

Schedule of Charges

Effective 1 April 2026

Firstlight Network is the regional lines company for Tairāwhiti and Wairoa. This is notification of our new line charges effective from 1 April 2026, as per the Electricity Distribution (Information Disclosure) Requirements 2012. The charges are made by Firstlight Network to electricity retailers for the use of our network in supplying electricity to consumers.

Firstlight Network Pricing Schedule

		Line charges effective from 1 April 2026			Line charges effective from 1 April 2025		
Consumer Group	Charge Type	Distribution Charge (\$)	Transmission Charge (\$)	Total Charge (\$)	Distribution Charge (\$)	Transmission Charge (\$)	Total Charge (\$)
DOMLFC Low fixed charge residential customers <8,000kWh 11,823 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	0.5581	0.3419	0.9000	0.4594	0.2906	0.7500
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.1560	0.0000	0.1560	0.1405	0.0000	0.1405
	Controlled (per kWh)	0.1175	0.0000	0.1175	0.1130	0.0000	0.1130
	Peak (per kWh)	0.2650	0.0000	0.2650	0.2237	0.0000	0.2237
	Off Peak+Night (per kWh)	0.1064	0.0000	0.1064	0.0993	0.0000	0.0993
DOMSTD Standard residential customers >8,000kWh 9,123 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	2.5035	0.5131	3.0166	2.2446	0.4361	2.6807
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.0602	0.0000	0.0602	0.0536	0.0000	0.0536
	Controlled (per kWh)	0.0266	0.0000	0.0266	0.0256	0.0000	0.0256
	Peak (per kWh)	0.1149	0.0000	0.1149	0.1053	0.0000	0.1053
	Off Peak+Night (per kWh)	0.0312	0.0000	0.0312	0.0300	0.0000	0.0300
COM0050 Commercial customers <50kVA + Domestic >20,000kWh 4,368 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	2.7844	0.5227	3.3071	2.5521	0.4443	2.9964
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.0501	0.0000	0.0501	0.0458	0.0000	0.0458
	Controlled (per kWh)	0.0265	0.0000	0.0265	0.0248	0.0000	0.0248
	Peak (per kWh)	0.1034	0.0000	0.1034	0.0935	0.0000	0.0935
	Off Peak+Night (per kWh)	0.0277	0.0000	0.0277	0.0256	0.0000	0.0256
COM0100 Commercial customers <100kVA 447 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	10.1573	3.7205	13.8778	9.2658	3.1622	12.4280
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.0640	0.0000	0.0640	0.0579	0.0000	0.0579
	Controlled (per kWh)	0.0373	0.0000	0.0373	0.0349	0.0000	0.0349
	Peak (per kWh)	0.1288	0.0000	0.1288	0.1176	0.0000	0.1176
	Off Peak+Night (per kWh)	0.0377	0.0000	0.0377	0.0356	0.0000	0.0356
COM0300 Commercial customers <300kVA 122 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	15.3099	15.2662	30.5761	14.0171	12.9752	26.9923
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.0639	0.0000	0.0639	0.0584	0.0000	0.0584
	Evening Peak (per kWh)	0.0585	0.0000	0.0585	0.0534	0.0000	0.0534
	Morning Peak (per kWh)	0.0545	0.0000	0.0545	0.0498	0.0000	0.0498
	Off Peak (per kWh)	0.0319	0.0000	0.0319	0.0298	0.0000	0.0298
Night (per kWh)	0.0178	0.0000	0.0178	0.0166	0.0000	0.0166	
COM0500 Commercial customers <500kVA 25 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	47.8547	24.9903	72.8450	43.7935	21.2400	65.0335
	Evening Peak (per kWh)	0.0339	0.0000	0.0339	0.0310	0.0000	0.0310
	Morning Peak (per kWh)	0.0316	0.0000	0.0316	0.0289	0.0000	0.0289
	Off Peak (per kWh)	0.0182	0.0000	0.0182	0.0172	0.0000	0.0172
	Night (per kWh)	0.0102	0.0000	0.0102	0.0096	0.0000	0.0096
COM1000 Commercial customers <1000kVA 25 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	76.0881	65.6327	141.7208	69.6180	55.7831	125.4011
	Evening Peak (per kWh)	0.0315	0.0000	0.0315	0.0288	0.0000	0.0288
	Morning Peak (per kWh)	0.0295	0.0000	0.0295	0.0269	0.0000	0.0269
	Off Peak (per kWh)	0.0175	0.0000	0.0175	0.0165	0.0000	0.0165
	Night (per kWh)	0.0098	0.0000	0.0098	0.0092	0.0000	0.0092
COM4500 Commercial customers <4500kVA 3 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	145.0299	143.4373	288.4672	142.4618	121.9114	264.3732
	Evening Peak (per kWh)	0.0407	0.0000	0.0407	0.0372	0.0000	0.0372
	Morning Peak (per kWh)	0.0381	0.0000	0.0381	0.0348	0.0000	0.0348
	Off Peak (per kWh)	0.0223	0.0000	0.0223	0.0210	0.0000	0.0210
	Night (per kWh)	0.0123	0.0000	0.0123	0.0116	0.0000	0.0116
COM6500 Commercial customers <6500kVA 1 ICP	Fixed (per ICP/day)	148.2997	143.4373	291.7370	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Evening Peak (per kWh)	0.0428	0.0000	0.0428	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Morning Peak (per kWh)	0.0401	0.0000	0.0401	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Off Peak (per kWh)	0.0257	0.0000	0.0257	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Night (per kWh)	0.0141	0.0000	0.0141	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
OTH0003 Low capacity <3kVA 60 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	0.5165	0.1684	0.6849	0.4795	0.1431	0.6226
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.1376	0.0000	0.1376	0.1286	0.0000	0.1286
DG Distributed generation 596 ICPs	Fixed (per ICP/day)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Rebate Network Peak times only 1 May to 30 September inclusive (per kWh)	-0.0359	0.0000	-0.0359	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
DUML Distributed unmetered load 5,072 fixtures	Fixed (per fixture/day)	0.0706	0.0265	0.0971	0.0660	0.0225	0.0885
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.1077	0.0000	0.1077	0.1007	0.0000	0.1007
STLGM Street lights metered 225 fixtures	Fixed (per fixture/day)	0.0769	0.0188	0.0957	0.0718	0.0160	0.0878
	Uncontrolled (per kWh)	0.1268	0.0000	0.1268	0.1185	0.0000	0.1185

Prices exclude GST. Energised ICPs are billed a fixed daily charge as shown. Uncontrolled, Controlled, Peak and Off-peak are variable charges and shown as a per kWh charge as metered at the ICP. Consumers can calculate the changes in their individual pricing positions resulting from line charge changes by comparing the two schedules.

Tariff definitions, terms and conditions of supply

Customer classification

Low Fixed Charge Connection Definition (Price Category DOMLFC)

An installed connection will qualify for the Low Fixed Charge ("LFC") tariff if it meets ALL five of the following criteria:

- The connection is the Consumer's primary and permanent place of residence. This excludes holiday homes, separately connected outbuildings, and premises that constitute any part of "premises" as defined in the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. For clarification, the following do not meet the LFC criteria: boarding houses, hostels or multi-rental units on a single installation control point (ICP).
- No person residing in these premises is claiming the LFC tariff at another location, whether on Firstlight Network supply or elsewhere in New Zealand. For the avoidance of doubt, a person cannot have multiple primary places of residence eligible for the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004.
- The connection does not supply electricity for any business (including a home based business), or commercial activity.
- The connection uses less than 8,000 kWh of electricity per annum.
- The connection does not exceed the following current limits:

1 Phase	2 Phase	3 Phase
Up to 63 Amps	Up to 42 Amps per phase	Up to 32 Amps per phase

For Firstlight Network to determine the correct tariff, retailers must provide the following information monthly for each active ICP:

- ICP number
- Current Consumer
- Full name
- Phone contacts
- Postal address
- Email address (if available)

The required format for provision of this information is described in the Electricity Information Exchange Protocols in EIEP4.

Please note: Firstlight Network checks eligibility for the LFC tariff.

Where the connection fails the eligibility test, the connection will be moved to the Standard tariff (DOMSTD).

All persons wishing to change tariff classification to the LFC tariff must meet the criteria outlined above. The Consumer may also be required to complete a 'Declaration for Domestic Supply' form.

Domestic Standard Definition (Price Category DOMSTD)

If a Domestic Customer does not qualify for the Low Fixed Charge tariff (DOMLFC), they will be switched to the Domestic Standard tariff (DOMSTD). Domestic connections surpassing the current limits above will be transferred to the low-capacity Commercial tariff COM0050. Residential customers using over 20,000 kWh annually will enjoy lower variable rates by switching to the COM0050 tariff.

Mixed connections – Where an ICP is both a commercial (home business) and residential connection, commercial tariff COM0050 will apply.

Supply categories

Controlled supply – 18-hour continuous supply: Supply in normal circumstances is available for a minimum of 18 hours each day, 7 days each week.

Uncontrolled supply – 24-hour continuous supply: Supply is in normal circumstances continuously available 24 hours each day, 7 days each week.

Special purpose tariffs

Low Capacity (Tariff OTH0003): ICPs are 3kVA connections, protected with a miniature circuit breaker of approved size and installation standard.

Streetlights Metered (Tariff STLGM): Tariff is designated for metered streetlights only. Fixed daily charge is per fixture (lamp).

Distributed Unmetered (Tariff DUML): Tariff is designated for unmetered connections. Fixed daily charge is per fixture.

Time of Use ("TOU") connection definition

Only connections with a consistently communicating and compliant AMI (smart) meter and on a relevant retailer tariff will be eligible for a TOU tariff. Connections with analogue meters or non-communicating AMI meters will be exempt from TOU pricing and Uncontrolled tariff becomes the default.

TOU tariffs are available on all tariff groups on Firstlight Network except for special purpose tariffs: OTH0003, STLGM and DUML.

TOU periods applicable to domestic connections and commercial connections up to and including 100kVA:

Peak	07:00 to 11:00, and 17:00 to 21:00 (Monday-Friday only)
Off Peak	11:00 to 17:00, and 21:00 to 07:00, and Weekends

TOU periods applicable to commercial connection over 100kVA:

Peak	07:00 to 12:00
Off Peak	12:00 to 17:00
Evening Peak	17:00 to 21:00
Off Peak	21:00 to 23:00
Night	23:00 to 07:00

Change of retailer

Commercial Consumers with capacity over 100kVA who wish to change retailers are strongly encouraged to do so at the beginning or end of their billing cycle (i.e. end of month) to avoid delay and complexity in processing the change.

Network connection requirements

Each new ICP must be able to be de-energised without the de-energisation of any other ICP. Pricing assumes the following connection standards are maintained at all times:

- Compliance with Firstlight Network Connection Standards and the Electricity Regulations;
- Service main voltage drop and condition is kept compliant with the Electricity Regulations;
- All trees under the control of the Consumer are maintained clear of all Firstlight Network equipment.

Where connections do not meet these requirements, after written notice, the connection may be isolated or disconnected until compliance is achieved. This action may result in costs to be borne by the Consumer.

Permanent disconnections from the Network

When an installation is vacated and its ICP status is changed to "Inactive – ready for decommissioning" by the energy retailer, Firstlight Network will permanently disconnect the installation and update the registry status to "Decommissioned".

Power factor

Connections to the Network are required to maintain a power factor of 0.95 lag or better. Failure by the Consumer to remedy poor power factor following a written notice of non-conformance, may result in the application of an additional fixed daily charge to the ICP as follows:

DOMLFC	DOMSTD	OTH0003	COM0050	COM0100
\$0.6000	\$2.1809	\$0.5608	\$2.4971	\$9.7303

COM0300	COM0500	COM1000	COM4500	COM6500
\$20.2129	\$48.7710	\$95.0390	\$233.5269	\$285.4261

Price category and additional fixed daily charge (excl GST)

Loss factors applicable to Firstlight Network:

400V connections 1.0926

11kV connections 1.0789

Wairoa multiple connections on single invoice (1999 Wairoa legacy issue)

- All connections must be supplied from same single transformer.
- If the property is subdivided or if the Consumer wishes to switch retailers, they will be required to establish separate connections to the Network for each installation at their cost. This will ensure that each ICP is able to be de-energised without the de-energisation of any other ICP.
- All multiple connections must be on a Domestic Standard tariff and are not eligible for the Low Fixed Charge.

Distributed generation connections

All distributed generation connections must comply with the Firstlight Network Distributed Generation Connection Standards ("Connection Standards"). These Connection Standards are available on our website or by contacting Firstlight Network. Failure to comply with these Connection Standards may result in disconnection of the distributed generation from Firstlight electricity network.

In accordance with the Connection Standards, all distributed generation connections must apply to Firstlight Network for approval prior to connection.

Definitions

Connection Standards – Firstlight Network Connection Standards and Firstlight Network Limited Distributed Generation Connection Standards which are available from the Firstlight Network website or by contacting Firstlight Network Limited.

Consumer – The term 'Consumer' as defined in the Electricity Industry Act 2010, means any person who is supplied, or applies to be supplied, with electricity other than for resupply.

Domestic Consumer – Means any person who purchases or uses electricity in respect of his or her home.

Home – Means the premises that are used or intended for occupation principally as a place of residence.

Low Fixed Charge Tariff – The pricing tariff that complies with the Electricity (Low Fixed Charge Tariff Option for Domestic Consumers) Regulations 2004 and Electricity Amendment Regulations 2021.

Multi-rental units on a single ICP – means premises that are divided into multiple separately rented units and there is only one connection point to that property.