

'Talking Tariffs' innovative tariff

Sun Soaker tariff

Pricing to encourage usage during sunlight hours

As more and more energy is produced from household solar PV, the misbalance between solar PV production and customer usage grows.

The greatest amount of solar energy is produced during the day when the sun is shining, but the highest amount of customer usage is during the evening between 5pm and 8pm (and to a lesser degree between 7am and 9am in the morning in winter).

The 'Sun Soaker' pricing option is just a modern take on the traditional Time of Use Tariff as it aims to encourage customers to use more power during peak solar PV production hours and less at other times. In this regard it can help manage both peak demand issues on the network and the rising problems caused by solar PV.

Given we build our tariffs to recover the revenue we are allowed by the regulator, the overnight price in this tariff option would likely be higher than under the Time of Use Tariff, but the daytime price would be much lower.

	Time	Price per unit of energy consumed
Peak	Weekdays 3pm–8pm*	High
Off Peak	10am -3pm*	Low
Shoulder	All other times	Moderate

* These times are indicative only and could be adjusted for seasonal changes in solar production

