

Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner

Press Release

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I have published my proposed determination on electricity prices on Sark. This may be found on the web-site www.epc.sark.gg.

I have come to the preliminary conclusion that the current basic tariff of 66p/kWh, and prices for larger customers, are not fair and reasonable. This is because Sark Electricity Limited has based its tariff on the costs of running the current system based on its diesel generators and existing distribution network. I have found that a system using photovoltaic panels, small-scale wind-turbines and batteries would be able to provide power at a lower cost.

My next step, after this final consultation, may involve setting a "price control order". I have proposed setting this maximum tariff at a level that would allow the power system to maintain secure supplies of electricity whilst investing in these new technologies and provide a reasonable return on investment.

I would like to receive comments from interested parties by 29th March, 2018.

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