

## **Night Rate FAQs 1.1**

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### **Q. Is Wellington Electricity moving away from Day / Night plans in their current form?**

A. No - Wellington Electricity continues to offer lower overnight 'Night' pricing, **but for specific meter configurations only**. Night pricing is a type of 'controlled' pricing where the lines company is able to control the supply of electricity. It requires controlled circuits, relays and appropriate metering. This would typically be for hot water storage, night store space heating and underfloor heating. We also offer lower overnight pricing to residential Electric Vehicle owners, though without the same restrictions on the type of metering required.

### **Q. Who will be able to access lower overnight rates from 5th Jan 2017?**

A. Our lower overnight rates will continue to remain available, for two scenarios:

- Customers with separately wired and controlled meters where electricity is only supplied between the hours of 11pm to 7am, and between the hours of 1pm and 3pm OR
- Residential Electric Vehicle owners where the lower overnight 'Night' pricing is available between the hours of 9pm to 7am and the customer has a smart meter. In this scenario the customer does NOT require separately wired metering and the whole household load is able to take advantage of the rate. We are promoting this option to enable the growth of Electric Vehicles in the Wellington region.

### **Q. Is Wellington Electricity working with only one retailer making these changes?**

A. No - Wellington Electricity is clarifying the metering requirements for 'Night' pricing with all Retailers operating on the Wellington Electricity network.

### **Q. What metering configuration will be required to continue to access Day / Night pricing plans, and what appliances are able to be run from a night rate meter? Is this intended to provide for water heating and night storage only?**

A. Customers with separately wired and controlled meters where electricity is only supplied between the hours of 11pm to 7am, and between the hours of 1pm and 3pm are able to access the NITE rate. For the majority of customers, this is used to supply Night Store heaters, Hot Water Heaters or Underfloor Heating as they are appliances where the load can be controlled over a specific range of hours.

### **Q. Is the EV Nite plan staying, or is this no longer being offered by Wellington Electricity? If so, will there be a requirement for a separate meter for an EV to be able to access this rate?**

A. The EV night plan will continue to be offered. Wellington Electricity is currently in consultation with Retailers who operate on our network to develop EV pricing. We continue to believe it is important to continue helping enable the take-up of Electric Vehicles in Wellington. EV-NITE does not require a separate meter, but does require a smart meter.