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**Wishing everyone a
Happy Easter**



Happy belated birthday to **Sam Dorrofield** (one of AGL's brightest stars) for 6th March – hope you had a fantastic birthday.
Also, happy birthday to **Jan Edwards**, our favourite book-keeper.

IRISH JOKE

Paddy McCoy, an elderly Irish farmer received a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions, stating that they suspected he was not paying his employees enough and they would send an inspector to interview them. On the appointed day, the inspector turned up.

"Tell me about your staff," he asked Paddy.

"Well," said Paddy, "there's the farmhand, I pay him £240 a week, and he has a free cottage. Then there's the housekeeper. She gets £190 a week, along with free board and lodging. There's also the half-wit. He works a 16 hour day, does 90% of the work, earns about £25 a week, along with a bottle of gin, and about once every 6 months gets to sleep with my missus."

"That's who I want to talk to," said the inspector, the half-wit.
"That'll be me then," said Paddy.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER'S CREDIT ASSESSMENT

AGL completed their credit assessment within 2 – 5 hours, or at the latest – the following day.

ORIGIN – takes 2 weeks or longer, unless you contact one of the *Big Guns* to have it fast tracked.

TRU ENERGY & ENERGY AUSTRALIA – also completed in 1 – 2 days.

Question : Why is Origin so **slow?**

NETWORK CHARGES

Over the last couple of years, we have received many queries as to what a NMI or DLF is etc. Below is the meaning as provided by one of the electricity suppliers. Please keep for future reference.

| CODE | CODE MEANING |
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| NMI | National Metering Identifier |
| DLF | Individual Customer DLF Code |
| Value | The DLF Value |
| Year | Year in which New DLF Value Commences |
| DFC | DUoS Fixed Charge \$/month |
| DFC_d | DUoS Fixed Charge \$/day |
| DCC | DUoS Capacity Charge \$/kW/month |
| DCCkVA | DUoS Capacity Charge \$/kVa/month |
| DMD | DUoS Demand Charge \$/kW/month |
| DMDkVA | DUoS Demand Charge \$/kVa/month |
| DVC | DUoS Total Energy Charge c/kWh |
| DVC_pk | DUoS Peak Energy Charge c/kWh |
| DVC_opk | DUoS Off-Peak Energy Charge c/kWh |
| TFC | TUoS Fixed Charge \$/month |
| TFC_d | TUoS Fixed Charge \$/day |
| TCC | TUoS Capacity Charge \$/month |
| TCC_d | TUoS Capacity Charge \$/day |
| TVC | TUoS Total Energy Charge c/kWh |
| TFGC | TUoS Fixed General Charge \$/month |
| TFGC_d | TUoS Fixed General Charge \$/day |
| TFCSC | TUoS Fixed Common Services Charge \$/month |
| TFCSC_d | TUoS Fixed Common Services Charge \$/day |
| TUOOSRebate | Not Used |
| CapitalRebate | Not Used |
| Authorised | Authorised Capacity kW |
| AuthorisedkVA | Authorised Capacity kVA (N/A) |
| StartDate | Date Commencement of Network Charges |
| EndDate | Network Charges Approved to Date |

The following was provided by one of our favourite clients – Believe it or Watts.

It is so obvious ... let's put this into a bit of perspective for laymen.

ETS is another tax. It is equal to putting up the GST to 12.5% which would be unacceptable and produce an outcry. Read the following analogy and you will realize the insignificance of carbon dioxide as a weather controller.

Here's a practical way to understand the PM's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme.

Imagine 1 kilometre of atmosphere and we want to get rid of the carbon pollution in it created by human activity.

Let's go for a walk along it ...

The first 770 metres are Nitrogen.

The next 210 metres are Oxygen.

That's 980 metres of the 1 kilometre ... 20 metres to go.

The next 10 metres are water vapor ... 10 metres left.

9 metres are Argon ... just 1 more metre.

A few gases make up the first bit of that last metre.

The last 38 centimetres of the kilometre – that's carbon dioxide. A bit over 1 foot.

97% of that is produced by Mother Nature. It's natural.

Out of our journey of 1 kilometre, there are just 12 millimetres left. Just over a centimetre. About half an inch.

That's the amount of carbon dioxide that global human activity puts into the atmosphere.

And of those 12 millimetres, Australia puts in 0.18 of a millimetre. Less than the thickness of a hair. Out of a kilometre.

As a hair is to a kilometre – so is Australia's contribution to what the PM calls Carbon Pollution.

Imagine Brisbane's new Gateway Bridge, ready to be opened by the PM. It's been polished, painted and scrubbed by an army of workers until its 1 kilometre length is surgically clean. Except that the PM says we have a huge problem, the bridge is polluted – there's a human hair on the roadway.

We'd laugh ourselves silly.

There are plenty of real pollution problems to worry about. It's hard to imagine that Australia's contribution to carbon dioxide in the world's atmosphere is one of the more pressing ones. And I can't believe that a new tax on everything is the only way to blow that pesky hair away.

Pass this on quickly while the ETS is being debated in Federal Parliament.

WATTS NEW

This reminds us of the 'Red Shoes' tale a couple of years ago.

Which leading Property Management's office – tenancy meter used over 300,000 kWh for March – close sources say a new 'bar' fridge was delivered and installed. Their tenancy meter is flashing lots of large figures – flicking backwards and forwards - appears the meter has gone whacko. We hear it is under warranty.

We can't imagine what this little gem of a meter will do when they plug in the new jug and sandwich maker!

Who is the Property Manager whose wife gave birth to their 3rd child (a while ago) in the lift. Believe it or Watt. Can you guess?

THE GOOD

Congratulations to Toombul Centro – excellent results with new electricity sales agreement with 20% reduction. Well done Toombul.

THE BAD

Email from AGL – how to impress new customers!

If your client wanted the freedom to shop for the best retail rate they should have done so prior to 21/1/11 when they took occupancy here. As it is, they signed the Change of Occupancy form to notify AGL on 28/1/11 – 1 week after they had already moved in. It is an unreasonable expectation that we would be able to respond immediately, as is your claim that we should release this NMI to another retailer retrospectively to 21/1/11 if your demands are not met.

If your client is prepared to pay default rates for Jan/Feb, then I can provide you with competitive market rates effective 1/3/11.

Default energy rates:

Peak – 30.400c/kWh

Off Peak – 10.4800c/kWh

Advice was sent to AGL in December 2010 of the sale of this property.

The AGL Angels came to the customer's rescue with the bad email – from an AGL Sales Executive and saved the day and AGL. Not sure about the Sales Executive's attitude – perhaps he is in charge of Non-Sales or is just a Toolhead!