' equipment and facilities that are located on your property. You cannot install any structure that could interfere with our facilities' proper and safe operation, or that does not comply with legislation. You may not modify, change or extend our facilities in any way.

You are also responsible for the maintenance, repair, replacement, enhancement, and safety of all your secondary facilities.

You must ensure that your secondary facilities comply with the Canadian Electrical Code and the Alberta Electrical Utility Code. You may not use the service if it causes interference with anyone else's service. At our request, you agree to take whatever action EQUS requires to correct the interference or disturbance; otherwise EQUS is entitled to disconnect your service.

The equipment used to deliver energy to you has a limited capacity. You must inform us if you expect to substantially increase the amount of electricity you use so that we can determine if your current service is capable of meeting this increased load.

## 2 DISCONNECTION

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### Disconnection of your energy supply

You must provide us with two business days' notice if you want your service temporarily disconnected, otherwise, you will continue to be responsible for payment of electric distribution services. Disconnection and re-connection charges will apply. Once the service is temporarily disconnected, you agree to pay a monthly idle service charge.

You can also request to have your service permanently disconnected. Once appropriate arrangements have been made for the disconnection, your final billing will be processed and sent for payment. You will provide us access to your property so that we may remove our facilities at our discretion.

### Disconnection by us for non-payment

We may disconnect your service if you fail to pay your bill(s) by the due date. We may disconnect the service to the property to which the unpaid bill relates and any other property to which we supply you with services. **From October 15 to April 15, or at any other time that the temperature is forecasted to be below 0 degrees Celsius, EQUS will not completely disconnect your residential or farm classified services for non-payment, but will instead remotely limit the amount of electricity used by you.** Unless otherwise agreed in writing, EQUS will not reconnect your service(s) or remove the load limit applied to your service(s) until your account is paid in full.

### Disconnection at request of the retailer

A retailer can request EQUS to disconnect your service and we are required to comply with this request if it is provided for in the agreement EQUS has with the retailer. To the extent permitted by law, if you are returned to EQUS for any reason by a retailer, and you have any unpaid or overdue bills on accounts you hold with us at any property, the returned account(s) will be deemed to be idle service(s) and placed on an idle service account with energy supply disconnected until payment in full on all overdue account(s) is made.

### Disconnection for other reasons

Your service may be disconnected without notice for safety reasons or where we must protect people or property. We may also disconnect your service if:

- there is reasonable evidence that you have tampered with or damaged any of EQUS' facilities,
- there is evidence of theft or other illegal activity,
- any equipment at your property does not comply with the requirements of EQUS' standards,
- there is a member-owned transfer switch on an EQUS transformer pole,
- you deny us reasonable access, or access is not safe, unobstructed and easy,
- you threaten, assault or harass any of our staff, agents, or contractors,
- you have unpaid bills on accounts you hold with us at any other property, or

- you fail to meet any of these Terms and Conditions.

If your service is disconnected, you must still pay the full amount outstanding on your account, including any disconnection charge and other charges.

#### **Disconnection notice**

Except in the case of requested, agreed to, or emergency disconnections, we will give you at least seven days' written notice by regular mail to the mailing address listed on your account of our intent to disconnect your service(s). EQUS will have the right, but not the obligation, to disconnect your service(s) any time thereafter until the circumstances causing the disconnection are corrected, such correction to be determined solely by EQUS.

### **3 CONSTRUCTION**

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#### **Building your new service or changing your existing service**

EQUS invests in new construction of power lines for our members. For new services or changes to your existing service, we will complete the design of your service requirements, and our construction division will provide you with a quotation for construction. Your quote for construction will include:

- the cost to either build the line extension for you or modify your existing service,
- any high-cost line share, if your new service extension is connecting directly to an existing high-cost line,
- the cost to upgrade EQUS' facilities if required, and
- any construction costs required by another utility to facilitate your new service.

EQUS will construct facilities on your property that serve more than one member only upon consultation with you, and only if it is determined by EQUS to be the most economically viable option.

Some credits may apply which would reduce your costs such as:

- a rebuild credit for existing equipment, or
- investments made by EQUS to the cost of your service.

EQUS invests in new and transferred services of those members who qualify, designed to assist in minimizing costs for the construction of a new service and for EQUS to recover the capital cost component of your new or transferred service. Recovery of this investment includes a repayment schedule, including applicable interest charges, which is included in your monthly distribution tariff charges as an Investment Rider (see Appendix B: EQUS Schedule of Rates for more information) with repayment terms to a maximum of 660 months. We secure this investment by registering an encumbrance on your property until the investment amount is fully repaid.

EQUS may require you to sign a Construction Commitment Agreement before EQUS constructs the new service or makes changes to the existing service. In the event that you cancel construction, you agree to pay any cancellation costs related to the cancellation of the service which are incurred by EQUS. EQUS reserves the right, at its discretion, to require you to provide security acceptable to EQUS to cover any costs related to cancellation of the service as provided for in the Construction Commitment Agreement or as set out in any quotation for construction.

#### **Electric Service Agreements (ESA)**

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) will be required for all new or transferred services with an installed capacity equal to or greater than 75 kVA and may be registered on the land title as an interest in land in favour of EQUS if the applicant is the registered owner of the service location. If the applicant is not the registered owner, other and additional forms of security may be required. New or transferred services with an installed capacity less than 75 kVA may, at EQUS' discretion, require

a member to sign an ESA with EQUUS.

Members who sign an ESA with EQUUS agree to a 240-month investment term for electric distribution service at the service location described in the ESA, or where specified, for the investment term specified in the ESA. The ESA continues in effect until such time as the ESA is renegotiated or terminated by you or EQUUS, or at the time when any applicable investment term referenced in the ESA has completed.

### **Changes in Contract Minimum Demand**

If you signed an ESA with EQUUS, then your Contract Minimum Demand is determined in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the ESA.

If the investment for the service connection at your service location is based on a Contract Minimum Demand, you may reduce your Contract Minimum Demand by repaying part of the investment EQUUS originally made in the service connection at your service location. You may do this any time during the term of your ESA.

The amount you must pay to reduce your Contract Minimum Demand is determined using the following formula:

$$(\text{original EQUUS investment} - \text{revised EQUUS investment}) \times (1 - (\text{contract years completed}/\text{contract term}))$$

EQUUS may also, at our sole discretion, allow you to increase your Contract Minimum Demand, in which case we will increase the investment we originally made. This may only be done once, and must be done within five years of the date we energized your service connection. The additional investment we will make if you increase your Contract Minimum Demand is determined using the following formula:

$$(\text{revised EQUUS investment} - \text{original EQUUS investment}) \times (1 - (\text{contract years completed}/\text{contract term}))$$

The revised EQUUS investment will be determined using the investment program and rates in force at the time the request is made.

### **Early Termination**

If the service is no longer required by the member, the service is terminated by either party pursuant to a written agreement or these Terms and Conditions, or the member elects to transfer their electric distribution service to another distribution system owner, the member will pay EQUUS the following amounts as liquidated damages and not as a penalty:

- a) The replacement cost-new-less-depreciation (RCN-D) of the member facilities used to provide service to the member;
- b) EQUUS' costs to remove any existing facilities serving the member;
- c) Less, the amount paid by a distribution system owner pursuant to an agreement providing for transfer of the distribution system assets at the member's service location.  
(the "**Early Termination Charge**").

The Early Termination Charge shall not, under any circumstances, produce a credit or amount payable to the member.

### **Transfer of Contractual Obligations**

All services, whether or not they require EQUUS' assignment consent, that are transferred or assigned to, or used or assumed by, a person taking over the operation or use of the member's facilities, including without limitation, any affiliate or successor to the previous member and, if applicable, the registered owner(s), from time to time, of the land on which the facilities are located, shall be subject to the terms of the ESA(s) of the previous member(s), along with the billing and demand history. Any change in service requirements as a result of such transfer or assignment shall be made in accordance

with these Terms and Conditions. The existing contractual arrangements will remain in place until any new agreements have been approved and accepted by both parties. It is the sole responsibility of the person who is taking over the use or operation of an existing service to undertake through due diligence with respect to the existence of, and all terms of, any existing ESA associated with the service.

### **Paperwork and payment**

Once you have decided to proceed with construction, you must come to your local Area Office to sign all necessary documentation. Once the paperwork is completed and you have made payment, we will schedule a date for your construction.

Construction typically occurs within six (6) to eight (8) weeks.

If you decide that the original plans do not meet your needs after the original scope of work is determined, any changes to the original design and estimate will require a Change of Work Order to be signed by you. The revised Change of Work Order will also cover any additional payment required before EQUS starts construction. If you cancel construction, you will be responsible for any stranded costs incurred by us as set out in any quotation for construction or as set out in any Construction Commitment Agreement between you and EQUS.

### **High-cost line share**

If your new service connects directly to an existing high-cost line built within the previous 5 years, you will share proportionately in that line's cost.

### **Rebuild benefit**

If you make changes to your existing electric distribution service that results in new equipment being installed, you may be eligible to receive a discount on the cost of your requested changes. Potential credits are based on the age of the service and are applied to your construction costs. EQUS recognizes that we may also benefit by the service upgrade you require and we want to pass this benefit on to you.

### **Loans**

EQUS offers financing in the form of a member loan to members who are the registered owner(s) at the service location for the construction of new EQUS electric distribution facilities, modifications to existing electric distribution facilities, any transfers of electric distribution service to EQUS, Generlink equipment and for the purchase and installation of approved micro-generation units. If a member loan is approved for you, EQUS will provide you with an initial cost of credit disclosure statement setting out the principal amount of the loan, the amortization period, the nature of any charges applicable and an acknowledgement whereby you agree to pay all initial and monthly charges as billed by EQUS. Principal and interest installment payments in repayment of the member loan provided to you will form part of your monthly utility bill until your loan is repaid.

You agree to follow any terms and conditions of financing set by EQUS in any member loan, and you also understand that any facilities installed at your service site remain subject to these Terms and Conditions.

### **Yard lights**

If you would like a yard light installed at your property, we will install and maintain a yard light for a nominal monthly charge.

## 4 GENERAL

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### **Continuous supply and interruption**

EQUS may not be able to provide a continuous and uninterrupted supply of energy to your property due to circumstances or events beyond our control. We are unable to give advance notice of sudden, unplanned interruptions but we will use our best efforts to notify you at least two days in advance of any planned interruptions. Some examples of planned interruptions include the facilitation of construction, the installation, maintenance, repair, replacement or inspection of any of EQUS' facilities or activities to maintain the safety and reliability of the distribution system.

Where nature, acts of God, or other extraordinary forces (such as war or labour disputes) outside EQUS' or your control prevent us from providing a continuous supply of energy, our responsibilities will be relieved and suspended during the duration of the circumstance(s) and EQUS will not be liable for any failure to perform its obligations under these Terms and Conditions. We will give you as much notice as reasonably possible in the event of such occurrences.

Following an interruption, we will resume the supply of your energy as soon as we reasonably can.

### **Liability of EQUS**

To the extent permitted by law, EQUS is not liable for any loss, injury, damage, expense, charge, cost or liability of any kind, whether from direct, indirect, special or consequential nature; except for direct damages to your property caused by the negligent acts or omissions of EQUS, its employees or agents or caused by any failure or defect in the provision of electric distribution service by EQUS to you. Indirect, special or consequential loss, injury or damage includes loss of revenue, loss of profits, loss of earnings, loss of production, loss of contract, cost of purchased or replacement capacity and energy, cost of capital, loss of use of any facilities or property, or any other similar damage or loss whatsoever, arising out of or in any way connected with the failure, defect, fluctuation, reduction or interruption in the provision of electric distribution service to you. Notwithstanding the forgoing, each of EQUS and you waives all rights of recourse against the other party and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from and against any claims made by third parties for damage to, or loss of third party property, and injury to or death of any third party, in each case to the extent caused by the indemnifying party, and arising out of or in relation to the provision of electric distribution service by EQUS.

### **Contacting you**

Any notice, bill or other communication we send to you will be either:

- delivered to your service site;
- mailed to the last postal address you have provided to us;
- sent to the latest fax number you have given us; or
- e-mailed to you at the latest e-mail address you supplied to us.

Our notices or bills are deemed to be received by you:

- on the day of delivery if delivered to your service site;
- three days after being posted to you; or
- on the day of being sent (without a notice of rejection) if we faxed or e-mailed them.

## APPENDIX A: SERVICE CHARGES

EQUS invoices for services in addition to our monthly Distribution Tariff, as follows (GST will be added to all amounts unless otherwise specified below):

### Member security deposits (Where applicable)

- Deposit \$Actual Cost  
(Minimum deposit amount of \$250); no interest is paid on deposits held by EQUS

### Reconnection/disconnection of service (Per visit)

- During regular business hours, call received by 4 p.m. \$115.00
- Weekends, holidays and after hours (4 p.m. to 8 a.m.) \$230.00

### Metering charges

- Meter test (per meter tested and if meter is accurate) \$150.00
- Digital meter request \$200.00
- Off-cycle meter read \$115.00
- Interval metering monthly charge \$Actual Cost  
(Interval Meter request determined on a per site visit, including all capital and installation costs)

Meter disputes, which includes a meter test, determined to be the Member's facilities and not EQUS facilities, all costs will be the Responsibility of the member \$Actual Cost

### Fault visit (if fault proves NOT to be supply or metering problem)

- During regular business hours, call received by 4 p.m. \$115.00
- Weekends, holidays and after hours (4 p.m. to 8 a.m.) \$230.00

### Vegetation

- Trimming charges billed on an hourly basis \$150.00 per hour

### Value added services

- Member loan billed monthly and based on loan amount \$Actual Cost
- GenerLink operating charge per month \$12.67
- Yard light operating charge per month \$7.89
- Renewable energy credits (Monthly cost per REC) \$20.00
- Operation Round-Up \$Varies (GST Exempt)  
(Distribution Tariff "Rounded Up" to next dollar amount)

### Administration

- Dishonoured payment \$30.00
- Late payment charge 2% per month
- On site debt collection charge \$115.00
- On-site debt notification charge (Doorknocker) \$115.00
- Switching charge, per site (Voluntary switch to retailer) \$150.00
- Additional Member Usage Information \$25.00 per hour
- Copy of invoice or transactions/consumption history \$25.00

# 2024 Rate Schedule



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## Rate 1137 – Residential Service

Residential Service is available to all members that have a single private residence located at the service address. A single private residence may have a workshop or garage provided that it is not used for commercial use. If the property is used for agricultural or commercial use it is not eligible for this rate. A member must show, via a property tax assessment, that they do not receive any farm property tax exemptions for their residence to be eligible for this rate.

	Daily (\$/Day)	Variable (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.937414	0.030336
<b>Transmission</b>		0.041327 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge.

## Rate 2657 – Irrigation Service

Irrigation Service is available to members who operate commercial/agricultural irrigation sprayers and related pump units. Services on this rate must only operate between April 1 and October 31. Distribution and transmission charges will be billed between April 1 and October 31 inclusively.

	Connection Capacity (\$/kVA Day)	Daily (\$/Day)	Variable (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.186466	0.048689	
<b>Transmission</b>			0.047659 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The max kVA in the Last 12 Months \* .85
- The sum of all motor nameplate horsepower rating (1 horsepower = .746 kw) \* .85
- The Contract Minimum Demand
- Min of 3.3333 kVA

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUS may be required for service under this rate.

## Rate 4168 – Seasonal Capacity Service

Seasonal Capacity Service is available to members who qualify for the Rate 4167 Small Capacity Service and over a prior 12 month period have had six (6) consecutive months of a monthly consumption below 40 kwh or of a capacity less than 0.1 kVA of demand.

	Monthly Peak (\$/kVA Day)	Connection Capacity (\$/kVA Day)	Daily (\$/Day)	Variable (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.102829	0.186189	0.807939	
<b>Transmission</b>	0.126144 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.093921 <sup>(1)</sup>		0.001971 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The highest metered kVA in the last 12 months multiplied by .85 reduced by 55 kVA
- The Contract Minimum Demand
- Min of 5 kVA

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUS may be required for service under this rate.

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**Rate 4167 – Small Capacity Service**

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Small Capacity Service is available to any member whose service capacity is expected to be below 83.3333kVA(75KW). Member can be on this rate when they do not qualify for other categories.

	<b>Monthly Peak</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Connection Capacity</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Daily</b> (\$/Day)	<b>Variable</b> (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.102829	0.186189	0.807939	
<b>Transmission</b>	0.126144 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.093921 <sup>(1)</sup>		0.001971 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The highest metered kVA in the last 12 months multiplied by .85
- The Contract Minimum Demand
- Min of 5 kVA

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUUS may be required for service under this rate.

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**Rate 6167 – Medium Capacity Service**

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Medium Capacity Service is available to any member whose service capacity is expected to be between 83.3333kVA(75kW) and 2222.2222 kVA (2,000kW). A member who does not qualify for any other rate class will be deemed to meet the requirements for Medium Capacity Service and be placed on this rate class as the default rate offering.

	<b>Monthly Peak</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Connection Capacity</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Daily</b> (\$/Day)	<b>Variable</b> (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.070097	0.074432	1.000489	
<b>Transmission</b>	0.188317 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.098034 <sup>(1)</sup>		0.001326 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The highest metered kVA in the last 12 months multiplied by .85
- The Contract Minimum Demand
- Min of 55.5556 kVA

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUUS is required for service under this rate.

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**Rate 6368 – Large Capacity Service**

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Large Capacity Service is available to any member whose service capacity is expected to be above 2222.2222kVA (2,000kW). Member can be on this rate when they do not qualify for other categories.

	<b>Monthly Peak</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Connection Capacity</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Daily</b> (\$/Day)	<b>Distance</b> (\$/km-day)	<b>Variable</b> (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>		0.009913	11.61349	19.657669	
<b>Transmission</b>	0.189130 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.151137 <sup>(1)</sup>			0.003308 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The highest metered kVA in the last 12 months multiplied by .9
- The Contract Minimum Demand

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge plus the Distance Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUUS is required for service under this rate.

### Rate 4567 – Oil and Gas Service

Oil and Gas Service is available to any member whose connection serves primarily oil and gas infrastructure and whose expected peak capacity is less than 75kW.

	<b>Connection Capacity</b> (\$/kVA Day)	<b>Daily</b> (\$/Day)	<b>Variable</b> (\$/kwh)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.652772	0.515133	
<b>Transmission</b>	0.267367 <sup>(1)</sup>		0.002503 <sup>(1)</sup>

The Connection Capacity Charge is the greater of:

- The highest kVA in the billing period
- The highest metered kVA in the last 12 months multiplied by .85
- The Contract Minimum Demand
- Min of 3.3333 kVA

The Minimum Distribution Charge is the Daily Charge plus the Connection Capacity Charge.

An Electric Service Agreement (ESA) with EQUUS is required for service under this rate.

### Rate 700 – Street Lighting Service

Street Lighting Service applies to street lighting fixtures owned and maintained by EQUUS.

	<b>Fixture</b> (\$/Fixture Day)	<b>Capacity</b> (\$/Watt Day)
<b>Distribution</b>	0.761203	
<b>Transmission</b>		0.000336

If lighting fixture is unknown it will be assumed to be 50 Watt.

### Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Rider

A rider of \$3.50 per meter, per month, will be charged in association with the installation of the Automated Metering Infrastructure.

### Transmission (SYSA) Rate

Transmission (SYSA): The SYSA rate will change in accordance with FortisAlberta's Rates as approved by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) from time to time. The SYSA is inclusive of adjustment riders and other associated adjustments as may be required by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) or the AUC or both.

### Investment Rider

The Investment Rider, and any capital cost recovery component agreed to between you and EQUUS for the new service shall be calculated monthly and billed to you in accordance with the terms and conditions provided to you in your new service letter. Where no such calculation is provided, the monthly investment rider amount is either \$2 per kVA multiplied by the installed transformer size over a fixed period, or the total connection costs less the service investment divided by 240 months, whichever is greater.

### Interval Metering Option

A member can elect to have an interval meter installed at their location for a charge of \$1.023 per day.

### Option M Distribution Generation Credit/ Charge

Option M is available to Distribution Generation (DG) members that are interconnected to the distribution system downstream of a FortisAlberta transmission Point of Delivery (POD) and which are exporting into the Alberta Interconnected Electric System, (AIES).

Option M credits/charges received by EQUUS for a DG member under the approved FortisAlberta Option M tariff will be flowed through by EQUUS to the applicable member.

### Power Factor

Rates are designed based on an assumed power factor of 9/10. If a member's meter cannot read kVA, the assumed power factor of 0.9 will be used. If it is found that a member's power factor is below .9 the member will be asked to correct their power factor or they will be billed based on the kVA and their known power factor.

### Cooperative Energy Rate (Contract Specific)

Cooperative Energy Rate: Refer to Energy Contract  
Fixed Energy: Refer to Energy Contract  
UFE & Line Loss: 5.77% on Energy Billed

### Regulated Energy Rate

Regulated Energy Rate: Fluctuates Monthly  
Fixed Energy: \$8.00 Flat Charge per Month  
UFE & Line Loss: 5.77% on Energy Billed

<sup>(1)</sup>Transmission rates will integrate AUC approved Base Transmission Rider, Quarterly Transmission Adjustment Rider, and Balancing Pool Allocation Rider.