



**Quoted Services  
Application and Price Guide**

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## 1 Introduction

This 2016–17 Quoted Services Application and Price Guide outlines TasNetworks' terms and labour prices for the provision of alternative control services - quoted services and applies from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Quoted services are those services provided by TasNetworks where the nature and scope of the service is specific to an individual customer's needs, and varies from customer to customer. The cost of providing these services cannot be estimated without first knowing the customer's specific requirements. It is, therefore, not possible to set generic fixed fees in advance for these services.

Requests for quoted services may be made to TasNetworks directly by customers, by an electricity retailer or by a third party on behalf of a customer.

TasNetworks provides a range of non-standard services on a quoted basis including, but not limited to:

- removal or relocation of TasNetworks' assets at the request of a customer (for example, the Tasmanian Government);
- services that are provided at a higher standard than the standard service, due to a customer's request for TasNetworks to do so;
- provision of public lighting schemes; and
- services that are provided through a non-standard process at a customer's request (for example, more frequent meter reading).

Further information on TasNetworks' public lighting tariffs can be found at TasNetworks' website:

<http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/our-network/network-revenue-pricing/distribution-fees-and-tariffs>

## **2 Application of quoted services prices**

### **2.1 TasNetworks**

All references to TasNetworks within this Quoted Services Application and Price Guide, unless otherwise stated, refer to TasNetworks in its capacity as a licensed distribution network service provider in the Tasmanian region of the National Electricity Market (NEM) only.

### **2.2 Goods and service tax (GST)**

The labour rates applying to the provision of quoted services and published in this guide are, unless otherwise stated, exclusive of GST.

### **2.3 Quoted services charges**

The quoted services labour rates in this Quoted Services Application and Price Guide are calculated in accordance with the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) Distribution Determination applying to TasNetworks. All other charges will be passed through on a cost recovery basis.

All financial components of a quoted service are to be paid as a single upfront amount prior to TasNetworks commencing any works. Alternative payment arrangements may be considered on a case by case basis, in which case a prudential requirement (e.g. Bank Guarantee) may be required.

### **2.4 Cost recovery**

TasNetworks' charge for a quoted service reflects the costs of providing that quoted service.

### **2.5 Request process**

A customer who wishes to receive a quoted service from TasNetworks must submit a written request to TasNetworks, or have their electricity retailer or agent acting on their behalf do so.

### 3 Labour prices

Prices for quoted services will be calculated by TasNetworks on an individual basis and in a manner which is consistent with the methodology in the AER's Distribution Determination applying to TasNetworks. The AER's prescribed methodology for calculating a quoted services charge is as follows:

$$\text{Charge} = \text{Units} \times \text{Labour Rate} + \text{Materials} + \text{Contractors} + \text{Other Costs} + \text{Overheads}$$

Where:

*Units* refers to the number of units of the particular type of labour required for the provision of the service

*Labour Rate* is the hourly rate described in Table 1 for the particular labour type

*Materials* are the material costs incurred by TasNetworks for the provision of the service

*Contractors* are the contractor charges incurred by TasNetworks for the provision of the service

*Other Costs* are any other costs incurred by TasNetworks for the provision of the service

*Overheads* are the overhead costs incurred by TasNetworks for the provision of the service

TasNetworks is unable to provide a full range of prices for quoted services for the year because the cost of providing these services will be dependent on a customer's specific requirements and circumstances, and may vary significantly between even outwardly similar jobs.

The hourly charges for the provision of labour associated with quoted services for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Labour rates**

Labour type	Hourly rate (\$)
Apprentice	71.46
Cable jointer	58.67
Customer connections – commercial metering	65.72
Customer connections – service crew	59.22
Designer	74.06
Distribution electrical technician	58.88
Distribution linesman	53.92
Distribution linesman – live line	58.78
Distribution operator	63.82
Electrical inspector	63.11
Field service coordinator	81.63
Labourer – overhead	49.87
Meter reader	45.47
Pole tester	49.54
Project manager	74.59

All other prices will be as per the quote provided and will be levied on a cost recovery basis.

## 4 Procedure for reviewing complaints and disputes

TasNetworks will ensure that all complaints and disputes are dealt with in accordance with its standard complaints and dispute resolution policy and procedures. TasNetworks' dispute resolution policy is reviewed annually and published on TasNetworks' website.

### 4.1 Internal procedure for reviewing objections

In the event that TasNetworks receives a written objection from or on behalf of a customer to a proposed quoted service charge, TasNetworks will undertake the following internal review process:

- the customer's written objection will be reviewed by TasNetworks;
- any additional information provided by the customer (and/or the customer's retailer or agent) will be considered;
- TasNetworks will determine the quoted services charge that should apply;
- the proposed quoted services charge will be reviewed and approved by the Commercial Solutions Team Leader; and
- the customer (and/or customer's retailer or agent) will be notified in writing of the final quoted services charge review outcomes within 15 business days of receipt of the customer's written objection.

TasNetworks may consult with the customer's retailer or agent during the process of undertaking a review.

### 4.2 Objections not resolved by internal review process

If a customer's objection to a quoted service charge is not resolved to the customer's satisfaction after applying TasNetworks' internal review process, as detailed above, the customer is entitled to seek independent resolution of their objection through the following avenues:

- if the resolution of the dispute is within the jurisdiction of the Energy Ombudsman, the customer is entitled to escalate the matter to the Energy Ombudsman; or
- the customer is entitled to seek a decision of the AER via the dispute resolution process available under Part L of Chapter 6 of the National Electricity Rules.

## 5 Glossary

AER	Australian Energy Regulator.
Customer	A person to whom TasNetworks provides regulated services.
Distribution Determination	AER, Final Distribution Determination, Aurora Energy Pty Ltd, 2012-13 to 2016-17, April 2012.
Energy Ombudsman	As defined in the <i>Energy Ombudsman Act 1998</i> (Tas).
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