

PRESS NOTE
PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Tariff Orders for FY 2020-21 for PSPCL & PSTCL

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued the Tariff Orders containing tariff/charges for FY 2020-21 vide its Orders dated 1st June, 2020. In the Orders, the Commission has determined the true-up of FY 2018-19, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2019-20 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) for the 2nd MYT Control Period of FY 2020-21 to FY 2022-23 along with the tariff/charges applicable for FY 2020-21.

For the FY 2020-21, the Commission has determined ARR (including Gap of previous years) of PSPCL as Rs. 31100.62 Crore against a demand for Rs. 41720.97 Crore, this includes ARR of Rs. 1345.28 Crore determined for PSTCL against a demand for Rs. 1500.24 Crore. With expected revenue at the existing tariff being Rs. 30875.79 Crore, the consolidated gap (deficit) works out to Rs. 224.83 Crore, which is required to be recovered through tariff in remaining 10 months of FY 2020-21. The main reason for the revenue gap is the reduction in projected sales due to the lockdown imposed by the Central/State Governments to prevent spread of Covid pandemic, resulting in disproportional decrease in revenue as compared to the cost of power purchase while all fixed cost components of the Discom such as fixed cost/capacity charges payable to power generators, transmission charges, operation & maintenance expenses, depreciation, Interest on loans, return on equity etc. remain the same.

SALIENT FEATURES

1. The new tariff will be applicable from 01.06.2020 to 31.03.2021, with the previous year's tariff being effective upto 31.05.2020.
2. In view of the hardship being faced by the poorer section of society due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the per unit tariff for domestic consumers with load upto 50 kW & for consumption slabs of 0 to 100 units and 101 to 300 units have been reduced by 50 paise and 25 paise respectively. This shall result in financial relief to the tune of Rs. 354.82 Crore to these consumers.
3. No increase in tariff for small shopkeepers (NRS consumers having load upto 7 kW).

4. No increase in fixed part of the tariff for small, medium and large industrial consumers.
5. The Tariff for AP category has been increased from Rs. 5.28/kWh to Rs. 5.57/kWh against PSPCL proposal of Rs. 6.95/kWh. With this the cross-subsidy of AP category has been reduced from (-) 17.82% to (-) 14.41%.

6. Simplification of Billing/Tariff

The Commission has decided to accept the PSPCL's proposal to merge the consumption slabs of 301-500 units and above 500 units for DS sub-categories for consumers above 2kW also.

7. Reduced energy charge for consumption of power exceeding the threshold limit

- The Commission decides to continue with its policy of encouraging the industry in promoting the productive use of surplus power by offering lower energy rate of Rs. 4.83/kVAh for consumption of power exceeding the threshold limit.
- Further, the Commission has accepted the suggestion made by industrial consumers that consumer availing supply at higher voltages should not be treated at par with the consumers getting supply at lower voltages. Accordingly "Voltage Rebate" has been excluded from the ambit of capping of energy charges.

8. Special night tariff

- Special night tariff with 50% Fixed Charges and Energy Charge of Rs. 4.83/kVAh for LS/MS industrial consumers using electricity exclusively during the hours of 10:00 PM to 06:00 AM next day has been continued.
- The facility of this special tariff has been also extended to small power (SP) industrial category consumers.
- On the demand of the industry, the facility for use of electricity by the night category consumers, during the extended 4 hours of 06:00 AM to 10:00 AM at normal tariff, has been extended for the whole year i.e. including during the summer/paddy season of FY 2020-21.

Existing Tariff and the new Tariff for FY 2020-21

(Rs.)

Sr. No.	Category			Existing Tariff as per T.O. for FY 2019-20 continued from 01.04.2020 to 31.05.2020		New Tariff w.e.f. 01.06.2020 to 31.03.2021	
				*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	0- 100 kWh	35/kW	4.99/kWh	35/kW	4.49/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.59/kWh		6.34/kWh
			Above 300 kWh		7.20/kWh		7.30/kWh
		Above 2 kW & upto 7 kW	0- 100 kWh	45/kW	4.99/kWh	60/kW	4.49/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.59/kWh		6.34/kWh
			301 - 500 kWh		7.20/kWh		
			Above 500 kWh		7.41/kWh		7.30/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 50 kW	0- 100 kWh	50/kW	4.99/kWh	75/kW	4.49/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.59/kWh		6.34/kWh
			301 - 500 kWh		7.20/kWh		
Above 500 kWh	7.41/kWh		7.30/kWh				
Above 50 kW/kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	80/kVA	6.31/kVAh	100/kVA	6.33/kVAh		
Above 100 kVA	All Units	80/kVA	6.52/kVAh	110/kVA	6.53/kVAh		
Sri Harmandir Sahib & Sri Durgiana Mandir	First 2000 kWh	-	Free		Free		
	Above 2000 kWh	-	6.06/kWh	NA	6.11/kWh		
2.	Non-Residential Supply	Upto 7 kW	0- 100 kWh	45/kW	6.91/kWh	45/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.17/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.29/kWh		7.29/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 20 kW	Up to 100 kWh	55/kW	6.91/kWh	70/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.17/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.29/kWh		7.29/kWh
		Above 20 kW/ kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	100/kVA	6.32/kVAh	100/kVA	6.35/kVAh
Above 100 kVA	All Units	110/kVA	6.54/kVAh	110/kVA	6.55/kVAh		
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	All Units	NA	6.00/kVAh	NA	6.00/kVAh		
3.	Industrial Power Supply						
a.	Small Power	Upto 20 kVA	All Units	80/kVA	5.37/kVAh	80/kVA	5.37/kVAh
b.	Medium Supply	Above 20 kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	120/kVA	5.80/kVAh	120/kVA	5.80/kVAh
c.	Large Supply						
	General Industry	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	165/kVA	5.89/kVAh	165/kVA	5.98/kVAh
		Above 1000 kVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	225/kVA	5.93/kVAh	225/kVA	6.08/kVAh
		Above 2500 kVA	All Units	260/kVA	5.98/kVAh	260/kVA	6.19/kVAh
	PIU Industry	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	170/kVA	5.93/kVAh	170/kVA	6.02/kVAh
		Above 1000 kVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	260/kVA	6.18/kVAh	260/kVA	6.33/kVAh
		Above 2500 kVA	All Units	295/kVA	6.19/kVAh	295/kVA	6.41/kVAh
d.	For use of electricity exclusively during night hours applicable for industrial consumers (Large Supply/Medium Supply/Small Power)		10 PM to 06 AM (next day)	50% of Fixed Charges specified under relevant category	4.45/kVAh	50% of Fixed Charges specified under relevant category	4.83/kVAh
		06 AM to 10 AM	Normal Energy charges (from 01.10.2019 onwards)		Normal Energy charges (throughout the year)		
4.	Bulk Supply	LT	All Units	180/kVA	6.46/kVAh	195/kVA	6.46/kVAh
		HT	All Units	225/kVA	6.05/kVAh	270/kVA	6.05/kVAh

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			*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges	*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges		
I	II		III	IV	V	VI		
5.	Railway Traction	All Units	230/kVA	6.87/kVAh	300/kVA	6.87/kVAh		
6.	Public Lighting	All Units	100/kW	7.43/kWh	100/kW	7.43/kWh		
7.	Agricultural Pumpset (AP)	All Units	5.28/kWh or 390/BHP/ month		5.57/kWh or 412/BHP/ month			
8.	AP High Technology/ High Density Farming	All Units	NA	5.28/kWh	NA	5.57/kWh		
9.	Compost/ Solid Waste Management Plants and Rural Water Supply Schemes	All Units	33/kVA	4.87/kVAh	40/kVA	5.12/kVAh		
10.	Charitable Hospitals set-up under PwD Act	All Units	33/kVA	4.87/kVAh	40/kVA	5.12/kVAh		
11.	Start up Power for Generators and CPPs	All Units	NA	7.03/kVAh	NA	7.12/kVAh		
B	SEASONAL INDUSTRY (as per Condition 18 of General Conditions of Tariff):							
a)	During Season							
	Small Power	All Units	160/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	160/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry		
	Medium Supply	All Units	240/kVA		240/kVA			
	Large Supply	101-1000 kVA	330/kVA		330/kVA			
		1001-2500 kVA	450/kVA		450/kVA			
		> 2500 kVA	520/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	160 / kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	160 / kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry		
	Medium Supply	All Units	240/kVA		240/kVA			
	Large Supply	All Units	330/kVA		330/kVA			
b)	During August to March							
	Small Power	All Units	40/kVA		40/kVA			
	Medium Supply	All Units	60/kVA	60/kVA				
	Large Supply	All Units	83/kVA	83/kVA				
D	TEMPORARY SUPPLY (All Categories)		All Units	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	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 (Annexure-I of the Tariff Order)

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 **Annexure II** of this Tariff Order. These Schedules shall be read with the updated provisions of General Conditions of Tariff approved by the Commission as per **Annexure I** of this Tariff Order;
- (ii) Free power/subsidized tariff shall be applicable to various categories of consumers as per GoP Memo No. 2/12/2018-PE2/926 dated 27.05.2020 (**Annexure-VIII** of this Tariff Order).
- (iii) Cooperative Group Housing Societies/ Employers availing single point supply under PSERC (Single Point Supply to Cooperative 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 any other rebate as may be applicable.
- (iv) A 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 eligible for rebate on electricity charges as per the franchisee agreement between the parties read with Orders of the Commission, if any.