

Storage Tariff Trial

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Guideline for Storage Tariff Trial

Energy storage is likely to have an increasingly important role in the way Ergon Energy Network and Energex customers use and source their energy. This is reflected in growing interest for commercial investment in large storage systems - in particular, customers wanting solutions which allow them to import energy from the network for the sole purpose of exporting it back to the network at other times.

In response, Ergon Energy Network and Energex propose to undertake an additional trial of network tariffs that may be more suited to the usage patterns of this type of customer which presents a different profile to traditional load or generation connections.

We are trialling a Dynamic Price Storage tariff. This tariff provides price signals through the application of critical peak period (CPP) import and export charge components that encourage the customer to avoid importing or exporting power during the critical event (i.e. times of minimum and maximum network constraint). This tariff is available for both low voltage and high voltage network connections where energy is imported from the network and stored in an energy storage system for the purpose of exporting it back to the network at other times.

In addition, we are trialling a Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff incorporating CPP import and export reward components. These tariffs are intended to incentivise import or export at times of constraint through the application of rewards.

Applications are open for either:

- the Dynamic Price Storage tariff trial, or
- the Dynamic Price Storage tariff trial with the Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff

The dynamic elements of these tariffs are new, and the Trial will allow further outworking of any associated implementation issues. Our Tariff Structure Statement (TSS) proposes a contingent trigger to offer the Dynamic Price Storage tariff as a non-trial tariff.

Storage customers are invited to submit expressions of interest as outlined below.

Objectives of the Trial

The primary objectives are to:

- evaluate the suitability of dynamic price tariff options for storage customers (i.e. assess customers' responses to dynamic price signals for import and export to support the electricity distribution network); and
- develop internal processes to support the implementation of dynamic price storage tariffs.

The purpose of the Trial is to gain insights and empirical evidence to either:

- introduce dynamic price storage tariffs into our 2025–30 TSS through the contingent tariff adjustment mechanism (note this is not an option for secondary dynamic price tariffs); or
- inform our 2030-35 TSS.

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Participant eligibility

Eligibility for the Trial is conditional on the following:

- You must be classified (or become classified) as a Standard Asset Customer (SAC) or Connection Asset Customer (CAC).
- The sole purpose of your Site must be for the operation (charging and discharging) of an energy storage system.
- You must provide a letter of support from your current or proposed Retailer to facilitate in-trial billing arrangements (unless you are the Financially Responsible Market Participant in respect of the Site). The letter of support must state that the Retailer is willing to:
 - develop a retail tariff based on the Trial Tariff;
 - participate in the data sharing requirements of the Trial; and
 - facilitate your involvement in the Trial.
- You must accept the terms and conditions outlined at Appendix 1.
- The CAC Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff and SAC Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariffs can only be applied to the CAC Dynamic Price Storage tariff or SAC Dynamic Price Storage tariffs.
- Availability of the CAC Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff and SAC Secondary Dynamic Price Storage Tariff Trial is currently limited to the suburbs of Caloundra, Jimboomba, North Maclean, Black River, Bohle, Bohle Plains, Highfields, Cawdor and Yeppoon.

Ergon Energy Network and Energex reserve the right to include or exclude any customer in or from the Trial in their absolute discretion.

Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in Trial

- To express your interest in participating in the Trial, please:
 - review the Trial Terms and Conditions (Appendix 1);
 - complete and return the attached application form; and
 - (if relevant) provide the required letter of Retailer support.
- Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) will review the information provided to assess your application to join the Trial.
- After your application has been assessed, we will:
 - discuss with you the tariff implications of being assigned to a Trial Tariff and how that would be applied to your Site; and
 - if the Site is deemed suitable, make a final offer to you to participate in the Trial.
- It is important to note that the Trial Tariff is billed to your Retailer and the pass-through of the Trial Tariff to you is as agreed between you and your Retailer.
- Please submit applications by 31 May 2025. If you are interested in participating in the Trial but are unable to meet this deadline, please contact us to discuss your circumstances.

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Network Tariff to Trial

We have submitted AER Notifications to undertake the following Storage Trial Tariffs across Ergon Energy Network and Energex in 2025-26:

- SAC – Dynamic Price Storage tariff
- CAC – Dynamic Price Storage tariff
- SAC – Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff; and
- CAC – Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff.

Full details are set out at the following links:

- Link to [Energex Tariff Trial Notification](#)
- Link to [Ergon Networks Tariff Trial Notification](#)

Storage Trial Tariffs

Details of the Trial Tariffs are set out in the table below. Prospective Participants are encouraged to contact us with any questions on the application of the Trial Tariffs and network billing arrangements.

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Indicative Dynamic Price Storage tariffs (NUOS)

Network Tariff	Component	Unit	Rates 2025–26		Description
			Energex	Ergon Network	
SAC – Dynamic Price Storage tariff	Fixed	\$/day	\$7.5440	\$47.8470	Daily supply charge
	Volume Peak	\$/kWh	\$0.0174	\$0.0229	For energy consumption between the hours of 5pm and 8pm
	CPP import charge	\$/kVA	\$1.942	\$2.952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual number of CPP events will be capped at a maximum of 40 hours during the trial term. For billing purposes, each CPP event is 30 minutes in duration, with a cap of 80 periods per year (i.e. the applicable charge for each CPP is applied on a 30-minute basis). CPP export charge is applied to export demand > 1.5kW in each 30-minute CPP event period. CPP import charge is applied to total kVA in each 30-minute CPP event period. A CPP event may be called across the Network or part of the Network. The total length of any CPP event will be determined by system needs. Customers will be notified of a CPP event by email to nominated customer contact(s) at least 24 hours ahead of the event. Nomination of the time, date and duration of a critical event will be based on forecast network conditions or purely to test customer notification and response.
	CPP export charge	\$/kW	\$0.160	\$0.618	
CAC – Dynamic Price Storage tariff	Fixed	\$/day	\$67.8240	\$101.7310	Daily supply charge
	Volume Peak	\$/kWh	\$0.0064	\$0.0131	For energy consumption between 5pm and 8pm
	CPP import charge	\$/kVA	\$1.163	\$1.955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual number of CPP events will be capped at a maximum of 40 hours during the trial term. For billing purposes, each CPP event is 30 minutes in duration, with a cap of 80 periods per year (i.e. the applicable charge for each CPP is applied on a 30-minute basis). CPP export charge is applied to export demand > 1.5kW in each 30-minute CPP event period. CPP import charge is applied to total kVA in each 30-minute CPP event period. A CPP event may be called across the Network or part of the Network. The total length of any CPP event will be determined by system needs. Customers will be notified of a CPP event by email to nominated customer contact(s) at least 24 hours ahead of the event. Nomination of the time, date and duration of a critical event will be based on forecast network conditions or purely to test customer notification and response.
	CPP export charge	\$/kW	\$0.020	\$0.068	

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Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariffs (NUOS)

Network Tariff	Component	Unit	Rates 2025 26		Description
			Energex	Ergon Network	
SAC – Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff	CPP import reward charge	\$/kWh	-\$0.532	-\$2.059	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For billing purposes, each CPP event is 30 minutes in duration (i.e. the applicable charge for each CPP is applied on a 30-minute basis). The total length of any CPP event will be determined by system needs. Nomination of the time, date and duration of a critical event will be based on forecast network conditions or purely to test customer notification and response.
	CPP export reward charge	\$/kWh	-\$6.474	-\$9.842	
CAC – Secondary Dynamic Price Storage tariff	CPP import reward charge	\$/kWh	-\$0.066	-\$0.227	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For billing purposes, each CPP event is 30 minutes in duration (i.e. the applicable charge for each CPP is applied on a 30-minute basis). The total length of any CPP event will be determined by system needs. Nomination of the time, date and duration of a critical event will be based on forecast network conditions or purely to test customer notification and response.
	CPP export reward charge	\$/kWh	-\$3.877	-\$6.517	

During the Trial

- The Trial will be implemented in collaboration between Energex, Ergon Energy Network, Participants and (where applicable) their Retailers.
- The Trial is expected to commence on 1 July 2025 and conclude by 30 June 2026. Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) may extend the Trial, or end the Trial early, by giving you reasonable notice.
- The Participant and its Retailer will be required to share relevant meter data and participate in surveys or other quantitative data collection, in order to evaluate the Trial Tariffs and share insights to assist in finalising a tariff design that may be submitted to the AER to support further engagement activities.

At the end of the Trial

- At the end of the Trial, the Trial Tariffs may no longer be available, and your Retailer must advise which standard eligible network tariff will apply in relation to the Site. Please note that alternative network tariff charges available at that time may cost significantly more than the Trial Tariff applied to your Site. In deciding whether to participate in the Trial, we recommend that you seek advice from your Retailer regarding network charges under standard eligible network tariff options that apply in relation to the Site. We also caution against making investment decisions based on assuming on-going access to a Trial Tariff.
- For further information, please contact tarifftrials@energyq.com.au.

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Appendix 1: Trial Terms and Conditions

1. Your participation in the Trial will commence after you have accepted in writing a formal offer to participate in the Trial in response to your EOI.
2. Your participation in the Trial will end immediately and without notice to you if you no longer meet the Participant eligibility criteria set out in the Guideline.
3. Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) may, in its absolute discretion:
 - a) end the Trial early;
 - b) extend the Trial Term; or
 - c) cancel your participation in the Trial,by giving you reasonable notice.
4. You may cancel your participation in the Trial at any time by giving us written notice including the reason(s) for cancellation. Your Retailer must advise us of the standard network tariff to be applied after your participation in the Trial has ended.
5. You agree to participate in Participant surveys as required. A representative of Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) may contact you for feedback, research or communication purposes.
6. You agree, and will procure the agreement of your Retailer, to share relevant meter data and participate in surveys or other quantitative data collection, to evaluate the Trial Tariff and share insights to assist in tariff design.
7. You agree to permit your Retailer to allow Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) to view your account information, including previous and future consumption data, and personal details provided in application forms and customer surveys, for the purpose of assessing the outcomes of the Trial and assisting in development of tariff options.
8. The Trial does not vary your standard connection contract with Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable).
9. If Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) reasonably considers that it is necessary to amend the Trial Terms and Conditions to facilitate the proper and useful conduct of the Trial, they may amend them by giving written notice to you.
10. The Trial is an 'in-market' trial. This means that the Trial Tariff will be the only network bill issued to your Retailer for your Site participating in the Trial. There will be no compensation or adjustment during or at the end of the Trial applied to you or your Retailer, in relation to any previous or standard network tariff.
11. You are responsible for any costs associated with applying to join, or participating in, the Trial.
12. As part of the Trial, Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) may contact you or send you information via email, SMS or post. You must:
 - a) ensure that any information you give us is accurate, current and complete; and
 - b) keep your personal and contact information accurate and up to date.
13. You consent to Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) collecting, using, and disclosing (including to Affiliated Organisations, research partners and external market research companies) your personal information collected during the Trial for the purpose of conducting the Trial, or analysis, reporting, marketing, and communications associated with the conduct of the Trial. In

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In addition, Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable) may disclose de-identified (meaning deletion of name, address and contact and other identifying details) report results to its energy regulators and relevant Government bodies, Participants in the Trial, research publications and to other entities as required or authorised by law. The Ergon Energy Network [Privacy Statement](#) and the Energex [Privacy Statement](#) (as applicable) detail how your personal information is collected, held, used and disclosed.

Definitions

Words and terms used in this document have the meanings set out below, or as otherwise specified in this document.

Affiliated Organisations means Energex or Ergon Energy Network (as applicable), Energy Queensland Limited (Energex's and Ergon Energy Network's holding company) and the Trial's marketing and advertising providers, information technology providers, meter installation and data providers, and economic analysis providers.

Energex means Energex Limited ABN 40 078 849 055, and its employees, contractors and agents.

EOI means an expression of interest submitted by a prospective Participant in the Trial.

Ergon Energy Network means Ergon Energy Corporation Limited ABN 50 087 646 062, and its employees, contractors and agents.

Financially Responsible Market Participant has the meaning given in the National Electricity Rules.

Guideline means this document.

Participant, you or your means the Customer who agrees to participate in the Trial.

Retailer has the meaning given in the *Electricity Act 1994* (Qld).

Site relates to the connection point and associated NMI accessing the Trial.

Trial means the Dynamic Network Storage Trial being conducted by Ergon Energy Network or Energex (as applicable).

Trial Tariff means one of the trial tariffs being offered in this Guideline.

Trial Term means the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, this period may be amended under clause 3.

We, us or our refers to Energex and/or Ergon Energy Network.