Press Release

Lower tariffs for all

Romande Energie customers

Romande Energie has today published its regulated tariffs for 2013. All the customers will benefit from a reduction in their electricity bills, which may be cut by up to 3% for residential clients. This is primarily due to the measures taken by Romande Energie to hold down costs and improve the efficiency of its regional power grid.

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The new tariffs published today will take effect on 1 January 2013. Romande Energie is pleased to announce that all its clients will see their electricity charges for the same consumption diminish in 2012, with households benefiting from an average reduction of up to 3%.

By way of an example, this represents savings of around CHF 22 per year (2.6%) for a household in the area served by Romande Energie with an annual consumption of 4,000 kWh and using the “Volta simple” tariff.

Stability for energy, fall of around 5% for the regional network

The price of electricity is made up of several components: the energy itself, use of the regional power grid, use of the national VHT transmission network, control energy (system services), and taxes and dues.

The 2013 price level for the energy item is identical to that of 2012.

On the other hand, the cost of using the regional power grid is 4.7% lower. This item accounts for about 40% of the overall tariff, and is the main factor behind the reduction announced today. For the second year running, Romande Energie is giving its customers the benefit of the reduction in costs and the optimization of investments resulting from the asset management policy which it implemented some years ago.

In addition, Romande Energie is passing on the decline in the price of control energy and the increase in usage rates for the national transmission network. These two items depend directly on Swissgrid SA and account for 2% and 3% respectively of a household’s electricity bill.

Detailed information on 2013 pricing schedules will be available at www.tarifs2013.ch as from 12 September 2012.

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Romande Energie at a glance

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity supplier in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary, Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies power directly to more than 300,000 end-clients (representing a catchment population of 500,000 people) spread over more than 300 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. Its core businesses are the production, distribution and marketing of electricity. The Group's priorities are to provide its clients with high-quality services and guarantee reliable, competitively priced electricity supplies on a long-term basis; to expand its own-power production by investing primarily in new renewable energy sources; and to promote innovative solutions in the field of energy efficiency.

For more information on Romande Energie Group, visit www.romande-energie.ch