

2017 Energy Market Trading Charge

The AESO has set the 2017 energy market trading charge at 33.2 cents per megawatt hour traded, including charges from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) and the Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA). The overall energy market trading charge in 2017 has increased by 1.7 cents from the 2016 charge of 31.5 cents per megawatt hour traded.

AESO Energy Market Trading Charge	2017 Budget	2016 Budget
AESO Component		
General and administrative costs, interest, amortization and other industry costs	26.2¢	26.2¢
Energy market deferral deficit (surplus)	<u>- ¢</u>	<u>- ¢</u>
Total	26.2¢	26.2¢
AUC Component	5.3¢	5.3¢
MSA Component	1.7¢	0.0¢
AESO Energy Market Trading Charge	33.2¢	31.5¢

AESO Component

The AESO's component of the 2017 energy market trading charge is consistent with the charge in 2016. The AESO Board approved a six-month own costs budget for the period from January to June 2017 which is 50 per cent of the 2016 budget. As a result, the energy market trading charge of 26.2 cents per megawatt hour traded will continue until June 2017.

AUC Component

Under the provision of the *Alberta Utilities Commission Act*, AUC operating and capital costs are recovered from natural gas and electricity market participants under its jurisdiction or any person to whom the AUC provides services. Accordingly, the AUC apportions all of its costs related to its wholesale electric market activities to the AESO as an AUC administration fee.

The AUC's component of the 2017 energy market trading charge has been set at 5.3 cents per megawatt hour traded consistent with 2016.

MSA Component

In accordance with the *Electric Utilities Act*, the energy market trading charge will also recover the costs required by the MSA. The MSA's budgeting process is a separate activity, and their budget is approved by the Chair of the Alberta Utilities Commission. The AESO receives the cost recovery requirement determined by the MSA and must include that amount net of any under/over-collection from 2016 and prior years in the energy market trading charge.

For 2017, the MSA's costs represent 1.7 cents per megawatt hour traded which is the current year cost recovery.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this topic further, please call AESOfirstcall at 1-888-588-AESO (2376) during business hours from Monday to Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm (Mountain Standard Time).