

Utilities (Reference Price) Determination 2026 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2026–259

made under the

Utilities Act 2000, s 75GB (1) (b) (Determination of representative consumption and reference price)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Utilities (Reference Price) Determination 2026 (No 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Application – types of small customers

This instrument applies to small customers of the following types:

- a) *residential customers* on flat tariffs or time of use tariffs and whose prices for the supply do not include a controlled load tariff; and
- b) *residential customers with controlled load* on flat tariffs or time of use tariffs and whose prices for the supply include a controlled load tariff; and
- c) *small business customers* on flat tariffs and whose prices for the supply do not include a controlled load tariff.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

controlled load tariff means a tariff for the supply or sale of electricity for use only in specific appliances that are permanently wired to the relevant electricity meter.

MWh means megawatt hour.

representative consumption, in relation to supplying electricity to a small customer of a particular type, means the amount of electricity determined under the *Utilities (Representative Consumption) Determination 2026 (No 1)* (NI2026-238) in relation to the supply.

reference price, in relation to supplying electricity to a small customer of a particular type, means the annual price determined under section 75GB (1)(b) of the *Utilities Act 2000* for the year in relation to the supply.

residential customer means a customer in relation to whom the electricity is principally for personal, household or domestic use.

small business customer means a customer in relation to whom both the following apply:

- a) the electricity is not principally for personal, household or domestic use;
- b) the supply is, or will be, at a rate of less than 100 MWh a year.

relevant year means 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2027.

5 Determination – annual reference price

For a small customer mentioned in column 1, we determine that the reference price for the supply of the representative consumption to the customer for the relevant year is the amount stated in column 2.

Column 1 Type of customers	Column 2 Annual reference price (GST-inclusive)
Residential Customer without Controlled Load	\$2,744
Residential Customer with Controlled Load	\$3,512
Small Business	\$5,217

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