

## MEDIA RELEASE

# ACT electricity prices adjustment from 1 July 2025

Today the ACT's economic regulator released the annual update of regulated electricity prices.

From 1 July 2025, ActewAGL's regulated (standing offer) tariffs will increase, on average, by 10.11%, or 7.05% excluding inflation.

"The price increase for 2025-26 is mainly driven by the increase in wholesale electricity costs, network costs and the ACT Government's large-scale feed-in tariff (LFIT) scheme costs." Senior Commissioner Joe Dimasi said.

Wholesale energy purchase costs increased by 9.24% (from \$149.81 per MWh in 2024-25 to \$163.64 per MWh) and contributed 4.24 percentage points to the price increase. Higher wholesale costs are a result of significant market volatility in 2024 across the National Electricity Market. The market volatility was driven by a range of factors, such as increased gas prices, high demand, coal generator and network outages, low solar and wind output or a combination of all factors.<sup>1</sup>

ACT Government's LFIT scheme costs increased from \$2.61/MWh in 2024-25 to \$16.11/MWh in 2025-26, which reflects the ACT Government's Reasonable Cost Determination of \$48 million for 2025-26. These costs can vary significantly from year to year.

The maximum average increase of 10.11% will translate to an annual bill increase of \$214 for an average residential customer consuming 6,500kWh of electricity per year. For an average non-residential customer consuming 25,000kWh, the increase in the annual bill will be \$825.

The regulated price increases only apply to ActewAGL's standing offer tariffs. Market offers tend to be lower and customers could save by moving from a standing offer to a market offer.

"Despite this significant increase in regulated electricity prices, bills for ACT customers on standing offers are expected to remain among the lowest in the country. New South Wales has seen a range of price increases of up to 9%", Senior Commissioner Joe Dimasi said.

To help households and small businesses with the cost of electricity, the Federal Government provides up to \$150 in energy bill rebates from 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025. ACT Government offers further support to help low income and vulnerable customers meet the costs of their electricity bills.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [AER's wholesale electricity market performance report 2024](#) and [2025-26 Default market offer prices – draft determination](#).

<sup>2</sup> Details are available at ACT Government websites: [Electricity, Gas and Water Rebate](#) and [Everyday climate choices](#).

Many consumers could still find it difficult to pay their electricity bills, especially in the current challenging economic conditions. We encourage consumers experiencing financial hardship to contact their retailer for assistance. We also encourage customers to shop around for more affordable electricity plans, including from competing retailers.

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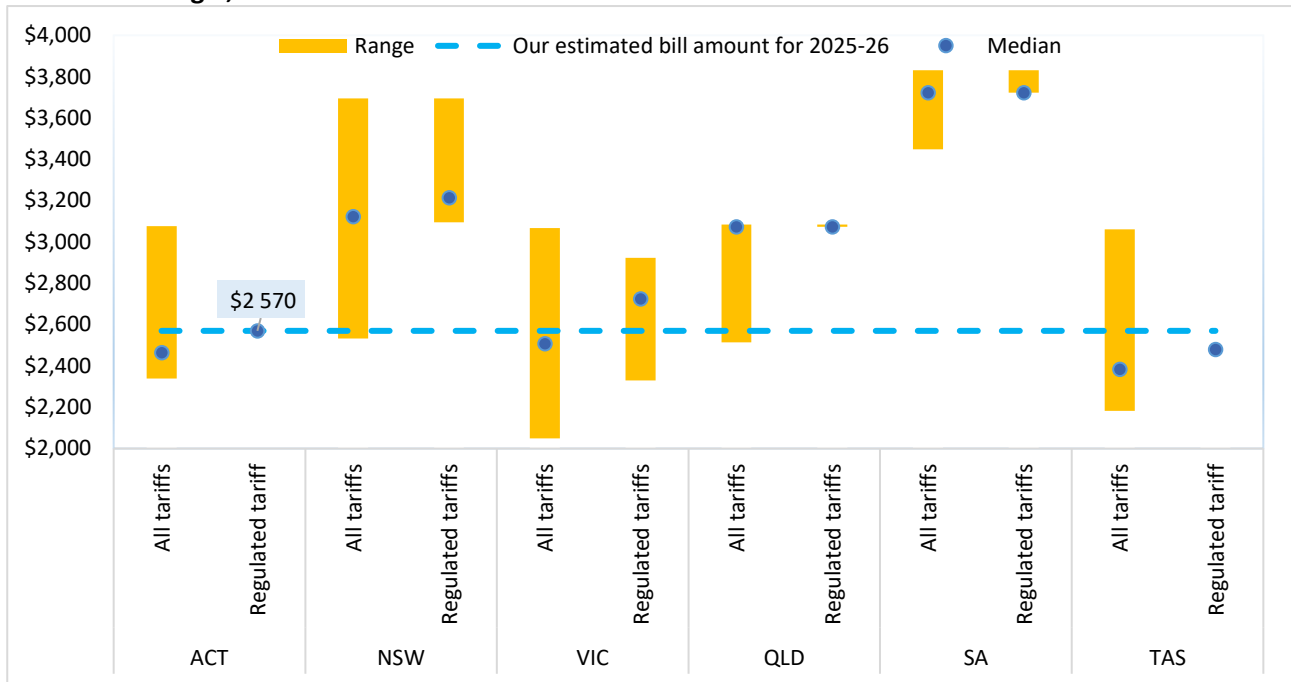
**Table 1 Electricity cost components for 2025-26 (with 2024-25 costs for comparison)**

Cost component	2024-25 (\$/MWh)	2025-26 (\$/MWh)	Dollar change (\$/MWh)	Contribution (%)
Wholesale energy purchase cost	149.81	163.64	13.83	4.24
National green costs	18.26	12.69	-5.57	-1.71
Energy losses	0.29	3.48	3.19	0.98
Volatility allowance	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00
NEM fees	1.28	1.45	0.17	0.05
<b>Total energy purchase costs</b>	<b>170.14</b>	<b>181.76</b>	<b>11.62</b>	<b>3.56</b>
Transmission and distribution costs	98.04	100.84	2.80	0.86
ACT Government scheme costs	10.70	26.77	16.08	4.93
<i>Large scale FiT scheme costs</i>	2.61	16.11	13.50	4.14
<i>Small and medium scale FiT scheme costs</i>	4.86	4.71	-0.15	-0.05
<i>Other ACT Govt schemes costs</i>	3.24	5.96	2.72	0.83
<b>Total network cost</b>	<b>108.74</b>	<b>127.62</b>	<b>18.88</b>	<b>5.78</b>
Retail operating costs	23.31	23.14	-0.18	-0.05
Energy efficiency improvement scheme costs	3.50	3.36	-0.14	-0.04
Smart meter costs	3.56	5.13	1.57	0.48
5-minute and global settlement costs	0.41	0.50	0.09	0.03
Customer switching costs	0.18	0.22	0.04	0.01
<b>Total retail costs</b>	<b>30.95</b>	<b>32.34</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>Total energy + retail + network costs</b>	<b>309.83</b>	<b>341.71</b>	<b>31.88</b>	<b>9.77</b>
Retail margin	16.57	17.68	1.11	0.34
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>326.40</b>	<b>359.39</b>	<b>32.99</b>	<b>10.11</b>

**Source:** Our calculations.

**Note:** All numbers are rounded to two decimal places.

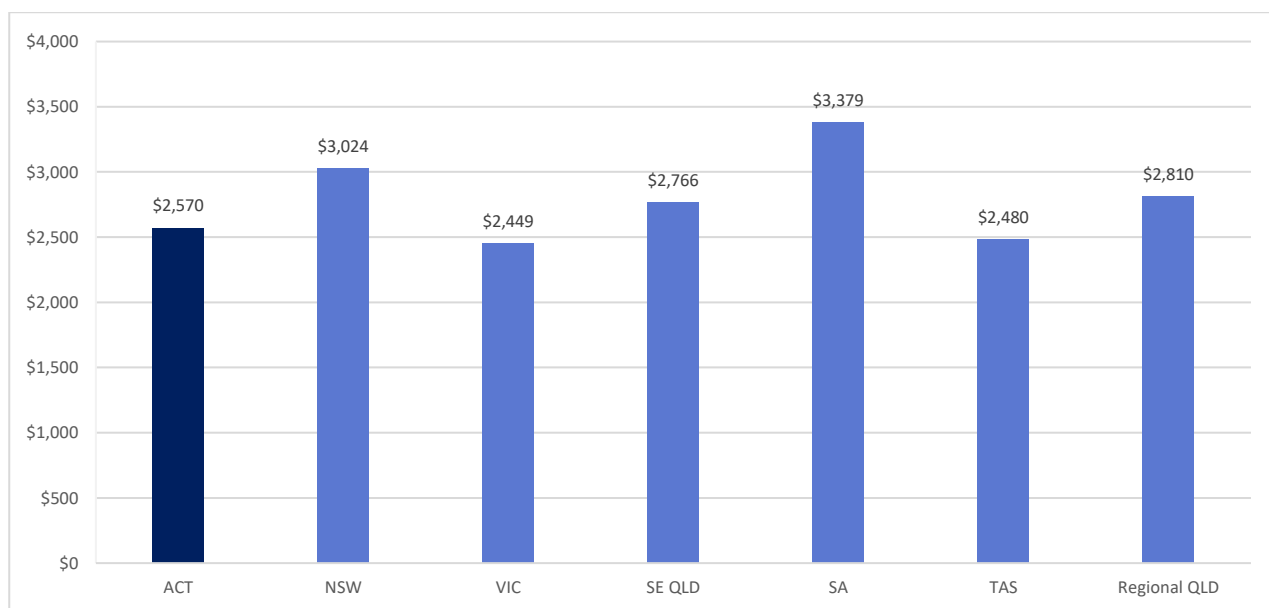
**Figure 1 Estimated annual bills based on estimated prices as at 1 July 2025 for interjurisdictional customers using 6,500 kWh**



**Source:** Our calculations using OTTER 2025a, OTTER 2025b, ESC 2025, AER 2024 and AER 2025

**Note:** Bill estimates include GST. ACT maximum price estimate for 2025-26 is based on our pricing model estimate of the cost of providing electricity. We compare our final decision for ACT residential customers on standing offers for 2025-26 with the draft decisions in VIC (ESC 2025), NSW, QLD and SA (AER 2025) and final decisions in TAS (OTTER 2025b).

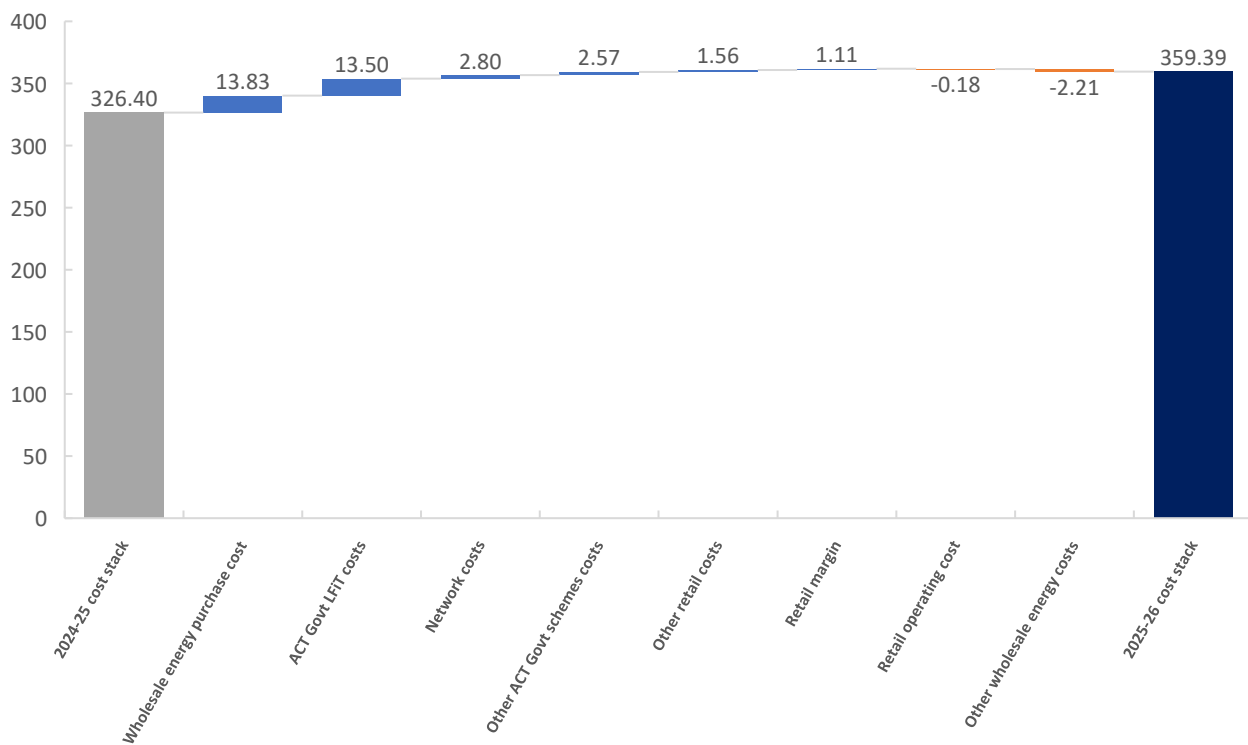
**Figure 2 Maximum annual residential standing offer electricity bills as at 1 July 2025 using 6,500 kWh**



**Source:** Our calculations using ESC 2025, AER 2024 and AER 2025.

**Note:** Bill estimates are based on annual usage of 6,500 kWh and include GST. Data on residential supply charge and usage charge used to estimate the bill are from AER's 2025-26 DMO for NSW, SA and SE QLD, ESC's 2025-26 VDO for VIC and OTTER's 2025-26 determination for TAS. NSW and Victoria bill estimates are the weighted average of the bills across the distribution zones within those states, weighted by customer numbers in the corresponding distribution zone. ACT bill is based on our pricing model estimate of the cost of providing electricity in \$/MWh.

**Figure 3 Contribution to the price increase by cost component, \$/MWh**



**Source:** Our calculations