

TARIFF ORDER

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PRESS RELEASE

The three Discoms namely the Jaipur, Ajmer and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam filed petitions for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and tariff for FY 2013-14. They projected an ARR of Rs. 32596 Crore and net deficit of Rs. 11454 Crores after receipt of Govt. subsidy at existing tariff. They proposed tariff increase of Rs. 2702 Crores to meet their deficit. The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued tariff order on the petitions filed by Discoms and has determined the ARR as Rs. 25247 Crores with net deficit of Rs. 3982 Crores for FY 2013-14 at existing tariff and a tariff increase which will lead to an overall increase in revenue by Rs. 2676 Crores for twelve month period. For the balance period of the current year, the increase in revenue will be Rs. 2230 Crores. Due to this the assessed net deficit for FY 2013-14 shall be Rs.1751Crores.

The last tariff revision was made vide Commission's order dated 08.08.2012. The salient features of the current tariff order are summarised below and details of tariff are available in the enclosed statement:

1. Domestic Category

- (a) Discoms have not proposed any changes in energy and fixed charges for BPL, small domestic and general domestic consumers having consumption up to 500 units per month. Commission has accepted the proposals of Discoms and for these consumers existing tariff shall continue.
- (b) Commission has agreed with proposal of Discoms for introduction of a new slab under general domestic category-4 for consumers having consumption above 500 units per month and increase in tariff to disincentivize high energy consumption. The energy charges for consumption above 500 units/month have been raised from existing Rs. 5.15/unit to Rs 5.45/unit as against Rs. 6.00/unit proposed by Discoms. However, energy charges upto consumption of 500 units per month would remain unchanged even for this category.
- (c) The Fixed Charges for general domestic category-4 would be Rs.225/connection/month as against applicable rate of Rs. 210/connection/month earlier.
- (d) The energy charges and fixed charges for HT Domestic consumers shall remain same as approved in last tariff order.

2. Non Domestic Category

- (a) Discoms have not proposed any changes in energy and fixed charges for consumers having consumption upto 500 units per month.

Commission has accepted the proposal of Discoms, and for these consumers existing tariff shall continue.

- (b) Commission has agreed with proposal of Discoms to introduce new slabs under NDS up to 5 kW and above 5 kW of sanctioned connected load (type 4) for consumers having consumption above 500 units per month and increase in tariff to dis-incentivize high energy consumption. The energy charges for consumption above 500 units/month have been raised from existing Rs. 6.25/unit to Rs 6.60/unit as against Rs. 7.00/unit as proposed by Discoms. However, energy charges upto consumption of 500 units per month would remain unchanged even for this category.
- (c) The Fixed Charges for NDS up to 5 kW of SCL and having consumption above 500 units per month would be Rs. 250/connection/month as against applicable rate of Rs. 210/connection/month earlier. For consumers above 5 kW of SCL and having consumption above 500 units per month Fixed charges would be Rs. 80/ kW of SCL/month as against existing rate of Rs 70/kW of SCL.
- (d) The energy charges and fixed charges for HT NDS consumers shall remain same as approved in last tariff order.

3. Agriculture Category

(i.) Metered General category.

- (a) Discoms have proposed increase in energy charges for Metered General category of consumers from Rs. 2.25/unit to Rs. 3.93/unit. Commission has accepted the proposal of Discoms. Discoms have mentioned in their petition that subsidy provided from the Government would go up from Rs. 1.35/unit to Rs. 3.03/unit. The effective energy charges for this category would be Rs. 0.90/unit after receipt of subsidy from the Govt. The Fixed Charges for this category have not been changed as proposed by Discoms.

(ii.) Unmetered General category.

- (b) Energy charges for Unmetered General category of consumers have been raised from existing Rs. 285/HP/month to Rs 500/HP/month as against the proposal of Rs. 470/HP/month to incentivize conversion of unmetered consumers to metered category. Discoms have mentioned in their petition that subsidy provided from the Government would go up from Rs. 200/HP/month to Rs. 385/HP/month.
- (c) Accordingly, the effective charges for this category would be Rs. 115/ HP/ Month after receipt of subsidy from the Govt. However, if, the Government further increases the subsidy, the effective rate for agriculture consumers may come down accordingly.
- (d) The Fixed Charges for this category have not been changed as proposed by Discoms.

4. Tariff for consumers covered under Public Street Lighting, Small Industries, Medium Industries, and Bulk Supply for Mixed Load & Large Industries categories has not been changed as such for these consumers existing tariff shall continue.

5. Other Important Decisions:

(i) Change of categorisation for moksh dhams, cemeteries and grave yards, from NDS to Domestic category.

Commission has changed the category of moksh dhams, cemeteries and grave yards from NDS to Domestic category as a result these would be subjected to a lower tariff.

(ii) Tariff for Metro Rail

(a) The Commission has agreed to place Metro Rail under Large Industrial Category (HT-5) along with Electric Traction.

(b) At present a rebate of 5% is being given on energy charges for newly electrified railway section for a period of 5 years. Looking to the importance of Metro Rail as a mass rapid transport system, the Commission has allowed a rebate of 10% on energy charges of LP/HT-5 for Metro Rail services in Rajasthan for a period of five years from the date of electrification after which normal tariff shall be charged.

(iii) Demand based billing for NDS & Mixed Load

(a) There has been a constant request from various sections of the consumers to allow demand based billing to LT consumers. Commission in its last tariff order had allowed billing on the basis of demand for LT Medium Industrial consumers (MP/LT-6).

(b) Now, Commission has allowed demand based billing for LT consumers of Non Domestic category (NDS/LT-2) and Bulk supply for Mixed load category (ML/LT-7) having sanctioned connected load more than 18.65 KW (25HP). They may opt billing on the basis of demand and in that case fixed charges as applicable for NDS/HT-2 & ML/HT-4 category shall apply respectively and other provisions relating to billing demand and excess demand surcharge etc. as applicable for NDS/HT-2 & ML/HT-4 consumers shall also apply. However, if the demand exceeds 50 KVA the consumer has to shift to HT voltage as per provision of Tariff and Supply Code Regulations.

(c) As a result of this measure, consumer opting for demand base billing may not be subjected to penal provisions relating to unauthorized use of electricity on account of actual connected load exceeding the sanctioned load.

6. Impact of tariff revision

The tariff revision allowed by the Commission will result in generation of additional revenue of Rs. 846 Crores, Rs. 707 Crores and Rs. 1123 Crore for JVVNL, AVVNL & JdVVNL respectively in a twelve month period. However, in the current year additional revenue will be available for lesser period and will be Rs. 705 Crores, Rs. 589 Crores and Rs 936 Crore for JVVNL, AVVNL & JdVVNL respectively.

7. Procedure followed by the Commission

The Commission had published salient features of the tariff proposals of the Discoms in newspapers and had made wide publicity for the general public to provide them opportunity to give their comments and objections on the tariff proposals. In all, comments/suggestions from 25 persons were received on JVVNL's petition, from 18 persons on AVVNL's petition and from 17 persons on JdVVNL's petition. Comments of the Discoms were obtained on the objections and the Discoms also conveyed their comments directly to the objectors.

All those persons who requested for personal hearing were given an opportunity to personally present their points of view in the public hearing held at Jaipur on 07.03.13 and 08.03.2013. The Discoms also presented the briefs of the proposals for tariff revision and responded to the queries raised by the objectors.

8. Order of the Commission

The Commission has made its detailed order after considering objections and comments of the stakeholders/objectors and the arguments of the Discoms.

All existing provisions which are not modified by this order shall continue to be in force. Discoms are required to publish salient features of tariff within one week in two daily newspapers in Hindi and one in English, having large circulation in their respective areas of supply. This tariff order shall come into force only after such publication.

Tariff order is also being placed on website of Commission for reference.

Secretary, RERC

Appendix

Existing and Approved Tariff for FY 2013-14

DOMESTIC CATEGORY (LT-1 and HT-1)

Subsidized Domestic (BPL and Small Domestic having consumption upto 50nits per month)

Domestic Category					Domestic Category				
Particulars	Existing Tariff				Particulars	Approved Tariff			
Domestic	EC	Subsidy indicated to be received from GoR	Effective EC after subsidy	Fixed Charges	Domestic	EC	Subsidy indicated to be received from GoR	Effective EC after subsidy	Fixed Charges
LT-Domestic (LT-1)					LT-Domestic (LT-1)				
B P L*					B P L*				
Consumption upto first 50 units per month	Rs. 2.75/ unit	Rs 1.90/ unit	Rs 0.85/ unit	Rs 80/ connection/ month (effective FC Rs 50 /connection /month after subsidy of Rs. 30/connection/month)	Consumption upto first 50 units per month	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
Small Domestic (Consumption up to 50 units/month)#					Small Domestic (Consumption up to 50 units/month)#				
Consumption up to 50 units/month	Rs 3.00/ unit	Rs 1.30/ unit	Rs 1.70/ unit	Rs 80/ connection / month	Consumption up to 50 units/month	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change

General Domestic-1

Domestic Category			Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
General Domestic-1 (Consumption upto 150 units/month)			General Domestic-1 (Consumption upto 150 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	Rs 3.00/ unit	Rs 160/ connection / month	(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	No Change	No Change
(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	Rs 4.65/ unit		(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	No Change	

General Domestic-2

Domestic Category			Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
General Domestic-2 (Consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units/month)			General Domestic-2 (Consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	Rs 3.00/ unit	Rs 175/ connection / month	(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	No Change	No Change
(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	Rs 4.65/ unit		(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	No Change	
(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	Rs 4.85/ unit		(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	No Change	

General Domestic-3

Domestic Category			Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
General Domestic-3 (Consumption above 300 units/month)			General Domestic-3 (Consumption above 300 and upto 500 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	Rs 3.00/ unit	Rs 210/ connection / month	(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	No Change	No Change
(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	Rs 4.65/ unit		(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	No Change	
(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	Rs 4.85/ unit		(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	No Change	
(iv) For consumption above 300 units per month	Rs 5.15/ unit		(iv) For consumption above 300 units and upto 500 units per month	No Change	

General Domestic-4 (New slab)

Domestic Category			Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
General Domestic-3 (Consumption above 300 units/month)			General Domestic-4 (Consumption above 500 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	Rs. 3.00/ unit	Rs. 210/ connection / month	(i) For consumption upto first 50 units per month	No Change	Rs. 225/ connection / month
(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	Rs. 4.65/ unit		(ii) For consumption above 50 units and upto 150 units per month	No Change	
(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	Rs. 4.85/ unit		(iii) For consumption above 150 units and upto 300 units per month	No Change	
(iv) For consumption above 300 units per month	Rs. 5.15/ unit		(iv) For consumption above 300 units and upto 500 units per month	No Change	
			(v) For consumption above 500 units per month	Rs 5.45/ unit	

Note: Moksh dhams, cemeteries and grave yards shall be covered under applicability of tariff for Domestic category.

DOMESTIC CATEGORY (HT-1)

Domestic Category			Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
HT – Domestic (HT-1)			HT – Domestic (HT-1)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
For contract demand over 50 kVA	Rs. 4.95/ unit	Rs. 140 per kVA of Billing Demand per month	For contract demand over 50 kVA	No Change	No Change

Note: First para of applicability of Domestic category (HT-1) as appearing in booklet "Tariff for supply of Electricity" shall be read as under:

"Available to residential colonies belonging to any type of establishments for bonafide domestic uses i.e. lights, fans radios, televisions, heaters, cookers, refrigerators, pumps, grinders and other domestic appliances. Pumping load for water supply and load of maximum five shops shall also be permitted under this tariff schedule."

NON-DOMESTIC CATEGORY (LT-2 & HT-2)

NDS up to 5 kW of SCL

(NDS- type1)

Non-Domestic Category			Non-Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
LT-NDS(LT-2)			LT-NDS(LT-2)		
Type1 (Consumption upto 100 units/month)			Type1 (Consumption upto 100 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Consumption upto first 100 units per month	Rs.5.60/unit	Rs 175/ connection / month	Consumption upto first 100 units per month	No Change	No Change

(NDS- type2)

Non-Domestic Category			Non-Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
LT-NDS(LT-2)			LT-NDS(LT-2)		
Type 2(Consumption above 100 units/month and upto 200 units/month)			Type 2 (Consumption above 100 units/month and upto 200 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Consumption upto first 100 units per month	Rs.5.60/unit	Rs 175/ connection / month	Consumption upto first 100 units per month	No Change	No Change
Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	Rs.6.00/unit		Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	No Change	

(NDS- type 3)

Non-Domestic Category			Non-Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
LT-NDS(LT-2)			LT-NDS(LT-2)		
Type 3 (Consumption above 200 units/month)			Type 3 (Consumption above 200 units and upto 500 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Consumption upto first 100 units per month	Rs.5.60/unit	Rs 210/ connection / month	Consumption upto first 100 units per month	No Change	No Change
Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	Rs.6.00/unit		Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	No Change	
Consumption above 200 unit per month	Rs.6.25/unit		Consumption above 200 unit and upto 500 unit per month	No Change	

(NDS- type 4) New Slab

Non-Domestic Category			Non-Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
LT-NDS(LT-2)			LT-NDS(LT-2)		
Type 3 (Consumption above 200 units/month)			Type 4 (Consumption above 500 units/month)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Consumption upto first 100 units per month	Rs.5.60/unit	Rs 210/ connection / month	Consumption upto first 100 units per month	No Change	Rs 250/ connection / month
Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	Rs.6.00/unit		Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	No Change	
Consumption above 200 unit per month	Rs.6.25/unit		Consumption above 200 units and upto 500 units per month	No Change	
			Consumption above 500 unit per month	Rs.6.60/unit	

NDS above 5 kW of SCL

Non-Domestic Category			Non-Domestic Category		
Particulars	Existing Tariff		Particulars	Approved Tariff	
NDS above 5 KW of SCL (LT-2)			NDS above 5 KW of SCL (LT-2)		
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges		Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Consumption upto first 100 units per month	Rs.5.60/unit	Rs.70/ KW of SCL / month	Consumption upto first 100 units per month	No Change	No Change
Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	Rs.6.00/unit		Consumption above 100 units and upto 200 unit per month	No Change	
Consumption above 200 unit per month	Rs.6.25/unit		Consumption above 200 unit and upto 500 units per month	No Change	
			Consumption above 500 units per month	Rs.6.60/unit	

Note: LT - Non Domestic Consumer having aggregate sanctioned connected load above 18.65 KW) 25 HP may opt for billing on the basis of demand and in that case fixed charges as applicable for NDS/HT-2 category shall apply and other provisions relating to billing demand and excess demand surcharge etc. as applicable for NDS/HT-2 consumers shall also apply. However, if the demand exceeds 50 KVA the consumer has to shift to HT voltage as per provision of Tariff and Supply Code Regulations.

HT-NDS (HT-2)		HT-NDS (HT-2)	
For contract demand over 50 kVA		For contract demand over 50 kVA	
All units	Rs.6.25/unit	Rs.140/ kVA of Billing Demand per month	No Change

PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING (LT-3)

Particulars	Existing Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Public Street Lighting				
Population <1 Lakh	Rs. 4.90/ unit	Rs. 65/ Lamp point/ month subject to a maximum of Rs. 650 /service connection/month	No Change	No Change
Population = >1 Lakh	Rs. 5.30/ unit	Rs. 80/ Lamp point/ month subject to a maximum of Rs. 1600 /service connection/month	No Change	No Change

AGRICULTURE (Metered and Flat Rate) (LT-4)

Particulars		Existing Tariff			Particulars		Approved Tariff		
Metered (AG/MS/LT-4)					Metered (AG/MS/LT-4)				
Agriculture Supply	EC	Subsidy indicated to be received from Govt.	Effective EC after subsidy	Fixed Charges	Agriculture Supply	EC	Subsidy indicated to be received from Govt.	Effective EC after subsidy	Fixed Charges
(i) General (getting supply in block hours)	Rs. 2.25 /unit	Rs. 1.35 /unit	Rs. 0.90 /unit	Rs 15/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 250/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 45/Connection / Month)	(i) General (getting supply in block hours)	Rs. 3.93 /unit	Rs. 3.03 /unit	Rs. 0.90 /unit	Rs 15/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 250/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 45/Connection / Month)
(ii)All others not covered under items (i) and getting supply more than block hours	Rs. 3.85 /unit	Rs 1.75 /unit	Rs 2.10 /unit	Rs 30/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 500/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 50/Connection / Month)	(ii)All others not covered under items (i) and getting supply more than block hours	Rs. 4.95 /unit	Rs 2.85 /unit	Rs 2.10 /unit	Rs 30/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 500/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 50/Connection / Month)
Flat/ unmetered (AG/FR/LT-4)					Flat/ unmetered (AG/FR/LT-4)				
(i)General (getting supply in block hours)	Rs. 285 / HP/ Month	Rs. 200 / HP/ Month	85 / HP/ Month	Rs.15/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 250/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 15/Connection / Month)	(i)General (getting supply in block hours)	Rs. 500 / HP/ Month	Rs. 385 / HP/ Month	115 / HP/ Month	Rs.15/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 250/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 15/Connection / Month)
(ii)All others not covered under items (i) above and getting more than block hour supply	Rs 430/ HP/ Month	Rs 200/ HP/ Month	Rs. 230/ HP/ Month	Rs 30/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 500/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 20/Connection / Month)	(ii)All others not covered under items (i) above and getting more than block hour supply	Rs 600/ HP/ Month	Rs 370 / HP/ Month	Rs. 230/ HP/ Month	Rs 30/HP/month of Sanctioned Connected Load Maximum Rs 500/ month/consumer(Subsidy above Rs 20/Connection / Month)

SMALL INDUSTRIES (LT-5)

Particulars	Existing Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Small Industrial Service (LT-5) (Load not exceeding 18.65 kW (25HP))				
Upto 500 units	Rs.4.50/ unit	Rs. 50/ HP/ month of sanctioned connected load	No Change	No Change
Above 500 units	Rs.4.85/ unit	Rs. 50/ HP/ month of sanctioned connected load	No Change	No Change

MEDIUM INDUSTRIES (LT-6 and HT-3)

Particulars	Existing Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Medium Industrial Service (LT-6)	Rs.5.25/ unit	Rs. 60/ HP/ month of sanctioned connected load	No Change	No Change
Medium Industrial Service (HT-3)	Rs. 5.25/ unit	Rs. 125/ KVA of Billing Demand per month	No Change	No Change

BULK SUPPLY FOR MIXED LOAD (LT-7 and HT-4)

Particulars	Existing Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
Schedule ML/LT-7	Rs.5.25/ unit	Rs.60/ HP/ month of sanctioned connected load	No Change	No Change
Schedule ML/HT-4	Rs.5.25/ unit	Rs. 125/KVA of Billing Demand per month	No Change	No Change

Note: LT Bulk supply for mixed load consumer having aggregate sanctioned connected load above 18.65 KW) 25 HP may opt for billing on the basis of demand and in that case fixed charges as applicable for ML/HT-4 category shall apply and other provisions relating to billing demand and excess demand surcharge etc. as applicable for ML/HT-4 consumers shall also apply. However, if the demand exceeds 50 KVA the consumer has to shift to HT voltage as per provision of Tariff and Supply Code Regulations.

LARGE INDUSTRIES (HT-5)

Particulars	Existing Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges
SCL above 150 HP &/or having Contract/ Maximum Demand above 125 KVA	Rs.5.50/ unit	Rs. 140/ KVA of Billing Demand per month	No Change	No Change

Note:

- a) Metro Rail will be categorized under Large Industrial Category (HT-5). The term "Railway Traction Load" appearing under applicability of Large Industrial Service shall be read as "Metro and Railway Traction Load".
- b) All other provision applicable to Large Industrial category shall be applicable to Metro Rail. Non traction load of Metro shall be billed under respective categories as applicable to that load
- c) The note (iv) as appearing below in schedule LP/HT-5, shall be read as follows:

Rebate of 5% will be given on energy charges on energy consumed on new railway sections electrified after 17.12.2004. This rebate will be available for a period of five years from the date of electrification after which normal traction tariff shall be charged. Similarly a rebate of 10% will be given on energy charges on energy consumed by Metro Rail services in Rajasthan for a period of 5 Years from the date of electrification after which normal traction tariff shall be charged."

General Note:

1. All existing provisions which are not modified by this order, shall continue to be in force.
2. No Change means the tariff as approved for FY 2012-13 would be applicable.