



Notice of Delivery Price Increase

Orion New Zealand owns and operates the electricity distribution network in Central Canterbury (including Christchurch) between the Waimakariri and Rakaia rivers. Orion transports electricity to more than 170,000 homes and businesses in this area. We charge electricity retailers on a wholesale basis for this service, and retailers then on-charge homes and businesses. Our charge represents only one of the retailers' costs in supplying electricity to you.

For more information on Orion's pricing, or Orion in general, refer to www.oriongroup.co.nz or call us on 363 9898. For information on the retail prices that appear on your electricity account, please contact your electricity retailer.

Regulation 28 of the Electricity (Information Disclosure) Regulations 1999 (as amended), requires Orion to publicly disclose changes to our wholesale prices, as follows:

	Current Prices			New Prices			
	Applicable from 1 April 2003			Applicable from 1 April 2004			
	Line	Trans- mission	Delivery	Line	Trans- mission	Delivery	
General Connections							
Fixed							
Outside Lighting (per connection) <i>eg, streetlighting</i>	10.00	-	10.00	11.00 ²	-	11.00	c/day
Peak							
Both zones	85.00	35.00	120.00	88.70 ³	38.50	127.20	\$/kVA/yr
Capacity							
Zone A all year and Zone B winter:							
Nights, weekends & public holidays	0.51	0.23	0.74	0.51	0.25	0.76	c/kWh
Working weekdays	4.32	0.93	5.25	4.32	1.01	5.33	c/kWh
Zone B summer:							
Any time, any day	2.04	0.53	2.57	2.04	0.58	2.62	c/kWh
Irrigation Connections							
Transitional Irrigation Package (Zone B) <i>Net effective price.</i>	115.63	54.34	169.97	118.60	58.20	176.80	\$/kW/yr
Irrigation Power Factor Correction Rebate	(23.46)	-	(23.46)	(23.50)	-	(23.50)	\$/kVA/yr
Irrigation Interruptibility Rebate (Zone B) <i>Not available to connections on the Transitional Irrigation Package.</i>	(5.86)	-	(5.86)	(5.86)	-	(5.86)	\$/kW/yr
Major Customer Connections							
Fixed	500.05	-	500.05	500.05	-	500.05	\$/yr
Control period demand	60.00	21.92	81.92	61.00	29.20	90.20	\$/kVA/yr
Assessed capacity - Line	24.40	-	24.40	24.40	-	24.40	\$/kVA/yr
Assessed capacity - Transmission	-	22.00	22.00	-	22.00	22.00	\$/kVA/yr

Notes

- GST is payable in addition to these prices.
- The new Outside Lighting line price is effective from 1 July 2004.
- The new Peak line price for General Connections is effective from 15 April 2004.
- Peak and Capacity prices for general connections are applied to grid exit point measurements. Zone B is the area supplied by Hororata and Springston grid exit points; Zone A is all other areas.
- Winter is defined as April to September inclusive; summer is October to March inclusive. Night is defined as 9pm to 7am; day is 7am to 9pm.
- These prices apply to Orion's services to the following estimated number of energised connections (as at 1 February 2004):

Outside Lighting Connections	37,700
General Connections	171,588 (excl Outside Lighting connections)
Major Customer Connections	392
- This schedule is a summary only. Please refer to Orion's published "Delivery Price Schedule", available from Orion or www.oriongroup.co.nz, for full details.