



Office of the Sark Electricity Price Control Commissioner

Electricity Price To Remain At 74 p/kwh For November 2026

I regret to inform you that the maximum unit price that Sark Electricity Limited (“SEL”) can charge for electricity will remain at 74 p/kwh for November 2026.

The maximum unit price in the Price Control Order is set at 52 p/kwh but this can be adjusted monthly to account for changes in demand and fuel prices compared to the original forecast in the price control order. These risks are borne by consumers of electricity rather than by SEL.

This very significant increase is largely because diesel prices in September 2026 were 88% higher than the forecast in the price control order and demand was 7% lower than forecast.

SEL’s only source of electricity generation is currently inefficient diesel generators that are exposed to international fuel prices, which are presently driven by scarcity resulting from the war in the Middle East. It is impossible to say what will happen to these prices in the months ahead.

In determining if the price charged by SEL is fair and reasonable, one of the factors that I must take into consideration is the economy and efficiency with which electricity is supplied. Previous studies have indicated that electricity in Sark could be supplied more economically and efficiently if the generation technology was changed to a combination of wind turbines, solar panels, battery storage and diesel generators. My understanding is that Chief Pleas intends to transition to such a system over time, and that the initial compulsory purchase of the SEL assets is to ensure that this transition is orderly and does not risk continued security of supply. In these circumstances and in the meantime, I am minded to continue to allow SEL to recover the costs arising from its existing technology.

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