

Small Business Prices for 2026-27

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Introduction

TasNetworks is a distribution network service provider (**DN**SP) which is regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator (**AER**). Every five years the AER approves the maximum amount of revenue that TasNetworks is allowed to recover from our customers. On 30 April 2024, the AER approved TasNetworks' 2024-2029 revenue proposal.

Additionally, the annual pricing process requires DNSPs to prepare their annual prices in accordance with the National Electricity Rules (**NER**). These annual prices are assessed and approved by AER every year.

In Tasmania, the network charge accounts for approximately 44 per cent of the average residential electricity bill that a customer received during 2025-26¹.

This fact sheet provides an update of the network charges that apply to small business customers.

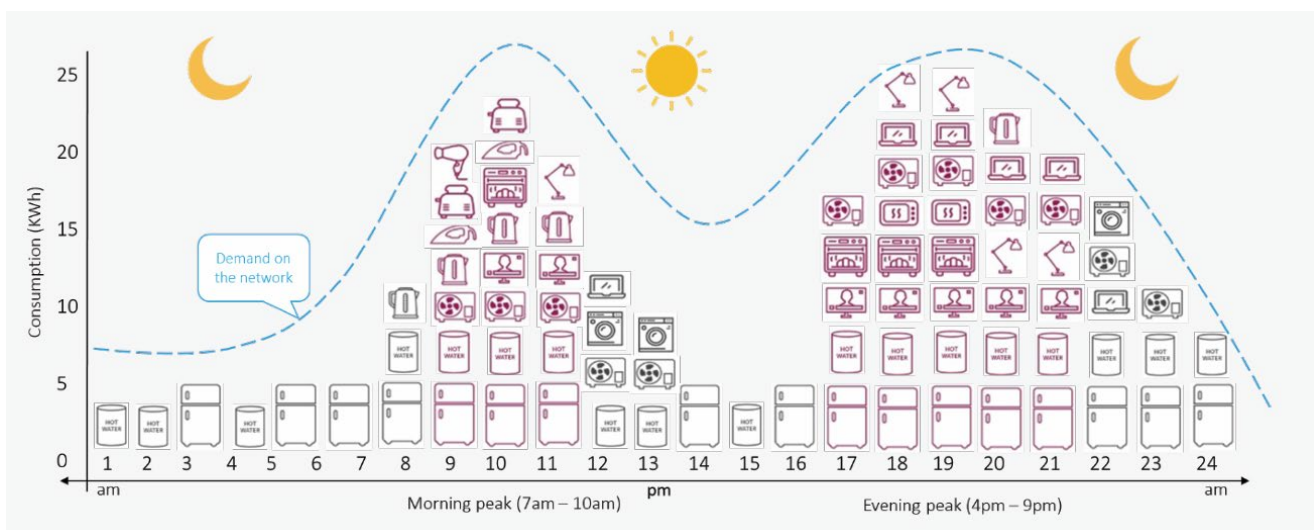
How your energy usage affects network prices?

Network usage plays a large part in determining TasNetworks networks tariff design for its customers, as well as determines what additional augmentation is required to ensure a safe and reliable networks service.

Figure 1 shows how energy is use on a typical day in Tasmania, and it illustrates how the network experiences periods of high and low utilisations. The distribution network must be built to provide energy in those peak usage periods. Therefore, the higher the peak usage periods the more augmentation or investment in the networks is required to deliver these services.

TasNetworks designs its tariffs around these time of use windows to provide customers with pricing that reflects their usage patterns.

Figure 1: Time of consumption for the distribution network on a typical day



¹ Aurora Energy 2025 Determination Pricing Proposal
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Our network tariffs

TasNetworks offer a range of network tariffs for its small business customers. These network tariffs have different charging characteristics to accommodate the different needs of customers:

- **Service charge:** this is a daily charge that all customers pay. This charge provides access to the distribution network.
- **Consumption charge:** this is a volume charge in which retail customers are billed for the energy that is consumed.
- **Demand charge:** this relates to the rate energy is used – it is directly linked to the maximum demand at a given point in time and is based on the long run marginal costs.

Time of use network charges

Time of use network charges are determined by the time of day you consume energy – which can increase or decrease the amount you pay.

The key time of use periods for our time of use small business time of use network tariffs are peak, shoulder, and off-peak (Figure 2).

- TAS94 is TasNetworks' **default time of use consumption** network tariff for small business customers.

For more information

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- TAS88 is the **small business time of use demand** network tariff.
- TAS97 is the **small business time of use consumer energy resources** network tariff.

Figure 2: Time of use period for small business time of use network tariffs

	TAS94	TAS88	TAS98
Peak	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)
Shoulder	10am-4pm (Mon-Fri)	Not applicable	Not applicable
Off-peak	All other times	All other times	All other times

The low voltage small business general light and power (TAS22) is a flat rate network tariff – this means that consumption is charged at the same rate regardless of the time of day.

TAS22 was made obsolete on 30 June 2024. This flat-rate tariff is no longer available for new or existing customers. Customers currently on this tariff may remain on this tariff, however they will not be able to return to TAS22 if they move to another network tariff.

Below are the available network tariffs and their relevant charges for the 2026-27 financial year.

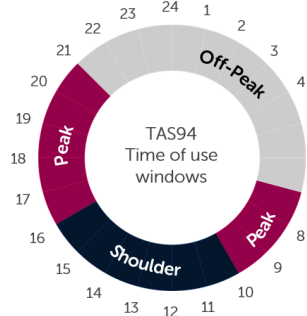
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Our network charges for the 2026-27 financial year

Small business time of use consumption (TAS94)

About the tariff		Charging components	Time of use periods	2026-27 network charge
<p>TAS94 is our default time of use consumption network tariff for all new small business customers and/or those businesses who have newly installed advanced meters.</p> <p>This network tariff offers customers lower prices during the off-peak and shoulder periods.</p>		Daily service charge (c/day)	Not applicable	96.355
		Peak charge (c/kWh)	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)	19.766
		Shoulder charge (c/kWh)	Weekdays 10am to 4pm	11.643
		Off-peak (c/kWh)	All other times	2.670

Low voltage general light and power (TAS22)

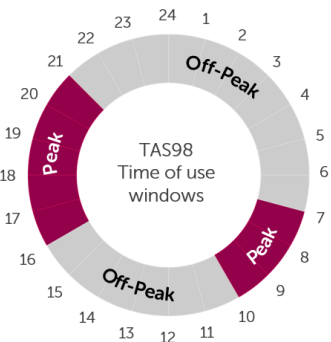
About the tariff		Charging components	Time of use periods	2026-27 network charge
<p>TAS22 is our small business general light and power network tariff. It may be used with the TAS41 network tariff which provides energy charges for the supply heating and hot water.</p> <p>Both TAS22 and TAS41 network tariffs are flat rate network tariffs, meaning that the same energy charge applies throughout the day, irrespective of the time-of-day energy is being used.</p>	<p>These network tariffs were made obsolete on 1 July 2024, meaning that no new customers can connect to this tariff.</p>	Daily service charge (c/day)	Not applicable	73.254
		Anytime energy charge (c/kWh)	Not applicable	11.892

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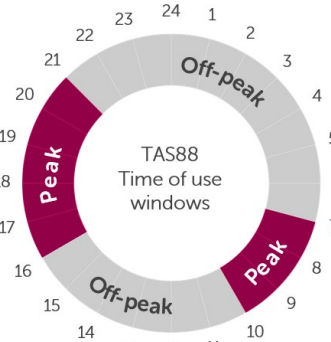
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Low voltage small business consumer energy resources (TAS98)

About the tariff		Charging components	Time of use periods	2026-27 network charge
<p>TAS98 is our time of use demand network tariff for customers with consumer energy resources (CER). This network tariff can be selected on an opt-in basis.</p> <p>Our CER network tariff provides additional control for those who have CER technology behind the meter, such as, solar PV, batteries and electric vehicles.</p>		Daily service charge (c/day)	Not applicable	106.569
		Peak demand charge (c/kW)	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)	80.837
		Off-peak demand charge (c/kW)	All other times	26.919

Small business time of use demand (TAS88)

About the tariff		Charging components	Time of use periods	2026-27 network charge
<p>TAS88 is our time of use demand network tariff. This network tariff can be selected on an opt-in basis.</p>		Daily service charge (c/day)	Not applicable	106.569
		Peak demand charge (c/kW)	7am-10am 4pm-9pm (Mon-Fri)	80.837
		Off-peak demand charge (c/kW)	All other times	26.919

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How does the small business time of use consumption (TAS94) and the flat rate (TAS22) tariff compare?

The chart below shows a comparison in the nominal terms, the annual cost for customers on the default small business time of use consumption (TAS94) network tariff, and small business general light and power (TAS22) network tariff (flat rate) between medium and average use customers in the 2026-27 financial year.

The following consumption scenarios are assumed for small business customers:

- Customers with medium energy usage, consuming around 33,578kWh annually, could save approximately \$638 (18%) annually by transitioning from the flat-rate TAS22 tariff to the time-of-use TAS94 tariff.
- For TAS22 customers with average energy consumption, around 71,213kWh per year, switching to TAS94 could yield savings of approximately \$1,272 (17%) annually.

Comparing TAS94 and TAS22 reveals the financial advantages of time-of-use charging methods over flat-rate structures like TAS22. This assessment assumes consistent energy consumption across customers with no alterations in usage behaviour.

Figure 3: Typical customer impact of annual network charges between the default time of use consumption (TAS94) and the flat rate (TAS22) network tariffs for 2026-27

