

PRESS NOTE

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION Tariff Order for FY 2019-20

Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission has determined the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) for the FY 2019-20, incorporating the true-up of FY 2017-18, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2018-19 and Revised Estimates for FY 2019-20 in its Tariff Order dated 27.05.2019. The new tariff will be applicable from 01.06.2019 upto 31.03.2020 with the previous tariff being effective upto 31.05.2019.

The net ARR for FY 2019-20 has been determined as Rs. 32327.25 Crore for PSPCL, including Rs. 1329.60 Crore for PSTCL. With expected revenue at existing tariff i.e. Rs. 31762.63 Crore, the consolidated gap (deficit) upto and including FY 2019-20 works out to Rs. 564.62 Crore. An overall average increase of 1.78% was required in the revenue from the existing tariff i.e. Fixed Charges as well as Energy Charges to cover the full revenue gap (deficit) of Rs. 564.62 Crore in FY 2019-20. Since the Commission intends to implement the new tariff rates prospectively with effect from 1st June, 2019, the effective increase during the remaining 10 months of the year translates to 2.14%. To cover the revenue gap during the remaining 10 months of the year, the Commission has decided to increase both Fixed Charges and Variable Charges keeping in mind the Regulatory requirements of keeping the cross subsidy levels within $\pm 20\%$. The combined average cost of supply for FY 2019-20 works out to Rs. 662.98 paise per kWh. The tariff for FY 2019-20 determined by the Commission is annexed.

Salient Features

- Any consumption in excess of threshold limit of the last two financial years shall continue to be billed at a reduced energy charge of Rs. 4.45 per kVAh to encourage use of surplus power by the industry.
- Special night tariff for LS/MS industrial consumers using electricity

exclusively during the hours of 10:00 PM to 06:00 AM next day shall continue with 50% of fixed charges and reduced energy charge of Rs. 4.45 per kVAh. On demand of the industry, the timing of the night category has been extended by 4 hours from 06:00 AM to 10:00 AM. However, for this extended time period normal tariff shall be applicable.

- For specified categories, the existing provisions of the Time of Day rebate of Rs.1.25 per kVAh at night during the non peak season and surcharge of Rs.2 per kVAh between 06:00 PM and 10:00 PM during the peak season shall continue.
- Hot Mix Plant and Ready Mix Plant will be charged at par with marriage palaces with fixed charges at 25% of sanctioned load/contract demand as per their request. This has been done to enable them to shift from DG supply to PSPCL's system, thus saving the environment and utilising surplus power.
- Rates for temporary supply have been reduced from 1.3 times the rate applicable to the corresponding permanent supply consumers to 1.25 times.
- Rice shellers have been brought at par with other seasonal industry and payment of Seasonal Minimum Consumption Charges (SMCC) has been done away. This has been done to simplify the billing of rice shellers.
- To encourage clean and pollution free technology in manufacturing, the Commission has decided that billet heaters having contract demand upto 100 kVA shall not be considered as PIU load.
- Consumers getting supply at higher voltages shall continue to get power at discounted rates.
- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations (under NRS Category) shall not be levied any fixed charge and the energy charges will be @ Rs. 6.00 per kVAh with a night rebate of Rs. 1.25 per kVAh in non peak season. This will not only benefit the environment but will also utilise surplus power available. Charging of EV vehicle by individual consumers for their own use shall continue to be allowed under the relevant scheduled of tariff

applicable to the individual consumers.

- The Department of Water Supply & Sanitation Punjab (DWSS) and a large number of village Panchayats represented to the Commission that in order to make these Rural Water Schemes (RWS) self sustaining in the long run it is necessary that the tariff on electricity connections of these water supply schemes be reduced/ rationalized, so that the department may be able to ensure potable drinking water supply at affordable prices in the rural area. It was also pointed out that the tariff for Rural Water Supply in many other States is much less than the industrial tariff. Agreeing with the demand for the benefit of the rural sector, the Commission decides that the tariff to be charged from RWS schemes managed by Department of Water Supply & Sanitation (DWSS) Punjab and Gram Panchayat Water Supply & Sanitation Committees (GPWSCs) shall be as applicable to the compost solid waste management plants of municipality/urban local bodies.

Tariff for FY 2019-20

(Rs.)

Sr. No.	Category			Existing Tariff as per T.O. for FY 2018-19 continued from 01.04.2019 to 31.05.2019		New Tariff w.e.f. 01.06.2019 to 31.03.2020	
				*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges	*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges
I	II			III	IV	V	VI
A	PERMANENT SUPPLY						
1.	Domestic Supply	Upto 2 kW	Up to 100 kWh	25/kW	4.91/kWh	35/kW	4.99/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.51/kWh		6.59/kWh
			301 - 500 kWh		7.12/kWh		7.20/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.33/kWh		7.41/kWh
		Above 2 kW & upto 7 kW	Up to 100 kWh	35/kW	4.91/kWh	45/kW	4.99/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.51/kWh		6.59/kWh
			301 - 500 kWh		7.12/kWh		7.20/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.33/kWh		7.41/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 50 kW	Up to 100 kWh	40/kW	4.91/kWh	50/kW	4.99/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.51/kWh		6.59/kWh
301 - 500 kWh	7.12/kWh		7.20/kWh				
Above 500 kWh	7.33/kWh		7.41/kWh				
Above 50 kW/kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	70/kVA	6.23/kVAh	80/kVA	6.31/kVAh		
Above 100 kVA	All Units	70/kVA	6.44/kVAh	80/kVA	6.52/kVAh		
Sri Harmandir Sahib & Sri Durgiana Mandir	First 2000 kWh	NA	Free	NA	Free		
	Above 2000 kWh	NA	5.94/kWh	NA	6.06/kWh		
2.	Non-Residential Supply	Upto 7 kW	Up to 100 kWh	40/kW	6.86/kWh	45/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.12/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.24/kWh		7.29/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 20 kW	Up to 100 kWh	50/kW	6.86/kWh	55/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.12/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.24/kWh		7.29/kWh
		Above 20 kW/ kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	110/kVA	6.27/kVAh	100/kVA	6.32/kVAh
Above 100 kVA	All Units	110/kVA	6.48/kVAh	110/kVA	6.54/kVAh		
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	All Units	NA	5.00/kVAh	NA	6.00/kVAh		
3.	Industrial Power Supply						
a.	Small Power	Upto 20 kVA	All Units	75/kVA	5.29/kVAh	80/kVA	5.37/kVAh
b.	Medium Supply	Above 20 kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	115/kVA	5.72/kVAh	120/kVA	5.80/kVAh
c.	Large Supply						
	General Industry	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	150/kVA	5.81/kVAh	165/kVA	5.89/kVAh
		Above 1000 KVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	205/kVA	5.85/kVAh	225/kVA	5.93/kVAh
		Above 2500 KVA	All Units	240/kVA	5.90/kVAh	260/kVA	5.98/kVAh
	PIU / ARC Furnace	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	155/kVA	5.85/kVAh	170/kVA	5.93/kVAh
		Above 1000 KVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	250/kVA	6.10/kVAh	260/kVA	6.18/kVAh
		Above 2500 kVA	All Units	280/kVA	6.11/kVAh	295/kVA	6.19/kVAh
d	For use of electricity exclusively during night hours applicable for		10 PM to 06 AM (next day)	50% of Fixed Charges	4.28/kVAh	50% of Fixed Charges	4.45/kVAh

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	Large Supply and Medium Supply			06AM to 10AM (from 01.10.2019 onwards)	specified under relevant category	-	specified under relevant category	Normal Energy charges
4.	Bulk Supply	LT	All Units	165/kVA	6.38/kVAh	180/kVA	6.46/kVAh	
		HT	All Units	205/kVA	5.97/kVAh	225/kVA	6.05/kVAh	
5.	Railway Traction		All Units	210/kVA	6.79/kVAh	230/kVA	6.87/kVAh	
6.	Public Lighting		All Units	90/kW	7.35/kWh	100/kW	7.43/kWh	
7.	Agricultural Pumpset (AP)		All Units	5.16/kWh or 411/BHP/ month		5.28/kWh or 390/BHP/ month		
8.	AP High Technology/ High Density Farming		All Units	NA	5.16/kWh	NA	5.28/kWh	
9.	Rural Water Supply Schemes		All Units	As per respective Industrial category		33/kVA	4.87/kVAh	
	Compost/ Solid Waste Management Plants			23/kVA	4.75/kVAh			
10.	Charitable Hospitals set-up under PwD Act	Up to 20 kW	All Units	25/kW	4.91/kWh	33/kVA	4.87/kVAh	
		Above 20 kW/kVA	All Units	23/kVA	4.52/kVAh			
11.	Start up Power for Generators and CPPs		All Units	NA	6.68/kVAh	NA	7.03/kVAh	
B	SEASONAL INDUSTRY (as per Condition 18 of General Conditions of Tariff):							
a)	During Season							
	Small Power		All Units	150/ kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	160/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply		All Units	230/kVA		240/kVA		
	Large Supply	101-1000 kVA	All Units	300/kVA		330/kVA		
		1001-2500 kVA				450/kVA		
		> 2500 kVA				520/kVA		
b)	During Off Season (SP/MS/LS)		All Units	Nil		Nil		
C	ICE FACTORIES & CANDIES AND COLD STORAGES							
a)	During April to July							
	Small Power		All Units	150/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	160 / kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply		All Units	230/kVA		240/kVA		
	Large Supply		All Units	300/kVA		330/kVA		
b)	During August to March							
	Small Power		All Units	38/kVA	corresponding General Industry	40/kVA	corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply		All Units	58/kVA		60/kVA		
	Large Supply		All Units	75/kVA		83/kVA		
D	TEMPORARY SUPPLY (All Categories)			All Units	1.3 times the charges (highest slab in case of slab rates) specified under the relevant schedule for permanent supply corresponding to the connected load /demand	1.25 times the charges (highest slab in case of slab rates) specified under the relevant schedule for permanent supply corresponding to the sanctioned load /contract demand		

*Fixed Charge (unless otherwise specified in Schedule of Tariff) shall be levied on 80% of the sanctioned load or contract demand (actual demand recorded, if higher) as may be applicable.

**In addition to energy charges; FCA, Voltage Surcharge/Rebate and ToD Tariff shall be applicable in accordance with conditions 8, 13 and 15 respectively of General Conditions of Tariff.

Notes:

- (i) *The Schedules of Tariff with tariff rates and other details for various categories of consumers as approved by the Commission are as per the Tariff Order. These Schedules shall be read with the updated provisions of General Conditions of Tariff approved by the Commission;*
- (ii) *Free power/subsidized tariff shall be applicable to various categories of consumers as per GoP letter no. 02/12/2017-PE2/921 dated 10.05.2019.*
- (iii) *Cooperative Group Housing Societies/ Employers availing single point supply under PSERC (Single Point Supply to Co-operative Group Housing Societies/Employers) Regulations will be levied fixed charges as applicable to Domestic Supply consumers with load exceeding 100 kVA. A rebate of 12% (Twelve percent) will be admissible on electricity charges, comprising of fixed and energy charges, in addition to other voltage rebates as may be applicable.*
- (iv) *Franchisee appointed by licensee for a particular area in its area of supply as per 7th proviso to Section 14 of the Electricity Act read with Regulations 6.6.2 of the Supply Code 2014, shall be admissible for rebate on electricity charges as per the franchisee agreement between the parties read with Orders of the Commission, if any.*

**Please note that w.e.f. 01.06.2019, the address of PSERC shall be
"Site No. 3, Sector 18-A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh – 160018.**