

POWERING -OUR- COMMUNITY

Network Waitaki is an electricity distribution company in the heart of the South Island. We take the electricity from Transpower's national grid and distribute it around our network to power your homes, businesses and the wider community.

We are proud to deliver a safe, reliable and sustainable electricity supply to 13,500 customer connections across a network of more than 2,000km, reaching as far south as Shag Point, up into the Hakataramea Valley, and west to the top of Lake Ōhau.

Network Waitaki is a 100% consumer Trust-owned company, owned by the Waitaki Power Trust for the benefit of our customers.

MEETING OUR CUSTOMERS ENERGY NEEDS

Our team is proud to be part of our community, and we know that any increase in household costs is tough. We believe it is important to explain our new pricing, share the reasons behind the changes, and highlight the projects we've recently delivered. Every decision we make is done carefully, with our community in mind. Our commitment is to deliver safe and reliable electricity you can depend on.

We need to continue the maintenance and upgrade of the electricity network to achieve this. That includes replacing ageing equipment, meeting safety standards, and preparing for the needs of our region to ensure that electricity is there when we all need it. If we don't do this work now, we risk falling behind and facing even greater costs later.

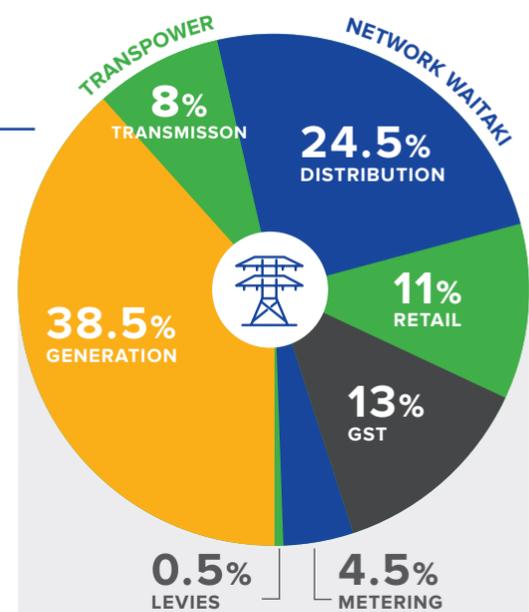
We are doing our best to manage the cost to maintain and build the network but some of these increases come from our suppliers and industry levies, which we don't control. Please see the breakdown of the bill components of a typical electricity bill.

From 1 April 2026, lines charges will increase by about 7%, or roughly \$8.74 more per month for an average household. The actual change will depend on the plan you have with your electricity retailer.

Breaking it down further the components of our bill are typically our distribution charge (the part we manage), which will increase by an average of 6.1%. This predominately pays for the local poles, lines, and equipment that deliver power to your home or business. Distribution charges make up about 24.5% of a typical bill.

Transmission and industry levies are also part of lines charges.

Transmission charges set by Transpower are also increasing by 16.2%, and local authority rates and industry levies are rising by around 6%.



AVERAGE ELECTRICITY BILL

DID YOU KNOW? Line charges make up about 32.5% of your total power bill and include both transmission (Transpower) and distribution (Network Waitaki).

SOURCE: EA website - www.ea.govt.nz/your-power/bill/

OUR PROJECTS

Thank you for your understanding if you were affected by planned maintenance and delivery of the renewal programme in our region. We are pleased to report that we have delivered the majority of the work we had planned, and our crews have appreciated your cooperation in helping them carry out their work safely. Here are a few highlights of what we've been up to:

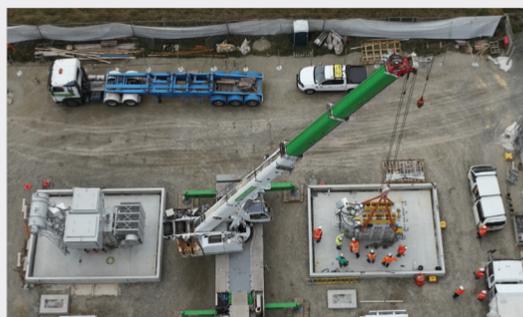
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We have installed two new transformers in Ōtematata as the previous one had been powering the area for more than 50 years and had reached end of life. After a lifetime of hard work, we've now retired it and replaced it with two new transformers which will boost reliability and support growth for Ōtematata and the surrounding areas for another 50 years.

We are also celebrating our team's efforts, including inspecting 10,000 poles, replacing or installing 440 poles, laying 29 km of 11 kV cable, and upgrading ageing switchgear at Ngapara substation.

IN PROGRESS



The transformers at Pukeuri Zone Substation are in a similar situation as Ōtematata, and have been powering the area for more than 50+ years. We are upgrading the site with two new transformers.

We expect to commission these mid-2026, where they are expected to provide a secure electricity supply for another 50 years, to support and attract business to Waitaki, and help our region to thrive well into the future.

ON THE WAY



The existing connection to the national grid at Ōamaru (known as a GXP) is nearing its capacity and cannot meet our region's future energy needs on its own.

We are planning to build a new connection to the national grid by around 2030, to ensure there is enough electricity to support homes, businesses, and future growth opportunities well into the future.

We will also upgrade parts of our electricity network over the coming years so power from the new connection can be delivered across the region.

DELIVERY PRICE SCHEDULE FOR NETWORK WAITAKI

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2026

The prices in this schedule are used to charge electricity retailers for the delivery of electricity in the Waitaki region serviced by Network Waitaki. Electricity retailers determine how to allocate this cost together with energy, metering and other retail costs when setting the retail prices that appear on an end consumer's power account.



Code	Description	Units	Effective 1 April 2025			Effective 1 April 2026			No. of Consumers
			Distribution	Pass-through	Delivery price	Distribution	Pass-through	Delivery price	
UNMETERED									
UNM	Unmetered load	\$/connection/day	NA	NA	NA	2.5379	0.7729	3.3108	48
WATAD	Day volume	\$/kWh	NA	NA	NA	0.02953	0.00620	0.03573	
WATAN	Night volume	\$/kWh	NA	NA	NA	0.00329	0.00068	0.00397	
RESIDENTIAL LOW FIXED CHARGE CONNECTIONS									
RLU	0 - 15kVA - Uncontrolled	\$/connection/day	0.5849	0.1651	0.7500	0.7074	0.1926	0.9000	1,027
RLC	0 - 15kVA - Controlled	\$/connection/day	0.5849	0.1651	0.7500	0.7074	0.1926	0.9000	4,431
RLUD	Day Volume - Uncontrolled	\$/kWh	0.14391	0.03848	0.18239	0.14562	0.04017	0.18579	
RLCD	Day Volume - Controlled	\$/kWh	0.13378	0.02881	0.16259	0.13913	0.03342	0.17255	
RLUN	Night Volume - Uncontrolled	\$/kWh	0.01247	0.01025	0.02272	0.01262	0.01070	0.02332	
RLCN	Night Volume - Controlled	\$/kWh	0.01247	0.00270	0.01517	0.01296	0.00313	0.01609	
GENERAL CONNECTIONS									
15U	0-15kVA Uncontrolled	\$/connection/day	2.9294	0.8677	3.7971	3.0455	0.9275	3.9730	1,967
15C	0-15kVA Controlled	\$/connection/day	2.7369	0.6289	3.3658	2.9223	0.7441	3.6664	4,158
30U	16-30kVA Uncontrolled	\$/connection/day	4.7075	1.5965	6.3040	4.9125	1.7423	6.6548	464
30C	16-30kVA Controlled	\$/connection/day	4.4270	1.2469	5.6739	4.7268	1.4544	6.1812	181
50U	31-50kVA Uncontrolled	\$/connection/day	7.6948	1.9645	9.6593	8.0493	2.1580	10.2073	592
50C	31-50kVA Controlled	\$/connection/day	7.3380	1.5306	8.8686	7.8350	1.7853	9.6203	143
100	51-100kVA	\$/connection/day	16.7692	2.8853	19.6545	17.9050	3.3465	21.2515	376
200	101-200kVA	\$/connection/day	33.5269	5.7327	39.2596	35.7977	6.6492	42.4469	143
300	201-300kVA	\$/connection/day	50.2112	8.7340	58.9452	53.6120	10.1303	63.7423	61
500	301-500kVA	\$/connection/day	84.1395	15.7382	99.8777	89.8383	18.2542	108.0925	27
750	501-750kVA	\$/connection/day	128.3506	23.4753	151.8259	137.0438	27.2282	164.2720	13
WATAD	Day volume	\$/kWh	0.02769	0.00584	0.03353	0.02953	0.00620	0.03573	
WATAN	Night volume	\$/kWh	0.00309	0.00064	0.00373	0.00329	0.00068	0.00397	
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION - NEGATIVE CHARGE									
DGPK	Day volume (generation) ≤ 50 kVA	\$/kWh	NA	NA	NA	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	304
DGPKNC	Day volume (generation) > 50 kVA	\$/kWh	NA	NA	NA	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	14
DGOPK	Night volume (generation) - all DG	\$/kWh	NA	NA	NA	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0
DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INCREMENTAL COST CHARGE									
DGD	Day volume (generation) - all connections	\$/kWh	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0
DGN	Night volume (generation) - all connections	\$/kWh	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0
LARGE COMMERCIAL (750 kVA +)									
LC	Daily fixed price	\$/connection/day	5.6160	0.0000	5.6160	5.9964	0.0000	5.9964	1
LCCAP	Daily capacity price	\$/kVA/day	0.1917	0.1030	0.2947	0.2045	0.1195	0.3240	
LCDEM	Daily demand price	\$/kW/day	0.06300	0.01530	0.07830	0.06721	0.01530	0.08251	
INDIVIDUALLY ASSESSED									
IND	Individually Priced								21

Note: All prices are exclusive of GST.

NOTES:

- GST:** All Charges are GST exclusive. GST is payable in addition to the charges.
- Price Movement:** The price movement amounts to an average overall 7% increase. This increase supports Network Waitaki's objective to operate efficiently while maintaining a secure and reliable supply of electricity through appropriate levels of investment. Further detail on how prices are determined is available in Network Waitaki's *Pricing Methodology*, published on our website (www.networkwaitaki.co.nz).
- Residential Low Fixed Charge Eligibility:** Eligibility for the Residential Low Fixed Charge price category requires that the premises must be the consumer's principal place of residence as defined by the *Electricity Industry Act 2010*.
- Volume-based Prices and Loss Factors:** Volume-based (\$/kWh) prices are calculated on energy volumes metered at the Grid Exit Points supplying the network. All metered loads must be grossed-up using the applicable loss factor to determine the chargeable GXP volume. Different rates apply for **day volume** (07:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.) and **night volume** (11:00 p.m. – 07:00 a.m. the following day).
- Large Commercial Load Group:** For *Large Commercial* (LC) connections exceeding 750 kVA: Daily capacity prices are based on contracted capacity. Daily demand prices are applied to an assessed demand level available on request. Capacity and demand prices accrue daily at a rate of 1/365th (1/366th in a leap year) of the annual amount due.
- Distribution and Pass-through Fixed Prices:** Distribution and Pass-through prices are charged in respect of each ICP and electricity retailers are invoiced monthly in arrears. Fixed prices accrue daily at a rate of 1/365th (1/366th in a leap year) of the annual amount due.
- Pass-through Prices:** Pass-through prices consist of transmission prices, rates and regulatory levies.
- Disconnection and Reconnection:** Where an ICP is disconnected for seasonal or intermittent use and reconnected within the same 12-month period, Network Waitaki will charge the fixed charges that would have applied had the ICP remained connected over that period. Disconnection for the purpose of avoiding fixed charges is not supported and may incur additional administration or reconnection fees.
- Annual Discount:** Network Waitaki pays an annual discount to consumers. Discounts will be payable based on the number of days the installation was connected within a particular load group. The discount methodology is available on the Network Waitaki website.
- Distributed Generation – Negative Charge:** Provides a credit for generation injected into the network during defined day or night periods. The price may be negative or zero, reflecting the estimated long-run marginal cost (LRMC) benefit to the network.
 - DGPK – applies to connections ≤ 50 kVA, for volumes injected during day periods and where the maximum deliverable generation capacity is ≤ 45kW.
 - DGPKNC – applies to connections > 50 kVA for volumes injected during day periods.
 - DGOPK – applies to all volumes injected during night periods.
- Distributed Generation Incremental Cost Charge:** Applies to the volume of energy (kWh) injected from a connection point into Network Waitaki's network for delivery to other network connections. The charge is applied only when incremental network costs (e.g. voltage monitoring, control equipment, or local reinforcement) are incurred. These charges are currently **0 c/kWh**. Installation of small-scale generation requires a meter capable of recording both imported and exported energy.

COMMITTED TO OUR CUSTOMERS

We would love to see you at the North Otago A&P Show! Our team is excited to return to the show this Saturday, helping people check if they're on the best power plan for their needs.

We'll help you to use **PowerSwitch**, a free and independent service from Consumer NZ that helps compare electricity plans. Many people find they could save hundreds of dollars a year just by switching to a plan that suits them better.

It's a good idea to review your plan because how you use your power and your household needs can change over time. Some electricity retailers offer plans that with lower prices if you shift your usage to outside peak times. Whether you'd like help understanding your bill or simply don't know where to start, our team will be there to help.

If you're not able to make it to the show, you can still use the free **PowerSwitch** service anytime at www.powerswitch.org.nz. And if you have any questions or need a hand, please feel free to get in touch.



For queries about your connection or line charges, email us on service@networkwaitaki.co.nz with the subject line "Connection" or "Pricing" and we'll come back to you.

If you're unsure how these changes might affect your bill, reach out to your retailer. They can break down how our pricing fits into your charges, discuss payment options, and let you know about any available support or discounts.

HAVE A QUESTION? GET IN TOUCH

If we can't resolve a concern, you can contact Utilities Disputes Limited – a free and independent resolution service. Visit www.udl.co.nz for more information.



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