

Press release

New electricity tariff introduced from 15 August

From 15 August, households will see government-regulated electricity prices (blue tariff) rise on average by 0.2 eurocents (inc. VAT) per kWh, a moderate increase of 1.9%.

As an example, the impact of the new tariff for a family living in a 100 m² dwelling would be on average from €0.50 to €1.50 (inc. VAT) per month depending on electricity uses.

For businesses and local authorities (yellow and green tariffs), the average increase will be less than 0.3 eurocents per kWh.

The differing increases for households and businesses and by tariff category aim to reduce the disparities between the various types of consumer and encourages better energy use. For example, the overall increase will be less for customers who have signed up for the “Off-peak” package rather than the “Basic” package.

Following the increase, regulated electricity prices in France will be among the lowest in Europe at 27% less than the euro-zone average for households and 34% less for businesses.

The transmission tariff contribution (CTA), previously incorporated into the tariff, will now be shown separately on electricity bills.

The new tariff concerns both electricity supply and routing operations, since it takes into account the new tariffs for using transmission and distribution grids introduced on 1 August.

According to Pierre Gadonneix, Chairman and CEO of EDF : *“This new tariff coincides with the considerable increase of EDF’s investments in France, which have risen to over €7.5 billion this year, of which almost three quarters was in maintenance. This is in order to respond to the demands for quality of supply and public service and to continue to provide it’s customers with competitive, CO₂ free energy in the long term. The EDF Group is now the country’s largest investor and a major contributor to the government’s recovery plan.”*

EDF remains strongly committed to its most vulnerable customers and is notably the largest contributor to the Social Housing Fund (FSL), donating €22 million in 2009.

The average rise in electricity bills for customers on the Social Tariff (TPN) will be less than the average rise in bills for domestic customers.

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