



Notice

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NEW PRICE STRUCTURE FOR SARK'S ELECTRICITY USERS

A new 'fairer' electricity tariff will be introduced in Sark from 1 January 2021, based on proposals by Sark Electricity Limited.

The island's Electricity Price Control Commissioner has reset power prices to reflect the challenges of falling demand and commercial uncertainties on the island throughout 2020.

Customers will pay 50 pence per unit - down from 54p. Adjustments could be made during the year to reflect variations in consumption levels, fuel prices etc.

Customers will, however, pay a minimum monthly charge to help contribute to the provision and upkeep of the power system. This will be £40 a month for domestic and commercial premises. This charge will be absorbed in the billing process, once usage exceeds £40.

The new tariff structure is designed to be fairer to full-time residents in Sark while ensuring that part-time occupants contribute to the overall costs of the island's electricity supply system.

Dr Anthony White, the Commissioner, calculates that under the new tariff most full-time residents will not suffer an increase in their annual electricity costs.

The new tariff is also designed to help underpin the long-term economic viability of Sark Electricity Limited (SEL), the island's sole electricity supplier.

Twenty-five customers and interested parties responded to a formal public consultation to the proposed power pricing changes. Their comments are analysed in the Commissioner's official Variation Document*.

A submission by SEL was considered by the Commissioner in deciding the new tariff in the light of commercial and operating difficulties faced by the company.

*Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner - Notice of Final Variation, available at www.epc.sark.gg

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