



**Ancillary Services – Fee Based Services  
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## 1 Introduction

This 2020-21 Ancillary Services – Fee Based Services Application and Price Guide outlines TasNetworks’ terms and conditions for the provision of fee based services and applies from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Fee based services are those services provided by TasNetworks where the service is, in general, provided for the benefit of a single customer rather than uniformly supplied to all customers, which means that the cost of providing that service is recovered from that customer, rather than the wider customer base. These services are provided upon request and are typically initiated by way of a service order received from a retailer on behalf of their customer or through submission of an electrical works request (**EWR**) and connection application form (when applicable).

For these services, instead of setting a revenue cap for TasNetworks, as is the case with the provisions of standard control (general network) services, the Australian Energy Regulatory (**AER**) caps the prices that TasNetworks can charge.

The installation and replacement of meters was previously a commonly utilised fee based service. However, changes in the National Electricity Rules (**Rules**) mean that since 1 December 2017 TasNetworks no longer installs new meters or replaces existing meters. TasNetworks will continue to provide some metering services for its existing stock of meters, until those meters are replaced with advanced meters by retailers, as part of the reforms to metering arrangements that commenced in December 2017. But the installation of new meters or replacement of faulty meters is no longer a service provided by TasNetworks.

Further information on TasNetworks’ fee based services can be found at TasNetworks’ website at:

<https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/Poles-and-wires/Pricing/Our-prices>

The service levels provided by TasNetworks for fee based services are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Service levels for fee based services**

Service category	Service level
Retail contract termination, energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation and special meter reads	Services will be performed on the scheduled date requested by the retailer, providing they do not involve any changes to the network and are submitted on a day the locality where the customer is located is due to be serviced, as per Schedule 1.
Meter test	All meter testing will be delivered within 15 business days of receiving a retailer’s service order, unless otherwise agreed.
Supply abolishment	Supply abolitions will be carried out within 10 business days of receiving a service order from a retailer, unless otherwise agreed.
Tee-up/appointment	TasNetworks personnel will attend on-site on the date and/or time agreed with the customer or third party requesting their attendance. Any service associated with a tee-up will be delivered on an agreed date rather than the timeframes indicated against the service category.
Miscellaneous services	Miscellaneous services will be delivered within 10 business days of receiving a retailer’s service order, unless otherwise agreed.

Service category	Service level
Connection establishment	<p>Where an alteration to the network is not required, connection establishment will be delivered within 10 business days from receipt of a valid Business to Business Electronic Request (<b>B2B</b>) service order from the customer's retailer, following the approval of a connection application and receipt of a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.</p> <p>Where a cross-over service pole is required, connection establishment will be delivered within 50 business days from receipt of a valid B2B service order from the retailer, following the approval of a connection application and receipt of a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.</p>
Temporary disconnection/reconnection	Temporary disconnections/reconnections will be delivered on a date agreed with the relevant parties.
Basic connection alteration	Basic connection alterations will be delivered within 10 business days from receipt of a valid B2B service order (where applicable), following the approval of a valid connection application (if required) and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor.

## 2 Application of fee based services tariffs

### 2.1 TasNetworks

All references to TasNetworks within this Ancillary Services – Fee Based Services Application and Price Guide, unless otherwise stated, are 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 fee based services charges published by TasNetworks, unless otherwise stated, are exclusive of GST.

### 2.3 Fee based services charges

The fee based service charges within this Guide are calculated in accordance with the AER's final distribution determination for TasNetworks.<sup>1</sup>

### 2.4 Time zones

Tasmania is part of the Australian eastern time zone. All times in this document refer to Tasmanian local time.

### 2.5 Scheduled day for service delivery

A scheduled day for service delivery is a day of the week that a particular locality is scheduled to be visited by TasNetworks personnel for the purposes of undertaking services such as retail contract termination, energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation, credit action or special meter reads, as per the service area calendar detailed in Schedule 1 of this Guide.

### 2.6 Request process

TasNetworks' service order process aligns with jurisdictional B2B service order procedures. A B2B service order from a retailer is required for the provision of most fee based services.

Service orders for connections and alterations to the network may be initiated by the customer by means of TasNetworks' application process for basic connection services, which is available from TasNetworks' website at: <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/connections-help>

Applications can be submitted via TasNetworks' Connections Portal at: <https://connections.tasnetworks.com.au/account/login>

In some instances the provision of a service order also requires the lodgement, and acceptance by TasNetworks, of an EWR by a licensed electrical contractor.

### 2.7 Business day

A business day is any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a gazetted public holiday in any part of mainland Tasmania.

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-determination-2019-24/final-decision>.



## 2.8 Field operational hours

TasNetworks' field operational hours are the hours between 7:30 am and 4:20 pm on a business day.

## 2.9 After hours fees

After hours fees apply where part or all of the work or travel associated with a service falls outside field operational hours.

## 2.10 Invoicing process

TasNetworks' Market Support Team is responsible for managing the fee based services charging process. This is typically done via the Service Order Management system using the applicable product codes. In these situations the charges will be issued in compliance with the jurisdictional distribution billing B2B protocols and the services will be invoiced via the customer's retailer. In some cases, however, TasNetworks may invoice a third party directly.

## 2.11 Published fee based services

TasNetworks' published fee based services list sets out the services offered by TasNetworks for B2B Service Orders. The agreement to deliver these services, as outlined in this Guide, is made when:

- there is unhindered access to the metering and connection servicing assets;
- there are no safety issues associated with the delivery of the service;
- the electrical contractor has performed work to agreed standards; and
- the network infrastructure required to facilitate delivery of the service is present.

Note: the installation of new meters is no longer performed by TasNetworks.

### **3 Assigning and reassigning customers to fee based service tariff classes**

#### **3.1 Assigning customers to fee based service tariffs**

A fee based service is considered to be a tariff class under the Rules. The Rules require TasNetworks to describe how customers are assigned to tariff classes.

TasNetworks assigns customers to fee based service tariff classes on the basis of the fee based service selected. Customers are assigned into one of the following fee based service tariff classes:

- retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation and special meter reads;
- meter testing;
- supply abolishment;
- tee-up;
- miscellaneous services;
- connection establishment;
- temporary disconnection/reconnection; and
- basic connection alteration.

Customers may be assigned to at least one fee based service tariff class. Assignment to fee based service tariff classes is based on the type of service provided.

#### **3.2 Re-assignment of customers to fee based service tariffs**

Customers will not be reassigned to a different fee based service class for the provision of a fee based service.

## **4 Retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation and special meter reads**

### **4.1 General conditions**

These services require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to undertake a retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation, energisation or perform a special meter read (basic meters only). Special meter reads will only be performed on basic type 6 meters owned by TasNetworks. These services will be performed on the scheduled date requested by the retailer with the exception of de-energisations, which are undertaken in a manner consistent with Rule 111 of the National Electricity Retail Rules (**NERR**). De-energisation without consultation with the customer will occur on a regular scheduled day for service delivery.

Unless specified, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time, it will be treated as a tee-up service request. Section 7 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required, the service will be treated as a tee-up service request.

Retailer service orders received after 3:00 pm on any business day will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The cut off for same day connection before they are deemed to be after hours is 3:00 pm.

A scheduled day for service delivery is a day that the area in which the customer's premises are located is normally serviced by TasNetworks.

In accordance with rule 111 of the NERR, protected periods apply to de-energisations, during which de-energisations are not permitted. The protected periods are:

- a business day before 8:00 am or after 3:00 pm; or
- a Friday or the day before a public holiday; or
- a weekend or a public holiday; or
- the days between 20 December and 31 December (inclusive).

De-energisations that are requested to occur within a protected period will not be performed until that period has concluded, in accordance with rule 111 of the NERR, unless requested by the customer.

### **4.2 Site visit – no appointment (Energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation)**

If no appointment is required, visits to customer premises during field operational hours to perform de-energisations, re-energisations, or energisations, will be undertaken on the regular scheduled day for service delivery in the locality in question.

### **4.3 Site visit – no appointment (Special read)**

If no appointment is required, visits to customer premises during field operational hours to perform special reads, will be undertaken on the regular scheduled day for service delivery in the locality in question.

### **4.4 Site visit – non-scheduled visit**

Where no appointment is required, visits to customer premises for the purposes of performing de-energisations, re-energisations or energisations that are undertaken during field operational hours but requested to be carried out on a day that is not a regular scheduled day for service delivery will be treated as a non-scheduled site visit. Visits to customer premises during field operational hours where

the visit is required on the same day as the retailer's request will also be treated as a non-scheduled site visit if the request is received by TasNetworks before 11:00 am on that day.

#### **4.5 Site visit – same day premium service**

Visits to customer premises during field operational hours to perform a re-energisation or energisation, where no appointment is required but the visit is required on the same day as a retailer's request, will be classified as a same day premium service if the request from the retailer is received by TasNetworks after 11:00 am, and prior to 3:00 pm on that day. Requests received after 3:00 pm are treated as a Site visit – after hours.

#### **4.6 Site visit – after hours**

Visits to customer premises to perform a re-energisation or energisation where no appointment is required and the visit is required on the day of the customer's request will be classified as an after hours site visit if the visit is organised for a time that is outside field operational hours.

#### **4.7 Site visit – credit action or site issues**

Visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours due to a credit issue or a request from a retailer that the site be de-energised without consultation with the customer, where no appointment is required and the requested date is on a day that is a regular scheduled day for service delivery, are classified as a site visit for the purposes of credit action or site issues.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

The fee for this service does not include costs which may apply for the repair of damaged equipment.

#### **4.8 Site visit – credit action pillar box/pole top**

Visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours to perform a de-energisation due to a credit issue, other than at the distribution point of attachment, switchboard isolation fuse or disconnect switch, where no appointment is required and the visit occurs on the regular scheduled day are classified as a pillar box/pole top credit action site visit.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

The fee for this service does not include costs which may apply for the repair of damaged equipment.

#### **4.9 Site visit – current transformer (CT) metering**

Visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours on a scheduled service delivery day to de-energise or re-energise a site where current transformer metering is in use are classified as current transformer (CT) metering site visit.

#### **4.10 Site visit – pillar box/pole top**

Pillar box/pole top site visits refer to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to de-energise the site by means other than the point of attachment, switchboard isolation fuse or disconnect switch, without consultation with the customer and where no appointment is required.

Protected periods (as defined by the NERR) will apply in respect to this fee based service.

#### **4.11 Site visit – pillar box/pole top wasted visit**

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours to undertake a Site visit – pillar box/pole top where the service could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

#### 4.12 Transfer of retailer

The transfer of premises from one retailer to another retailer where the meter read date for those premises is effective as per the meter reading schedule will not incur a fee if no site visit is required.

A transfer of premises to another retailer which involves a site visit or is requested for a date other than the scheduled meter read date will incur a site visit fee.

#### 4.13 Fee based services charges

Table 2 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for retail contract termination, de-energisation, re-energisation and special meter reads for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 2: Fee based service prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Site visit – no appointment (energisation, de-energisation, re-energisation)	80.48
Site visit – no appointment (special read)	51.08
Site visit – non-scheduled visit	134.66
Site visit – same day premium service	203.21
Site visit – after hours	322.86
Site visit – credit actions or site issues	144.17
Site visit – credit actions pillar box/pole top	251.97
Site visit – current transformer (CT) metering	129.48
Site visit – pillar box/pole top	251.97
Site visit – pillar box/pole top wasted visit	144.17
Transfer of retailer	0.00

## 5 Meter testing

Meter testing services involve a visit to a customer's premises by an authorised officer of TasNetworks to undertake the testing of a TasNetworks owned meter(s) at the request of a retailer.

All services are to be delivered within 15 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of a completed retailer's service order, unless an alternative date for the service has been agreed.

Service orders received from retailers after 3:00 pm on any business day will be deemed to have been received on the next business day.

If a service is required to be performed at a specified time it will be treated as a tee-up service. Section 7 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

If customer consultation is required an additional tee-up service will be charged.

The charges for meter testing are applied per meter tested, as opposed to per electrical installation. The retailer is to provide details of the meter(s) for testing. If no details are received by TasNetworks regarding the specific meter(s) to be tested at a customer's premises, it will be assumed that all meters at the site are to be tested and charges will be applied to the testing of each meter.

No meter testing fee will apply if a meter is found to be faulty.

Where the provision of a meter testing service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the customer's premises that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a Meter test – wasted visit fee may be charged.

### 5.1 Meter test – single phase

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to test a single phase meter at the request of a retailer, where no appointment is required.

### 5.2 Meter test – multi-phase

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to test a multi-phase meter at the request of a retailer, where no appointment is required.

### 5.3 Meter test – current transformer

This service refers to a visit to customer premises during field operational hours where no appointment is required, to test a current transformer (CT) meter at the request of the retailer.

### 5.4 Meter test – after hours

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises, undertaken outside field operational hours at the request of the retailer and where no appointment is required, to undertake the following services:

- meter test – single phase; or
- meter test – multi-phase; or
- meter test – CT.

### 5.5 Meter test – wasted visit

This service refers to a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to test a meter at the request of the retailer where the test could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

A Meter test – after hours fee will also be charged where a visit to test a meter at the request of the retailer occurs outside of field operational hours and could not be completed due to issues at the customer’s premises.

## 5.6 Fee based services charges

Table 3 sets out TasNetworks’ fee based services prices for meter tests for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 3: Fee based service prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Meter test – single phase	233.93
Meter test – multi-phase	460.88
Meter test – current transformer (CT)	511.32
Meter test – after hours	902.33
Meter test – wasted visit	82.64

## 6 Supply abolishment

These services involve an authorised officer of TasNetworks visiting a customer's premises to undertake the abolishment of the customer's connection.

The service is to be delivered within 10 business days of the receipt of a valid service order from the customer's retailer, unless an alternate date of removal has been agreed. Sites deemed to be active (energised) require a valid retailer service order in order for a supply to be abolished. Where the site is already de-energised a request for the supply to be abolished can be made directly to TasNetworks. Requests to perform this service on a specific day and / or time will be classed as a tee-up and tee-up charges will also apply (refer Section 7).

A request for services is to be received by 3:00 pm on any business day, otherwise it will be deemed to have been received the next business day.

Unless specified by TasNetworks, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted by TasNetworks prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required, the service will be treated as a tee-up service.

Where the provision of a supply abolishment service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the customer's premises that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a wasted visit fee may be charged.

If more than a single span connection is to be abolished, additional costs and timeframes may apply.

### 6.1 Remove service and meters

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises to remove meters and a service connection at the request of the retailer, the owner or as a result of building demolition, where the visit is undertaken during field operational hours and no appointment is required.

### 6.2 Supply abolishment – after hours

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, outside field operational hours where no appointment is required.

### 6.3 Supply abolishment – wasted visit

A visit to a customer's premises to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, where the service could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises will attract a Supply abolishment – wasted visit fee.

A Supply abolishment – after hours fee will also be charged where a visit to abolish supply at the request of the retailer or the owner, occurs outside of normal field operational hours and could not be completed due to issues at the customer's premises.

### 6.4 Fee based services charges

Table 4 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for supply abolishment for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 4: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Remove service and meters	256.16
Supply abolishment – after hours	631.85
Supply abolishment – wasted visit	158.16



## **7 Tee-up/appointment**

A tee-up occurs when a customer's electrical contractor, retailer or third party requests that a TasNetworks service be provided at a nominated location at a specified date and / or time. Alternatively, a tee-up is required when a customer would like to consult at a specified date and / or time with TasNetworks personnel.

Where another service has been requested with a tee-up, the service will be provided on the negotiated tee-up date and the time limits referenced in this document no longer apply.

Tee-ups relating to services listed in all Sections other than Section 5 are to be requested by a retailer through the standard B2B process. A tee-up requested by an electrical contractor should be made via a EWR and will be invoiced by TasNetworks directly to the electrical contractor.

Tee-ups will be arranged following TasNetworks' receipt of all required documentation. TasNetworks will attempt to contact the party requesting the tee-up service within five business days of receipt of the required documentation. If contact cannot be made after three attempts, TasNetworks will request the customer's retailer to confirm the request for a tee-up service via B2B processes.

It should be noted that tee-up charges are in addition to the charges for the relevant service.

### **7.1 Tee-up/appointment**

This service involves a tee-up with a TasNetworks crew where the appointment occurs during field operational hours.

### **7.2 Tee-up/appointment – after hours**

This service applies to a tee-up with a TasNetworks crew where part of the work or travel time relating to the appointment falls outside field operational hours and the work to be completed requires attendance by a crew with a truck.

### **7.3 Tee-up/appointment – no truck – after hours**

This service involves a tee-up with a TasNetworks crew where part of the work or travel time associated with the appointment falls outside field operational hours and the work to be completed does not require a crew with a truck.

### **7.4 Tee-up/appointment – wasted visit**

A fee will apply to tee-ups where the works could not be completed at the requested date and/or time due to issues at the customer's premises, or if it transpires that a TasNetworks crew was not actually required once on site.

In cases where work could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site, an after hours fee will also be charged where part of the work or travel time involved with the tee-up falls outside field operational hours.

### **7.5 Fee based services charges**

Table 5 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for the provision of a tee-up for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 5: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Tee-up/appointment	134.46
Tee-up/appointment – after hours	680.21
Tee-up/appointment – no truck – after hours	347.05
Tee-up/appointment – wasted visit	84.03



## 8 Miscellaneous services

The following services fall into the category of Miscellaneous services, which includes a range of services that require an authorised officer of TasNetworks to visit a customer's, as well as a number of administrative services which are provided without the need for a site visit.

All services will be delivered within 10 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of a service order, unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed.

For all Miscellaneous services, if a service order is not received by 3:00 pm on a business day it will be deemed to have been received the next business day.

Unless specified, the services will be scheduled in the most efficient manner within TasNetworks' work schedule. If a service is required to be performed at a specified time it will be treated as a tee-up service. Section 7 of this document outlines the fees associated with tee-up services.

Unless specified, the customer will not be consulted by TasNetworks prior to the work being undertaken. If customer consultation is required the service will be treated as a tee-up service.

Where the provision of a Miscellaneous service is unable to be undertaken due to issues at the premise that are outside the control of TasNetworks, a Miscellaneous service – wasted visit fee may be charged.

### 8.1 Open turret

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises to open a turret or cabinet during field operational hours. A tee-up will be required for this service.

### 8.2 Data download

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to download data from a TasNetworks owned basic meter, where no appointment is required.

### 8.3 Alteration to unmetered supply

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to add or remove a load on an existing unmetered supply site, where no appointment is required.

### 8.4 Meter relocation

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to relocate an existing metering position to a new location where the point of attachment has not altered position, and where no appointment is required.

### 8.5 Tiger tails – standard single/multi phase

This service involves an initial visit and subsequent return to customer's premises during operational hours to install/remove tiger tails where scaffolding is not involved. The service includes the attachment of visual warning devices on the service wire and point of attachment, and insulated rubber matting where no isolations have been made.

### 8.6 Tiger tails – scaffolding single phase

This service applies to the initial visit and subsequent return to customer's premises during operational hours to install/remove tiger tails where scaffolding is involved. This includes attaching visual warning devices on the service wire and point of attachment and insulated rubber matting where the service is required to be disconnected and reconnected to facilitate the installation for a single phase connection.

### **8.7 Tiger tails – scaffolding multi phase**

This service involves the initial visit and subsequent return to customer's premises during operational hours to install/remove tiger tails where scaffolding is involved. This includes attaching visual warning devices on the service wire and point of attachment and insulated rubber matting where the service is required to be disconnected and reconnected to facilitate the installation for a multi phase connection.

### **8.8 Administration**

An administration charge will be levied when office work is required to be performed to complete a task requested by a customer's that is not described elsewhere in this Guide.

### **8.9 Statutory right – access prevented**

A charge to facilitate a standard warrant to access premises in order to disconnect where access is being prevented. Administrative action.

### **8.10 Tariff Change**

This service applies to a change of network tariff where no site visit is required, and only administrative actions are involved.

### **8.11 Emergency maintenance contestable meters**

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises during operational hours to rectify a fault on an external metering provider's equipment or where an outage has been caused by the metering provider and TasNetworks has to restore power to the customer's premises.

### **8.12 Emergency maintenance contestable meters – after hours**

This service applies to a visit to a customer's premises outside operational hours to rectify a fault on an external metering provider's equipment or where an outage has been caused by the metering provider and TasNetworks has to restore power to the customer's premises.

### **8.13 Meter recovery and disposal**

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises during operational hours to remove and dispose of type 5 or 6 meters at the request of the metering provider.

### **8.14 Miscellaneous service**

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours at the request of a retailer, to perform a service that is not described elsewhere in this Guide, where no appointment is required.

### **8.15 Miscellaneous service – after hours**

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises outside field operational hours to perform any of the above-mentioned Miscellaneous services which has been requested by a retailer, where no appointment is required.

### **8.16 Miscellaneous service – wasted visit**

Visits to a customer's premises during field operational hours for the purposes of providing a requested miscellaneous service where the service could not be completed due to issues on site or

where the crew was not required once on site will be classified as a Miscellaneous service – wasted visit and attract the appropriate fee.

A Miscellaneous service – after hours fee will also be charged where part of the work or travel time associated with a wasted visit falls outside field operational hours and the work could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

### 8.17 Fee based services charges

Table 6 sets out TasNetworks' fee based services prices for the provision of miscellaneous services for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 6: Fee based services prices**

Service	Rate (\$)
Open turret	120.46
Data download	259.15
Alteration to unmetered supply	196.11
Meter relocation	170.89
Tiger tails – standard single/multi phase	630.18
Tiger tails – scaffolding single phase	1,004.11
Tiger tails – scaffolding multi phase	1,104.97
Administration	48.84
Statutory right – access prevented	1,209.85
Tariff change	48.84
Emergency maintenance contestable meters	52.37
Emergency maintenance contestable meters – after hours	347.05
Meter recovery and disposal	95.25
Miscellaneous service	107.85
Miscellaneous service – after hours	532.14
Miscellaneous service – wasted visit	82.64

## 9 Connection establishment charges

This basic connection service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to establish a new customer connection. The connection service is in accordance with the customer's approved application to connect.

Customers requiring the installation of multiple spans of overhead service wire will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

If no alterations to the network are required, basic connection services will be delivered within 10 business days of the receipt of a valid service order from the customer's retailer, unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed with TasNetworks. TasNetworks will also require a valid connection application and a valid EWR from the customer's electrical contractor before progressing with the work.

All services requiring a cross-over service pole will be delivered within 50 business days of TasNetworks' receipt of a valid connection application and a valid service order, unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed.

### 9.1 Creation of a NMI

This service applies to the administrative activities associated with the creation of a National Metering Identifier (NMI).

### 9.2 Overhead service, single span – single phase

This service applies to the installation of a single span of single phase overhead service wire (off a pole) and the associated service fuse. If a cross-over service pole is required, this service is classified as a connection type B12, otherwise it is a connection type B1.

### 9.3 Overhead service, single span – multi-phase

This service involves the installation of a single span of multi-phase overhead service wire (off a pole) and associated service fuses. If a cross-over service pole is required this service is a connection type B13, otherwise it is a connection type B2.

### 9.4 Underground service with turret/cabinet – single phase

This service involves the installation of a single phase underground service connecting a customer's consumer mains to the fuse located in a TasNetworks turret or cabinet. If a cross-over service pole is required this service is a connection type B14, otherwise it is a connection type B3.

### 9.5 Underground service with turret/cabinet – multi-phase

This service involves the installation of a multi-phase underground service connecting a customer's consumer mains to the fuses located in a TasNetworks turret or cabinet. If a cross-over service pole is required this service is a connection type B15, otherwise it is a connection type B3M.

### 9.6 Underground service with pole mounted fuse – single phase

This service involves the installation of a single phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to a fuse located on a TasNetworks pole or private pole. This service is a connection type B4.

### 9.7 Underground service with pole mounted fuse – multi-phase

This service involves the installation of a multi-phase underground service connecting the customer's consumer mains to the fuses located on a TasNetworks pole or private pole. This service is a connection type B5.

### 9.8 Basic connection – after hours

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours for the purposes of providing a basic connection service. This relates to the connection services listed in this Section 9 including connection types B1, B2, B3, B3M, B4, B5, B12, B13, B14 and B15.

### 9.9 Connection establishment wasted visit

This service applies to visits to a customer's premises to provide a basic connection service where the connection could not be completed due to issues at the site.

### 9.10 Fee based service charges

Table 7 sets out TasNetworks' schedule of fees for the establishment of new customer connections for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 7: Fee based service prices**

Service	Connection type	Rate \$
Creation of a NMI		39.91
Overhead service, single span – single phase	B1 or B12	566.18
Overhead service, single span – multi-phase	B2 or B13	809.25
Underground service with turret/cabinet – single phase	B3 or B14	170.74
Underground service with turret/cabinet – multi-phase	B3M or B15	223.76
Underground service with pole mounted fuse – single phase	B4	430.51
Underground service with pole mounted fuses – multi-phase	B5	549.18
Basic connection – after hours	B1, B2, B3, B3M, B4, B5, B12, B13, B14 or B15	1,077.09
Connections establishment – wasted visit		144.23

## 10 Temporary disconnection/reconnection charges

This service requires TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to temporarily isolate an existing supply.

Where multiple NMIs are affected a Group Isolation request from the retailer is required and charges will apply.

### 10.1 Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – single phase

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and reconnect an existing TasNetworks' single span of single phase overhead service wire.

### 10.2 Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – multi-phase

A visit to a customer's premises during operation hours to disconnect and reconnect an existing TasNetworks' single span of multi-phase overhead service wire.

### 10.3 Temporary disconnect/reconnect (isolation) – retailer requested outage

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours at the request of the retailer to perform a temporary disconnection and reconnection.

This does not include the removal of a service wire and is for isolation only. An additional administrative fee may be charged if the reconnection occurs on a different day to the disconnection.

### 10.4 Temporary disconnect/reconnect – after hours

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours to perform temporary isolation.

### 10.5 Temporary disconnect/reconnect – wasted visit

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for the purposes of providing a requested temporary isolation where the service could not be completed due to issues on site or where the crew was not required once on site.

### 10.6 Fee based service charges

Table 8 sets out TasNetworks' customer connection fees for the provision of a service for the establishment of a temporary customer connection for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 8: Fee based service prices**

Service	Rate \$
Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – single phase	420.22
Disconnect/reconnect overhead service for fascia repairs – multi-phase	521.10
Temporary disconnect/reconnect – retailer requested outage	369.80
Temporary disconnect/reconnect – after hours	902.33
Temporary disconnect/reconnect – wasted visit	168.06



## 11 Basic connection alteration

These services require TasNetworks to visit a customer's premises to alter or augment a customer's connection to the distribution network where that connection is categorised as a basic connection service.

In a number of instances the alteration of basic connection services will require TasNetworks to interrupt the supply of electricity to the customer's premises.

Basic connection alterations will be delivered within 10 business days of TasNetworks receiving a valid B2B service order (where applicable) or the receipt of both an approved connection application (where required) and valid EWR, unless an alternate date for the service has been agreed.

As a basic connection service, a connection alteration requires the installation of a single span of overhead service wire only. Customers requiring the installation of multiple spans of overhead service wire will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

In relation to overhead connections, unless indicated to the contrary:

- If the connection point has moved, but the existing service wire is long enough to reach the new connection point and remain compliant with relevant standards, the existing overhead service wire will be re-used.
- If the connection point has moved and the existing service wire is not long enough to reach the new connection point and remain compliant with relevant standards, this fee will not apply and the customer will be required to pay the fee for the equivalent basic connection service.
- Existing overhead service wires that do not meet the current construction standard will be replaced with a new service wire at no additional cost to the customer.

In some circumstances a service may involve more than one type of basic connection service. For example, a job may require new consumer mains and an alteration to a connection.

Where consumer mains work is required and an Electrical Contractor is also altering the connection from:

- overhead to underground; or
- from one building to another; or
- from single phase to multi-phase; or
- from multi-phase to single phase

an EWR alone is not sufficient and TasNetworks requires lodgement of a connection application.

### 11.1 Connection alteration – overhead single phase

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for a single phase connection alteration following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### 11.2 Connection alteration – overhead multi-phase

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for a multi-phase connection alteration following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **11.3 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (turret)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new single phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **11.4 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (pole)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new single phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while the basic connection service is being provided.

### **11.5 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (turret)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new multi-phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **11.6 Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (pole)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours for connection of a new multi-phase consumer mains to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network following an alteration to the customer's installation.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

### **11.7 Augment single phase overhead service to multi-phase supply**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of single phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuse, and connect a new single span of multi-phase overhead service wire and associated service fuses to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network. This service is a connection augmentation type BA2.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### **11.8 Augment multi-phase overhead service to single phase supply**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of multi-phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuses, and connect a new single span of single phase overhead service wire and associated service fuse to the existing TasNetworks' distribution network. This service is a connection augmentation type BA1.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### **11.9 Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of single phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuse, and connect a new single phase underground consumer mains to the fuse located in an existing TasNetworks' turret or cabinet. This service is a connection augmentation type BA3.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

Customers also requiring the installation of a TasNetworks' turret or cabinet will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### **11.10 Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of multi-phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuses, and connect a new multi-phase underground consumer mains to the fuses located in an existing TasNetworks' turret or cabinet. This service is a connection augmentation type BA4.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

Customers also requiring the installation of an TasNetworks turret or cabinet will be required to follow TasNetworks' negotiated connection process and will have their charges determined in accordance with that process.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### **11.11 Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of single phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuse, and connect a new single phase underground consumer mains to a fuse located on a TasNetworks' or private pole. This service is a connection augmentation type BA5.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### **11.12 Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)**

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises during field operational hours to disconnect and remove a single span of multi-phase overhead service wire and the associated service fuses, and

connect a new multi-phase underground consumer mains to the fuses located on a TasNetworks' pole. This service is a connection augmentation type BA6.

The customer's supply of electricity will be interrupted by TasNetworks while this basic connection service is being provided.

This service requires a connection application to be lodged with TasNetworks.

### 11.13 Basic connection alteration – after hours

This service involves a visit to a customer's premises outside field operational hours to perform a basic connection alteration. This relates to the connection services listed in this Section 11 including connection augmentation types BA1, BA2, BA3, BA4, BA5 or BA6.

### 11.14 Basic connection – wasted visit

This service applies to site visits undertaken by TasNetworks to provide a basic connection service where the connection could not be completed due to issues at the site.

### 11.15 Fee based services charges

Table 9 sets out TasNetworks' customer connection fees for the provision of a basic connection alteration service for the 2020-21 regulatory year.

**Table 9: Fee based services prices**

Service	Connection augmentation type	Rate \$
Connection alteration – overhead single phase		320.76
Connection alteration – overhead multi-phase		421.62
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (turret)		194.67
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – single phase underground (pole)		371.19
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (turret)		245.11
Connection of new consumer mains to an existing installation – multi-phase underground (pole)		472.06
Augment single phase overhead service to multi-phase supply	BA2	884.90
Augment multi-phase overhead service to single phase supply	BA1	641.83
Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)	BA3	397.69
Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (turret)	BA4	498.56
Augment single phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)	BA5	506.16
Augment multi-phase overhead service to underground supply (pole)	BA6	624.83
Basic connection alteration – after hours	BA1, BA2, BA3, BA4, BA5 or BA6	1,161.46

Service	Connection augmentation type	Rate \$
Basic connection – wasted visit		156.84



## 12 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.

### 12.1 Internal procedure for reviewing objections

Where TasNetworks receives written notification that a customer has an objection to the proposed fee based service tariff assignment or reassignment, the following additional procedures will be followed.

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

TasNetworks will undertake the following internal review process:

- the customer's written objection will be reviewed by TasNetworks;
- additional information provided by the customer (and/or the customer's retailer) will be considered;
- TasNetworks will determine the tariff assignment that should apply;
- the proposed tariff assignment will be reviewed and approved by the Market Support Team Leader; and
- the customer (and/or customer's retailer) will be notified in writing of the tariff assignment review outcomes within 15 business days of receipt of the customer's written objection.

### 12.2 Objection not resolved to satisfaction of customer under internal review process

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

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

## 13 Glossary

AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator.
AER	Australian Energy Regulator.
B2B	Business to business electronic requests.
B2B service orders	AEMO's B2B procedure service order process which is the communication procedures between retailers and service providers.
Basic metering services	Reading services for accumulation meters or unmetered supplied as defined in the Rules.
Business day	A day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day which is a gazetted public holiday in any part of mainland Tasmania.
Charges	For service means the constituent elements of the charge.
Connection point	In relation to a customer, the point at which electricity leaves the TasNetworks distribution network for delivery to the customer's premises.
Customer	A person to whom TasNetworks provides regulated services.
De-energisation	The de-energisation of an energised electrical installation.
Distribution Determination	AER, Final Decision, TasNetworks distribution determination, 2019-20 to 2023-24, April 2019 (see <a href="https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-determination-2019-24/final-decision">https://www.aer.gov.au/networks-pipelines/determinations-access-arrangements/tasnetworks-determination-2019-24/final-decision</a> ).
Distribution network	As defined in the <i>Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995</i> (Tas).
Electrical contractor	A person or company licensed as an electrical contractor under the <i>Occupational Licensing Act 2005</i> (Tas).
Energisation	The energisation of an electrical installation.
Energy Ombudsman	As defined in the <i>Energy Ombudsman Act 1998</i> (Tas).
EWR	Electrical Works Request form.
Field operational hours	Between 7:30 am and 4:20 pm on a business day.
Illegal connection	An electrical installation that has been energised without authorisation from TasNetworks.
Interval metering services	Reading services for interval meters – types 1 – 5 as defined in the Rules and provision of other services.
Meter alterations	Alterations made to an existing electrical installation to add, remove, exchange, reprogram metering equipment at the request of the retailer.
Meter tests	Testing of a meter to ensure that the components, accuracy and testing of the installation complies with the requirements of the Rules.
NEM	National Electricity Market.
NERR	National Energy Retail Rules.
New connection	Connection of the supply to a new electrical installation.
NMI	National Metering Identifier
Protected period	A period in which a de-energisation cannot be undertaken in accordance with NERR provisions.

Re-energisation	The energisation of an electrical installation which has previously been de-energised.
Renewable energy connections	Installation of a small generator of less than 10 kW per phase.
Retail contract termination	The ending of a Standard Retail Contract pursuant to Section 70 of the NERR.
Rules	National Electricity Rules.
TasNetworks	Unless otherwise stated means Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd ABN 24 167 357 299 in its capacity as a distributor licensed by the Tasmanian Economic Regulator in the state of Tasmania.
Tee-up	Service provision at a nominated location at a specified date and/or time.



## 14 Schedule 1: TasNetworks' service area calendar

Table 10 details on which day's services are undertaken in each area.

Areas marked with an asterisk are "Daily Service Areas"

**Table 10: Scheduled Day for Service**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>North West</b>	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast	*Greater North West Coast
		West Coast	Hellyer	West Coast	
		Cape	North West Tip	Granville	
		Barrington	Gunns Plains	Cape	Gunns Plains
		The Nut	Cradle Valley	Barrington	
			The Nut		
<b>North</b>	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston	*Greater Launceston
	Northern Midlands	North East Tip	East Tamar	Northern Midlands	West Tamar
	Meander Valley	Scottsdale	Meander Valley	Scottsdale	East Tamar
		West Tamar		Midlands	
		Goulds Country		Fingal	
		East Coast		East Coast	
	Freycinet				
<b>South</b>	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart	*Greater Hobart
	South Arm	Western Huon	Bruny Island	Derwent Valley	Channel
	Southern Midlands	West Lakes	Southern Midlands	Strathgordon	South Arm
	Inner East Coast	Derwent Valley	East Lakes	Southern Huon	Peninsula
	Southern East Coast	Peninsula	Southern East Coast	Huon	
Huon		Channel			

The following information has been provided to assist customers in understanding the service area groupings in the above table. Each service area lists suburbs that represent the borders of the service area and includes any location between those suburbs.

### 14.1 North West

- \*Greater North West Coast – Wynyard to Port Sorell
- West Coast – Tullah to Queenstown
- Cape – Table Cape to Sisters Beach to Meunna
- Barrington – Sassafra to Kimberley to Acacia Hills to West Kentish

- The Nut – Cowrie Point to Smithton
- Hellyer – Hellyer Gorge to Corinna
- North West Tip – Arthur River to Woolnorth
- Gunns Plains – Wilmot to Riana
- Cradle Valley – Cradle Mountain
- Granville – Granville Harbour

## 14.2 North

- \*Greater Launceston – Launceston and surrounding suburbs
- Northern Midlands – Ross to Bishopsbourne
- Meander Valley – Carrick to Mole Creek
- North East Tip – Waterhouse to Musselroe Bay
- Scottsdale – Scottsdale region
- West Tamar – Rosevears to Greens Beach
- East Tamar – Dilston to George Town to Pipers Brook
- Goulds Country – Goulds Country region
- East Coast – St Helens to St Marys
- Freycinet – Coles Bay
- Fingal – Fingal Valley region

## 14.3 South

- \*Greater Hobart – Hobart and surrounding suburbs
- South Arm – Opossum Bay to Sandford
- Southern Midlands – Oatlands to Tea Tree
- Inner East Coast – Mount Seymour to Levendale
- Southern East Coast – Little Swanport to Orford
- Western Huon – Lonnavele
- West Lakes – Liawenee to Osterley
- Derwent Valley – Ouse to Maydena
- Peninsula – Copping to White Beach
- Channel – Cygnet to Verona Sands to Snug
- Bruny Island – Bruny Island
- East Lakes – Arthurs Lake to Miena
- Strathgordon – Strathgordon
- Southern Huon – Raminea to Hastings
- Huon – Dover to Allens Rivulet to Lower Wattle Grove