



## **Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner**

### **Announcement of Tariff Increase by Sark Electricity Limited (“SEL”)**

SEL has announced today that it intends to significantly increase its unit charge from 49 p/kwh to 93.6 p/kwh from the 1st September 2025. SEL has also announced less significant changes to its monthly metering charge, and to its buy-back rate and stand-by charge for own-generators.

The new unit rate includes a “legal levy” of 40 p/kwh “to fund its defense against Chief Pleas move to seize its assets against its will”. I forecast that this would generate around £45,000 per month of additional revenue for SEL.

The last price control order ended on the 31st March 2025 when the maximum allowed unit price was 49 p/kwh because, pursuant to the legislation, price controls can only last for a maximum of two years. Since then, I have been conducting a low-key investigation into the price charged by SEL which has been maintained at 49 p/kwh. From today, and in light of this significant price increase, I will be ramping up this investigation. Following completion of this investigation, I shall determine whether the price charged by SEL is, or is not, fair and reasonable. Before I do this however, I must consult with SEL and Chief Pleas, and I may consult with consumers and others. If I determine that prices are not fair and reasonable, I can make a new price control order. Again, however, I must first complete another consultation process. The entire process is likely to take between one and two months to complete, depending on the extent of my consultations and whether I decide to introduce a new price control order.

I do not intend to say much more about the new charges introduced by SEL in advance of the consultation process. Pursuant to the legislation, my determination must be based on the price charged “for the supply of electricity” and much of my investigation will be into the reasons for the “legal levy”, and its quantum and charging profile. Whilst price control orders to date have included an ex-ante allowance for legal costs incurred by SEL to respond to consultations on determinations and price control orders, they have not included an ex-ante allowance for legal costs associated with appeals to the court of price control orders, or for legal costs associated with challenges against other parties. The judge has typically burdened the unsuccessful party with these costs after the legal case has been completed.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at [commissioner@epc.sark.gg](mailto:commissioner@epc.sark.gg)

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