

# Non standard form contract Terms and conditions MyPower for small use customers (electricity)

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If you have any questions regarding your electricity supply, you can contact us in writing:

Customer Service Horizon Power PO Box 1066 BENTLEY DC WA 6983

## By telephone:

For billing and payment enquiries and complaints by residential customers, on 1800 267 926 during business hours.

For billing and payment enquiries and complaints by non-residential customers, on 1800 737 036 during business hours.

For TTY users (hearing impaired customers) on 1800 461 499 during business hours.

For customers residing outside Western Australia on 1800 232 135 during business hours.

To report a fault or emergency, 24 hours a day on 13 23 51.

## By email:

service@horizonpower.com.au

## **By Internet:**

http://www.horizonpower.com.au/



# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## 1. SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

We will sell electricity to you at the premises in accordance with the Contract, which is comprised by:

- (a) these terms and conditions;
- (b) the product rules; and
- (c) the *application* that you submitted to us when you agreed to be supplied by us under this Contract.

## 2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- (a) The *Code of Conduct* regulates the conduct of electricity retailers, network operators and electricity marketing agents. The *Code of Conduct* is designed to protect the interests of residential and small business users.
- (b) Matters covered by the Code of Conduct include electricity marketing, billing, connection, payment difficulties and financial hardship, disconnection, reconnection, pre- payment meters in remote communities, information and communication, dispute resolution, record keeping and compensation payments to customers for breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- (c) For so long as this *Contract* applies, *we* will comply with the *Code of Conduct*. Accordingly, where these terms and conditions deal with a subject matter that is covered by the *Code of Conduct*, then we will act consistently with the relevant provisions of the *Code of Conduct*.
- (d) You can obtain more information about the Code of Conduct from us or the Economic Regulation Authority www.erawa.com.au.

## 3. WHEN THE CONTRACT STARTS

The Contract begins on the start date but we may not supply you with electricity in the cooling off period under this Contract unless you request that we do so, in which case you must pay us for electricity in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

## 4. CHARGES AND REBATES

#### 4.1 Charges

You must pay to us the charges specified by us from time to time in accordance with the Contract.

#### 4.2 Rebates

If you are eligible for a rebate and you apply to us, we will provide that rebate to you. You can contact us if you have any queries about any rebates.

#### 4.3 Eligibility conditions on rebates

If you are no longer eligible for a *rebate*, you must advise us as soon as possible. If we discover that you are no longer eligible for a *rebate*, then we will advise you in writing that you will not be receiving any further *rebates*. We can also require you to pay to us the amount that you have underpaid for a period of up to 12 months prior to the date that we advise you that you will not receive the *rebate*.



## 5. HOW WE WILL CALCULATE YOUR ELECTRICITY USE

#### 5.1 Meter reading

- (a) If we provide *you* with a bill based on estimates because *you* failed to provide access to the *meter* and *you* later request *us* to replace *your* estimated bill with a bill based on an actual reading of your *meter*, we will use *our* best endeavours to do so if *you*:
  - (i) pay our reasonable charge for reading the meter; and
  - (ii) provide due access to the *meter*.
- (b) We use meter readings to prepare your bill. We will use our best endeavours to ensure that we read the meter once every billing cycle.
- (c) In any event, we will ensure that we read the meter at your premises at least once every 12 months.
- (d) If *we* cannot reasonably base a bill on *our* reading of the *meter*, then *we* will provide *you* with an estimated bill based on:
  - (i) your reading of the meter; or
  - (ii) your prior billing history; or
  - (iii) if *we* do not have *your* prior billing history, the average usage of electricity by those customers who *we* consider are in a comparable position to *you* (generally by location or usage pattern).
- (e) If we have provided you with an estimated bill and we subsequently obtain a meter reading, then your next bill will be adjusted to take account of that meter reading.

#### 5.2 You can request a meter test

- (a) You can ask us to test the meter to ensure that it is measuring accurately and we will arrange to test the meter if you first pay to us a meter testing fee. If we find that the meter is not measuring accurately, then we will refund the meter testing fee to you.
- (b) If the *meter* is not measuring accurately, *we* will also arrange to either repair or replace the *meter* at no charge to *you*.
- (c) By "accurate", we mean the meter is measuring as accurately as the law requires.

## 6. BILLS

#### 6.1 When we will bill you

We will bill you once a month or once every two months (and in doing so we will endeavour to accommodate whichever of these (if any) you have indicated to us that you prefer).

#### 6.2 Paying your bill

- (a) You must pay the total amount payable for each bill by the due date specified in that bill. The due date will be at least 12 business days from the date of the bill.
- (b) You can find out the range of payment options that you can choose from by referring to your bill, by visiting our website or by calling our customer service centre.

#### 6.3 If you are having trouble paying

- (a) If you are having trouble paying your bills, please advise us. We will assess your request within 3 business days of your request. If you are a residential customer and we assess that you are having payment difficulties or experiencing financial hardship, we will:
  - (i) offer you additional time to pay; and/or
  - (ii) offer you an interest-free and fee-free instalment plan option; and/or



- (iii) allow you to redirect your bill to a third person at no charge; and/or
- (iv) provide you with information about concessions and government assistance programs; and/or
- (v) provide *you* with information about independent financial counselling services and other relevant consumer representative organisations available to *you*.
- (b) If you are a non-residential customer and you are experiencing payment difficulties, we will consider any reasonable request for alternative payment arrangements.

#### 6.4 If you do not pay your bill

- (a) If you do not pay the total amount payable for any bill by the due date, then we can:
  - (i) send a disconnection warning to you; and
  - (ii) subject to complying with clause 5.6 of the *Code of Conduct*, charge *you* a fee for each overdue account notice *we* send to *you*; and
  - (iii) charge you interest on the amount you have not paid; and
  - (iv) disconnect your electricity supply; and
  - (v) shorten your billing cycle.
- (b) If you do not pay the total amount payable for any bill after we send a disconnection warning to you, then we can refer your debt to a debt collection agency for collection and if we do so, you must pay any costs that we incur in connection with the recovery of the unpaid bill (including the agency's fees and legal fees).
- (c) If *you* pay a bill and the payment is dishonoured or reversed and, as a result, we have to pay fees to any other person, *you* must reimburse *us* for those fees.

#### 6.5 Billing data

- (a) If *you* consume less than 160 MWh of electricity per annum, *we* will give *you* the billing data for the *premises* upon request. This information will be free of charge:
  - (i) for the first 2 requests that you make in a year if the data requested is for a period less than the last 2 years, or
  - (ii) if you request the billing data in relation to a dispute with us.

## 7. REVIEWING YOUR BILL

#### 7.1 Reviewing a bill

- (a) If you have a query about your bill and you ask us to review the bill, then we will review it.
- (b) In the meantime, *you* must pay to us the balance of the bill that is not being queried or an amount equal to the average amount of *your* bills over the previous 12 months (excluding the bill that *you* are querying), whichever is less. If *you* have any other bills that are due, then *you* must also pay those bills by the due dates.
- (c) If *we* review *your* bill, *we* will inform *you* of the outcome of the review as soon as we can and no later than 20 *business days* from the date *we* are deemed to receive *your* request for *us* to review *your* bill.
- (d) If we are satisfied the bill is correct, we:
  - (i) may require you to pay the unpaid amount; and
  - (ii) will advise you that you can ask us to arrange a meter test; and
  - (iii) will advise you of our customer complaints policy and any external complaints handling processes.
- (e) If *we* are satisfied the bill is incorrect, *we* will adjust the bill for any undercharging or overcharging (clause 7.2 explains how *we* do this).



#### 7.2 Undercharging and overcharging

- (a) If *we* undercharge *you* due to an act or omission by *us* (including where the *meter* has been found to be defective), *we* can require you to make a correcting payment and *we* will offer *you* the option to pay the correcting payment by instalments. In any event:
  - (i) we will only require you to make a correcting payment for amounts undercharged in the 12 months prior to the date that we advise you that you have been undercharged; and
  - (ii) we will list the correcting payment separately in your bill, together with an explanation of that amount; and
  - (iii) we will not charge you interest on the correcting payment or require you to pay a late fee.
- (b) If *we* overcharge *you* due to an act or omission by *us* (including where the *meter* has been found to be defective), then:
  - (i) we will use our best endeavours to tell you that we have overcharged you within 10 business days of becoming aware; and
  - (ii) we will credit the amount to your account or you have the option of having the amount repaid to you, unless the amount is less than \$100, in which case we will credit it to your account; and
  - (iii) we will not pay you interest on the amount we overcharged you; and
  - (iv) the 12 month limit referred to in clause 7.2(a)(i) does not apply to amounts that we have overcharged you.

## 8. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY EQUIPMENT AND YOUR EQUIPMENT

#### 8.1 Electricity supply equipment

- (a) The *electricity supply equipment* remains *our* property at all times and *we* are responsible for installing and maintaining the *electricity supply equipment*.
- (b) You must not do anything that will damage or interfere with the *electricity supply equipment* or use electricity in a way that interferes with that equipment.
- (c) "Electricity supply equipment" means the *meter* and all wiring, apparatus or other works which are located up to the point that the *meter* is attached to the *premises* and which are used for, or in connection with, the supply of electricity by *us*.

#### 8.2 Your equipment

- (a) You are responsible for keeping your equipment in good working order and condition.
- (b) "Your equipment" means all wiring and other equipment located at the *premises* which are used to take supply of or consume electricity except any *electricity supply equipment*.

#### 8.3 Prohibited activity

You must not:

- (a) tamper with, bypass, circumvent or otherwise interfere with the *electricity supply equipment*, or do anything that will prevent *us* from accessing the *electricity supply equipment*, or allow anyone else to do so; or
- (b) use electricity in a way that interferes with the supply of electricity to anyone else or causes loss to anyone else.

## 9. MOVING PREMISES

#### 9.1 New electricity connection

If you move into the *premises* and it does not already have an existing electricity connection, then we will sell you electricity from the day that we connect the *premises* to the network and energises the *premises*.



#### 9.2 Existing electricity connection

- (a) If *you* move into the *premises* and it has an existing electricity connection, then *we* will charge *you* for electricity supplied to the *premises* from the date that the *meter* at the *premises* was last read, unless *you* read the *meter* and advise *us* of the meter reading within 3 *business days* of the day that *you* move in.
- (b) If a final *meter* reading was not taken, *we* will estimate the amount of electricity used by the previous occupant so *we* do not overcharge or undercharge *you*.

#### 9.3 Moving out of the premises

- (a) If you move out of the premises and no longer wish to obtain an electricity supply at the premises, you must advise us:
  - (i) at least 5 days before you move out; and
  - (ii) of an address where the final bill can be sent.
- (b) If you advise us as described in clause 9.3(a), and you move out of the premises at the time specified in your notice, then we will make a final meter reading on the day that you move out of the premises and issue a final bill to you. In that case, you are only required to pay for electricity used up to the day you move out of the premises.
- (c) If you have demonstrated to us that you were evicted from the premises or were otherwise required to vacate the premises and you consume not more than 160 MWh of electricity per annum, we will not require you to pay for electricity consumed at the premises from the date that you advise us of the following:
  - (i) the date that you vacated or intend to vacate the premises; and
  - (ii) a forwarding address to which a final bill may be sent.
- (d) If you do not advise us as described in clause 9.3(a), then subject to any applicable laws, we may require you to pay for electricity used at the premises for up to a maximum of 5 days after you notify us that you have moved out of the premises.
- (e) If *your* final bill is in credit after *you* have paid *us* all amounts payable under clause 9.3(b) or (c), then *you* can choose to have *us* credit this amount to any new account *you* establish with *us* or repay the amount to *you*.

#### 10. ACCESS TO THE PREMISES

- (a) You must let us or persons nominated by us have safe and unrestricted access to the premises when we need it:
  - (i) to read the *meter*; or
  - (ii) to inspect or work on the electricity supply equipment; or
  - (iii) to disconnect *your* electricity supply; or
  - (iv) to inspect or work on your equipment; or
  - (v) for any other reason relating to the supply of electricity to the premises.
- (b) We will give you at least 5 business days notice before we enter the premises unless:
  - (i) we want to inspect, read or examine the meter or any of the electricity supply equipment or your equipment; or
  - (ii) in an emergency; or
  - (iii) if *we* reasonably suspect that electricity is being used illegally at the premises, in which case, *we* may enter the *premises* without notice.
- (c) We may enter *your premises* for the above reasons and in that case, *we* are required to give *you* the appropriate notice where required.
- (d) We will take reasonable steps to ensure that a person entering the *premises* on *our* behalf will clearly display identification that identifies the person as *our* employee or agent and show his or her identification to *you* if *you* ask to see it.



## **11. PERSONS DEPENDENT ON LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT**

#### 11.1 Eligibility conditions on life support

- (a) You must advise us if you or a person residing at the *premises* is dependent on *life support equipment* and give us written confirmation from an appropriately qualified medical practitioner that the person requires *life* support equipment.
- (b) You must advise us as soon as possible if you or a person residing at the premises who is dependent on life support equipment vacates the premises or no longer requires life support equipment.

#### 11.2 Interruptions

If you have advised us (or we are otherwise aware) that you or a person residing at the premises is dependent on life support equipment, then we will give you at least 3 business days' notice in writing or by electronic means of the interruption before we disconnect or interrupt electricity supply at the premises. However, in an emergency, we can interrupt your electricity supply without giving you prior notice.

#### 11.3 Disconnections

If you have advised us (or we are otherwise aware) that you or a person residing at the premises is dependent on life support equipment, then we cannot disconnect your electricity supply because you fail to pay us a bill by the due date.

## 12. INTERRUPTIONS TO YOUR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

#### 12.1 Emergency

- (a) We can interrupt or disconnect your electricity supply at any time without notice to you in an emergency, if we are permitted or required by law. We will:
  - (i) use our best endeavours to turn your electricity on again as soon as possible; and
  - (ii) provide information about the nature of the *emergency* and an estimate of the time supply will be restored by way of a 24 hour emergency line.
- (b) If we disconnect your electricity supply because you cause that emergency, then we will reconnect your electricity supply when you ask us to do so and we are satisfied that the emergency no longer exists. In that case, we can also charge you a fee for reconnecting your electricity supply.

#### 12.2 Planned work on distribution system

We can interrupt or disconnect your electricity supply at any time if we need to carry out planned work on a *distribution system. We* will advise you at least 72 hours before the start of an interruption if we need to carry out planned work. You agree that we can communicate such advice to you by electronic means.

#### 12.3 Events beyond your control

If an *event beyond your control* occurs and that event affects *your* ability to perform any of *your* obligations under this *Contract, you* must tell *us* immediately and *you* will not be required to perform that obligation for as long as the event continues. However, *you* must pay *your* bill by the due date shown on the bill, even if an *event beyond your control* occurs.

#### 12.4 Events beyond our control

If an *event beyond our control* occurs and that event affects *our* ability to perform any of *our* obligations under this *Contract*, then *we* are not required to perform that obligation for as long as the event continues. If such an event occurs and *we* consider it appropriate to do so, *we* may notify *you* of the event by a public announcement (for example, on television, radio or in a newspaper).



#### 12.5 Disconnection due to your actions

We can arrange to disconnect your electricity supply, acting in accordance with clause 12.6 and any applicable laws, if:

- (a) you fail to pay a bill in full by the due date shown on the bill; or
- (b) you do not give us safe and unrestricted access to the premises or the meter; or
- (c) you commit a fraud relating to our supply of electricity to you at the premises or any other premises; or
- (d) you get electricity supplied to the premises illegally; or
- (e) you fail to keep your equipment in good working order or condition; or
- (f) you get electricity supplied to the premises in breach of this Contract.

#### 12.6 Things we must do before disconnecting your electricity supply

- (a) If *we* wish to disconnect *your* electricity supply because *you* fail to pay a bill within the meaning of clause 7.1 of the *Code of Conduct*, we will:
  - (i) give you a reminder notice not less than 15 business days from the date that we sent you the bill; and
  - (ii) if you still have not paid us after the reminder notice, then give you a disconnection warning not less than 20 business days from the date that we sent you the bill, advising you that we will disconnect you on a day that is at least 5 business days after the date you are deemed to receive the disconnection warning; and
  - (iii) use our best endeavours to contact you, including by telephone or electronic means,

however, *we* will not disconnect *you*:

- (iv) until at least 1 business day after the date that we say we will disconnect your electricity supply in the disconnection warning; or
- (v) if *you* are a *residential customer* and *you* have agreed to an alternate payment plan and have not deviated from this plan; or
- (vi) if the unpaid amount in *your* bill doesn't relate to the supply of electricity but relates to some other good or service; or
- (vii) if you have made an application for a concession and the application has not been decided.
- (b) If we wish to disconnect your electricity supply because you fail to give us access to the meter, we will:
  - (i) only disconnect you if you deny access for at least 9 consecutive months; and
  - (ii) give you 5 business days notice in writing:
    - (A) advising you of the next date or timeframe of a scheduled meter reading at the premises; and
    - (B) requesting access to the meter at the premises for the purpose of the scheduled meter reading; and
    - (C) advising you of our ability to arrange disconnection if you fail to provide access to the meter; and
  - (iii) use our best endeavours to contact you; and
  - (iv) give you an opportunity to offer reasonable alternative access arrangements; and
- (c) if you still have not given us access, then we will give you a disconnection warning advising you that we will disconnect you on a day that is at least 5 business days from the day you are deemed to receive the disconnection warning.
- (d) Unless *you* have requested *us* to disconnect *your* electricity supply or *we* are required to disconnect *your* electricity supply due to an *emergency*, *we* will not arrange for disconnection:
  - (i) if *you* have made a complaint directly related to the reason for disconnection to *us*, the electricity ombudsman or another external dispute resolution body and that complaint has not been resolved;
  - (ii) after 3.00 pm Monday to Thursday;
  - (iii) after 12.00 noon on a Friday; and



(iv) on a Saturday, Sunday, public holiday or on the *business day* before a public holiday except where *we* have arranged for a planned interruption under clause 12.2,

unless:

- (v) you are a non-residential customer; and
- (vi) your normal trading hours fall within the time frames set out in paragraph (ii) or (iii) and do not fall within any other time period; and
- (vii) it is not practicable for us to arrange for disconnection at any other time.

#### 12.7 Reconnection of electricity supply

- (a) If *your* electricity supply is disconnected under clause 12.5, then *we* will reconnect *your* electricity supply when *you* ask *us* to reconnect *your* electricity supply and *we* are reasonably satisfied that the circumstances giving rise to the disconnection no longer exist.
- (b) For example, the circumstance giving rise to the disconnection may no longer exist because *you* provide access to the *premises* and the *meter* or *we* are reasonably satisfied that *you* cannot continue to obtain your electricity in the unauthorised way and *you* have paid all amounts owing to *us* under this *Contract* (or made an arrangement to pay them).
- (c) Before *we* arrange to reconnect *your* electricity supply under this clause 12.7, *you* must pay *us* or accept an instalment plan for *our* fee for reconnecting *your* electricity supply under this clause 12.7.
- (d) If we are obliged to reconnect your electricity and you ask us to reconnect your electricity at a time:
  - (i) before 3.00pm on a *business day*, then *we* will reconnect *your* electricity within 1 *business day* if the *premises* is located in a *metropolitan area* or otherwise within 5 *business days*; or
  - (ii) after 3.00pm on a business day or on a day that is not a business day, then we will reconnect your electricity within 2 business days if the premises is located in a metropolitan area or otherwise within 6 business days.

#### 12.8 Consequences of disconnecting your electricity supply

If we disconnect your electricity supply under clause 12.5, then:

- (a) we can arrange to remove or physically disconnect the meter at the same time that the supply of electricity to you is disconnected, or at a later time; and
- (b) we can charge you a fee for removing or physically disconnecting the meter and replacing or physically reconnecting the meter; and
- (c) you must not reconnect the electricity supply.

#### 12.9 Reporting illegal use

If *we* think *you* have used, or are obtaining, electricity illegally, then *we* can advise the Director of Energy Safety and the Police (as appropriate) and give them any information that *we* have in relation to *your* electricity use.

## 13. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Subject to clause 14, we will not be liable to you for any loss, damage or liability of any kind (including without limitation any excluded loss) arising from or in connection with:

- (a) any interruption in *your* electricity supply, any surge in electricity supply or *us* failing to supply electricity meeting any particular quality or quantity; or
- (b) our breach of contract, our breach of statutory duty, our negligence or otherwise, with the exception that if you are an individual purchasing electricity for a private purpose, we will be liable to you for any direct loss you suffer arising from our breach of contract, our breach of statutory duty, or our negligence.



## 14. LIMITATION IN RELATION TO CONSUMER GUARANTEES

- (a) Nothing in this *Contract* is to be taken to exclude, restrict or modify:
  - (i) any rights of recovery or to compensation you may have under the Australian Consumer Law; or
  - (ii) any condition, warranty or guarantee that we are prohibited by law from excluding, restricting or modifying.

All other conditions, warranties and guarantees, whether or not implied by law, are excluded.

- (b) Where any electricity supplied under this *Contract* is not a good of a kind ordinarily purchased for personal, domestic or household use, *our* liability for breach of any *consumer* guarantee applicable to *our* supply of electricity under the *Australian Consumer Law*, to the extent that it is permitted by law, is limited to any one of the following determined by us:
  - (i) the supply of equivalent electricity; or
  - (ii) the payment of the cost of acquiring equivalent electricity.

## 15. CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR INFORMATION

- (a) Unless *we* are permitted to do otherwise under this *Contract, we* will keep your information confidential, consistent with *our privacy policy*. In particular, but without limiting the above, *we* will keep *your* information confidential unless:
  - (i) we have your prior written consent; or
  - (ii) the law (including any applicable privacy laws and any regulatory, accounting, governmental, Ministerial or stock exchange requirement) requires or permits *us* to disclose it; or
  - (iii) *we* need to use the information for *our* regulatory reporting compliance, or in any legal or regulatory proceedings; or
  - (iv) the information is already in the public domain; or
  - (v) we believe you have obtained or used electricity illegally or in an unsafe manner and, as a result we provide relevant information to the Economic Regulation Authority or the Director of Energy Safety or the Police; or
  - (vi) *we* use the information for business purposes or for the purpose of conducting research into the behaviour and preferences of electricity consumers.
- (b) You agree to the above arrangements, including to the terms of our privacy policy and any use or disclosure of your information which is required or permitted by this Contract, our privacy policy, applicable privacy laws or any other law.

## 16. COMPLAINTS

If you wish to raise a complaint concerning our performance or your electricity supply, we encourage you to contact us to discuss the issue and we will deal with that complaint in accordance with our customer complaints policy. We will ensure that our customer complaints policy complies with the Australian Standard on Complaints Handling [AS/NZS 10002:2014] as amended and in force from time to time. If you are not satisfied with how your complaint is being managed you may have the complaint considered by a senior member of staff or you may raise the compliant with the Energy Ombudsman of Western Australia, whose contact details can be found in our customer complaints policy.

## 17. INFORMATION

## 17.1 We will provide you with information

- (a) If *you* wish to obtain further information about the *Contract* or the supply of electricity, please contact us. If *you* request it, *we* will provide you with:
  - (i) information on the *standard price* and *our* other fees within 8 *business days* of the date *we* receive *your* request and in writing if *you* so request; and



- (ii) general information on energy efficiency, including how *you* may arrange for an energy efficiency audit of the *premises* and the typical running costs of major domestic appliances; and
- (iii) general information on the safe use of electricity; and
- (iv) information on the distribution of electricity; and
- (v) information on the types of concessions available to you; and
- (vi) information on the use of a pre-payment meter if you are a residential customer; and
- (vii) any other information we said we would provide you in this Contract.
- (b) Unless we are legally required to provide the information free of charge, we will charge you a reasonable fee.
- (c) Horizon Power will make available at no charge, services that assist *you* in interpreting information provided by *us* (including independent multilingual and TTY services and large print copies).

#### 17.2 You must provide us with information

You must advise us as soon as possible if:

- (a) there is a change in your contact details or the address to which your bills are to be sent; or
- (b) you change something at the premises which makes our access to the meter more difficult; or
- (c) you become aware of any problem with the *electricity supply equipment* which is at, or reasonably close to, the *premises*.

## **18. ENDING THE CONTRACT**

#### 18.1 When the Contract ends

- (a) This Contract will continue until you end the Contract under clause 18.2 or we end the Contract under clause 18.3.
- (b) If you end this *Contract* because you enter into a new contract for the supply of electricity with us, this *Contract* ends on the expiry of the cooling off period (if applicable) specified in the new contract.
- (c) If you end this Contract because you enter into a contract for the supply of electricity with another retailer, this Contract ends when we receive notification that your premises have been transferred to the other electricity retailer in accordance with the customer transfer code.

#### 18.2 When you can end the Contract

You can end the Contract at any time by advising us at least 5 days before the day you want the Contract to end.

## 18.3 When we can end the Contract

- (a) We can end the Contract by giving you prior notice if you:
  - (i) become insolvent (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)); or
  - (ii) have a liquidator appointed; or
  - (iii) become bankrupt (as defined in the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth)); or
  - (iv) breach any of *your* obligations under the *Contract* for which *we* have a right under the *Contract* or a written law to disconnect supply; or
  - (v) consume more than 160 MWh of electricity in any period of 12 months; or
  - (vi) cease to be either a residential customer or a non-residential customer; or
  - (vii) without limiting any of the above paragraphs, breach any of *your* other obligations under this *Contract* where that breach is capable of remedy and *you* fail to remedy the breach within 10 *business days* of *us* requesting *you* to do so.



- (b) We can end the Contract without giving you prior notice if you vacate the premises and after reasonable enquiry we are satisfied you no longer occupy or reside at the premises.
- (c) We can end the Contract by giving you 10 days' prior notice if the charges for MyPower Plans are removed from the Charges By-laws.

#### 18.4 What happens after a Contract ends

(a) If the *Contract* ends:

- (i) we may arrange for a final meter reading and for disconnection.
- (ii) we may issue a final bill to you.
- (ii) we can charge you a fee for the final meter reading, disconnection and final bill, subject to the provisions of any written law.
- (iv) we can remove the *electricity supply equipment* at any time and *you* must let us have safe and unrestricted access to the *premises* to allow us to do so.
- (v) you will remain liable to pay any outstanding payments to us and we will have no further obligation to supply electricity to you.
- (b) If the *Contract* ends in accordance with clause 18.3(c), *we* will offer you supply under *our standard form contract* if *you* agree to pay the *standard price* nominated by *us*, unless *you* advise *us* that *you* no longer wish to continue to take a supply of electricity from *us*.

#### 18.5 Consuming electricity after this Contract ends

If, after the *Contract* ends, *you* continue to consume electricity at the *premises*, the *Contract* shall continue to apply to any such consumption except that *you* or *we* may end the *Contract* on 5 *business days*' written notice for any reason and *you* agree to pay the standard price nominated by *us*.

## **19. SECURITY FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

- (a) We can require you to provide security from time to time. Usually, security would be in the form of a cash deposit or a bank guarantee.
- (b) If *you* provide security *we* will keep the security in a separate trust account and identify it separately in *our* accounting records, and use and refund the security in accordance with all applicable laws.

## 20. GST

- (a) In this clause:
  - (i) **GST** has the meaning given to that term in the GST Law.
  - (ii) **GST Law** has the meaning given to that term in A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth).
  - (iii) **adjustment note**, **recipient**, **supply**, **tax invoice** and **taxable supply** have the meanings given to those terms in the GST Law.
- (b) All sums payable, or consideration to be provided, under the *Contract* are expressed inclusive of GST.
  - (c) If there is a taxable supply under or in connection with the *Contract*, then the recipient must pay to the supplier an amount equal to the GST payable on the taxable supply in addition to, and at the same time as, payment for the taxable supply is required to be made under the *Contract*.
  - (d) The supplier must provide a tax invoice (or an adjustment note) to the recipient in respect of the taxable supply and the obligation of the recipient to pay the GST on a taxable supply is conditional on the supplier providing a tax invoice or adjustment note.



## 21. MISCELLANEOUS

#### 21.1 Notices

Any notice or other communication given under the Contract:

- (a) does not have to be in writing, unless the *Contract* expressly requires that the notice or communication must be in writing;
- (b) subject to clause 21.1(c), is taken to be received:
  - (i) in the case of a verbal communication, at the time of the communication; and
  - (ii) in the case of hand delivery, on the date of delivery; and
  - (iii) in the case of post, on the second business day after posting; and
  - (iv) in the case of facsimile, on the date on which the sender's facsimile machine records that the facsimile was successfully transmitted; and
  - (v) in the case of e-mail, on the date on which the sender's computer or other device from which the e-mail was sent records that the e-mail was successfully transmitted; and
  - (vi) in the case of SMS, on the date and at the time which the sender's device from which the SMS was sent records that the SMS was successfully transmitted; and
  - (vii) in the case of any other *electronic means* of communication, on the date and at the time which the sender's device from which the notification was sent records that the notification was successfully transmitted.
- (c) Subject to clauses 21.1(b)(vi) and 21.1(b)(vii), If received after 5.00 pm or on a day other than a *business day*, is taken to be received on the next *business day*.

#### 21.2 Electronic communication

- (a) You agree that we can give information to you using electronic means where we are permitted or required to give you information by law or under the terms of this Contract.
- (b) We can decide procedures as to how electronic communication will operate and what things can be communicated electronically.

#### 21.3 No assignment

- (a) Unless *we* give *you our* prior written consent, *you* must not transfer, assign or otherwise dispose of any of *your* rights or obligations under the *Contract*.
- (b) We can assign or novate the Contract without notice to you, to any person that we believe has reasonable commercial and technical capability to perform our obligations under the Contract.

#### 21.4 Application of laws

- (a) Nothing in the *Contract* limits or excludes the rights, powers and remedies that *we* have at law (including under the *Energy Operators (Powers) Act* 1979 (WA) and the *Electricity Corporation Act* 1994 (WA)) or in equity.
- (b) The Contract also does not in any way limit our obligation to comply with the lawful directions of the Minister for Energy or the Coordinator of Energy or the Director of Energy Safety in relation to emergencies and safety or otherwise.

## 21.5 Entire Agreement

The *Contract* and all applicable written laws represent the entire agreement between *you* and *us* relating to the matters covered by this *Contract*.



#### 21.6 Waiver of rights

If we do not enforce any right under the *Contract* then this must not be construed as a waiver of *our* rights under the *Contract*.

#### 21.7 Governing Law

The Contract is governed by the laws of the State of Western Australia.

#### 21.8 Amendments To Contract

We can change the terms of the Contract in order for us to comply with any legal obligation imposed upon us with respect to our supply of electricity to consumers, including in the event that there is any change to the Electricity Industry (Customer Contract) Regulations 2005 (WA). If we make any such change, we must notify you of that change as soon as is reasonably practicable following the change.

## 21.9 Effect of invalid terms

If any term of the *Contract* is invalid or unenforceable it can be severed from the *Contract* without affecting the enforceability of other Contract terms.

## 22. PREPAYMENT METER CUSTOMERS

- (a) You acknowledge that we are not required to offer you the opportunity to become a pre-payment meter customer.
- (b) A pre-payment meter is a meter that allows you to pay for electricity before you use the electricity.
- (c) If *you* are a *pre-payment meter customer*, then clauses 5.1, 6, 7.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 12 of the *Contract* do not apply to the supply of electricity at the premises.

#### 22.2 Consumption information

If you are a pre-payment meter customer, we will give you the following information on request at no charge:

- (a) total energy consumption; and
- (b) average daily consumption; and
- (c) average daily cost of consumption,

for the previous two years or since the commencement of the Contract.

#### 22.3 Meter testing

- (a) If you are a *pre-payment meter customer*, you can ask us to:
  - (i) check your metering data; and/or
  - (ii) check or conduct a test of the pre-payment meter.
- (b) We will arrange to check or test the pre-payment meter if you first pay our pre- payment meter testing fee. If following a check or test your pre-payment meter is found to be inaccurate or not operating correctly, then we will refund the pre-payment meter testing fee to you. We will also arrange to have the pre-payment meter repaired or replaced and we will correct any overcharging or undercharging.

#### 22.4 You can ask to change back to a standard meter

- (a) If you are a pre-payment meter customer, you can ask us to replace or switch the pre-payment meter to a standard meter and we will do so.
- (b) Unless you ask us to switch your pre-payment meter within three months of the date it was installed or the date you agreed to enter this Contract (whichever is later), you must pay us a fee to switch from a pre-payment meter to a standard meter. If you are not a residential customer, then you must pay this fee before we will switch your pre-payment meter.



#### 22.5 Moving out of the premises

- (a) If you are a pre-payment meter customer and you advise us of the date you will be moving out of the premises, then we will ensure you can retrieve all remaining credit on the pre-payment meter at the time you leave the premises.
- (b) If you do not advise us as described above, then you will lose any credit remaining on the pre-payment meter.

#### 23. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 23.1 Definitions

In these terms and conditions, unless the context otherwise requires:

application means the online application form submitted by you to us in connection with supply under this Contract.

Australian Consumer Law means schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) as in force as a law of the Commonwealth under that Act, and as in force as a law of Western Australia under the *Fair Trading Act 2010* (WA).

billing cycle means the regular recurrent period in which you receive a bill from us.

business day means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Western Australia.

Charges By-laws means the Energy Operators (Regional Power Corporation) (Charges) By- laws 2006.

**Code of Conduct** means the *Code of Conduct for the Supply of Electricity to Small Use Customers*, as amended from time to time under section 79 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (WA).

**concession** means a concession, rebate subsidy or grant related to the supply of electricity available to a residential customer only but does not include a peak rebate.

**Consumer** has the meaning given to that term in the Australian Consumer Law.

**Contract** means the legally binding agreement between *you* and *us* of which these are the terms and conditions.

**cooling off period** means the period of ten consecutive days following the date on which *you* and *us* enter into this *Contract*.

**customer complaints policy** means the policy describing the process to be followed by *us* in responding to a complaint by *you* and which can be obtained on request from *our* customer centre or from *our* website.

customer transfer code means the Electricity Industry Customer Transfer Code 2004.

direct loss does not include any excluded loss.

**disconnection warning** means a notice in writing that *we* issue to *you* advising *you* of a date that *we* may disconnect *you* if *you* have not paid *your* bill and explaining the complaint handling process that *you* can use if *you* disagree with *your* bill.

**distribution system** means any apparatus, equipment, plant or buildings used, or to be used, for, or in connection with, the transportation of electricity at nominal voltages of less than 66 kilovolts (kV).

electricity supply equipment is defined in clause 8.1.

**electronic** means the internet, email, facsimile, SMS or other similar means but does not include providing verbal information over the telephone.

**emergency** means an emergency due to the actual or imminent occurrence of an event which in any way endangers or threatens to endanger the safety or health of any person, or the maintenance of power system security in Western Australia or which destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, any property in Western Australia.

**event beyond your control or event beyond our control** means an event or circumstance beyond the direct control or influence of *you* or *us*, including acts of God, government orders, court orders, emergencies, operational necessity, required maintenance, breakdowns at power stations or elsewhere, insufficient volumes of electricity or any other problem with a *distribution system* or the electricity transmission system (as defined in section 3 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2004*) but excludes *your* or our inability to pay any money due under this *Contract* for any reason.



#### excluded loss means:

- (a) business interruption loss; or
- (b) lost profits; or
- (c) loss of an opportunity; or
- (d) your liability to other people under contracts or otherwise.

financial hardship has the meaning given to that term in the Code of Conduct.

**life support equipment** means the equipment designated under the Life Support Equipment Electricity Subsidy Scheme.

meter means the equipment used to measure the volume of electricity that we supply to you.

metropolitan area has the meaning given in the Code of Conduct.

MyPower Plan means a peak demand and consumption management product to enable bill smoothing.

**non-residential customer** means a customer who does not consume more than 160 MWh of electricity per annum and who is not a *residential customer*.

payment difficulties has the meaning given to that term in the Code of Conduct.

peak rebate has the meaning given to that term in the product rules.

premises means the address to which electricity will be supplied to you under the Contract.

**pre-payment meter customer** means a customer who consumes not more than 160 MWh of electricity per annum and has a pre-payment meter operating at their *premises*.

product rules means rules so described in the application process, which forms a part of the Contract.

**privacy policy** means the policy specifying the steps taken by *us* to maintain customer confidentiality and which can be obtained on request from *our* customer centre or from *our* website, as amended from time to time in accordance with applicable privacy laws or any other law.

private purpose means wholly or predominantly for personal, domestic or household use or consumption.

**rebate** means any rebate or *concession* that *we* publish as being available from time to time but does not include a *peak rebate*.

**reminder notice** means a notice in writing that *we* issue to *you* advising *you* that *you* have not paid *your* bill and explaining how *we* may assist *you* if *you* are experiencing *payment difficulties* or *financial hardship*.

**residential customer** means a customer who consumes electricity solely for domestic use and does not consume more than 160 MWh of electricity per annum.

**standard form contract** means the contract of that name offered by *us* to customers and approved by the Economic Regulation Authority under the *Electricity Industry Act 2004* (WA).

**standard price** means a charge, fee or rental to be paid by *you* for or in connection with the supply of electricity under the *Charges By-laws* or those charges, fees or rentals for or in connection with the supply of electricity that we publish from time to time.

start date means the date described as such in the application.

we, us and our means Regional Power Corporation trading as Horizon Power (ABN 57 955 011 697) of Stovehill Rd Karratha, Western Australia.

you means the person to whom electricity will be supplied under the Contract.

your equipment is defined in clause 8.2.



#### 23.2 Interpretation

In the *Contract*, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) a reference to any thing is a reference to the whole or any part of it and a reference to a group of things or persons is a reference to any one or more of them;
- (c) a reference to a person includes a public body, company, or association or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate;
- (d) a reference to a person includes a reference to the person's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes (including, but not limited to, persons taking by novation) and permitted assigns;
- (e) a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of the Contract;
- (f) headings are included for convenience and do not affect the interpretation of the Contract;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re- enactments or replacements of any of them;
- (h) if a word or phrase is defined, other grammatical forms of that word or phrase have a corresponding meaning;
- (i) if the word "including" or "includes" is used, the words "without limitation" are taken to immediately follow;
- (j) a reference to writing includes any means of representing or reproducing words in visible form including by *electronic means* such as facsimile transmission;
- (k) a reference to a liability includes any obligation to pay money and any other loss, cost or expense of any kind;
- (I) a reference to a month is to a calendar month and a reference to a year is to a calendar year;
- (m) if a period of time is specified and dates from a given day or the day of an act or event, it is to be calculated inclusive of that day;
- (n) if a date stipulated for payment or for doing an act is not a business day, the payment must be made or the act must be done on the next business day;
- (o) a reference to a monetary amount means that amount in Australian currency; and
- (p) if it is stated that a person "can" do something, then that of itself does not mean they must do that thing and, unless they are for some other reason required to do that thing, they need not do that thing unless they choose to do it.