

PRESS NOTE
PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Tariff Orders for FY 2023-24 for PSPCL & PSTCL

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued the Tariff Orders containing tariff/charges for FY 2023-24 vide Orders dated 15.05.2023. In the Orders, the Commission has determined the true-up of FY 2021-22, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2022-23 and ARR for MYT Control Period (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26) of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) along with determination of the tariff/charges applicable for FY 2023-24. The Commission has decided to make the new tariff/charges applicable from 16th May, 2023 up to 31st March 2024. For the period w.e.f. 1st April, 2023 to 15th May, 2023, Tariff/Charges shall be applicable as per Tariff Order for FY 2022-23.

It is pertinent to mention that the Commission being conscious of the fact that the State was emerging out of two years of COVID 19 pandemic impact, keeping in view the sustainability of all sectors particularly the economically weaker sections, industry, the commercial undertakings and agricultural economy of State did not burden the consumers of the State with any increase in tariff over the last couple of years. However, in order to ensure the quality and efficiency of power supply in the State, the sustainability and financial health of the utility PSPCL is also vital keeping in mind the rising costs of inputs and inflationary impact.

The overall increase in costs is attributed to the following reasons:

- Blending of more expensive imported coal with Indian coal at both State & Central sector thermal power stations due to shortage of coal in the supply chain.
- Substantial increase in rate of short-term power purchased through traders/exchange due to rising demand.
- Unexpected surge in energy demand of the State during FY 2022-23 due to environmental reasons.
- Increase in employee cost due to pay revisions.
- Normal inflationary increase in input costs etc.

In the backdrop of the above, the Commission is of the view that to meet the increased costs and ensure that PSPCL is able to serve the needs of the consumers

due to the demand surge without any drop in services, an increase in the existing tariff is required. The Commission is conscious of the interest of the consumers that needs to be moderated against the emergent and critical revenue requirements of the utility, keeping in mind its operational efficiency, requirement of optimum operational technical staff, financial commitments, improvement in infrastructure and growth.

Thus, for FY 2023-24, the Commission has determined the additional revenue requirement of Rs. 3584.42 Crore resulting in increase of 56 paise/unit over the average cost of supply of FY 2022-23. Accordingly, the projected net revenue to PSPCL from the announced tariff during FY 2023-24 is Rs. 41704.42 Crore. Also, to meet the growing demands on the Utility, the Commission has approved the Capital investment Plan of Rs. 6047.33 Crore and Rs. 3264 Crore during 3rd MYT Control period (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26) for PSPCL and PSTCL respectively to upgrade distribution and transmission networks.

Salient Features

1. The new tariff will be applicable from 16.05.2023 to 31.03.2024, with the previous year's tariff being effective up to 15.05.2023.
2. The Commission has decided to continue with its policy of encouraging the industry in promoting the productive use of surplus power by offering lower energy rate of Rs. 5.24/kVAh for consumption of power exceeding the threshold limit.
3. Further, "Voltage Rebate" will also continue to be given in addition to the capped energy charges of Rs. 5.24/kVAh.
4. Special night tariff with 50% Fixed Charges and Energy Charge of Rs. 5.24/kVAh for all (LS/MS/SP) industrial consumers using electricity exclusively during the hours of 10:00 PM to 06:00 AM next day has also been continued.
5. 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 also been continued.
6. In view of the problems of industrial consumers, in mixed load industry, PIU loads having installed / connected kVA rating up to 100 kVA shall not be considered as PIU load.
7. With regard to the Commission's intention to merge the tariff for Power Intensive Units and General Industry from FY 2024-25 onwards, the Commission has already approved the Power Quality Regulations.

8. Late payment surcharge has been dispensed with and only simple interest on delayed payments @ 1.5% per month shall be leviable on the gross unpaid amount of the bill.
9. Electric crematoria, being a social service, have been included in the Schedule of Tariff for Domestic Supply.
10. The additional energy charge for private hospitals & MRI/CT Scan centers getting continuous supply through independent feeders under NRS & Bulk Supply Schedule has been reduced from 25% to 10%.
11. Cross-subsidies have been calibrated within the $\pm 20\%$ limits in line with the provisions of the National Tariff Policy.

Existing Tariff and the new Tariff for FY 2023-24

(Rs.)

Sr. No.	Category		Existing Tariff. for FY 2022-23 (01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023) continued from 01.04.2023 to 15.05.2023		New Tariff w.e.f. 16.05.2023 to 31.03.2024		
			*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	3.49/kWh	50/kW	4.19/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		5.84/kWh		6.64/kWh
			Above 300 kWh		7.30/kWh		7.75/kWh
		Above 2 kW & upto 7 kW	0- 100 kWh	60/kW	3.74/kWh	75/kW	4.44/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		5.84/kWh		6.64/kWh
			Above 300 kWh		7.30/kWh		7.75/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 50 kW	0- 100 kWh	95/kW	4.64/kWh	110/kW	5.34/kWh
			101 - 300 kWh		6.50/kWh		7.15/kWh
			Above 300 kWh		7.50/kWh		7.75/kWh
		Above 50 kW/kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	115/kVA	6.43/kVAh	130/kVA	6.75/kVAh
Above 100 kVA	All Units	125/kVA	6.63/kVAh	140/kVA	6.96/kVAh		
Sri Harmandir Sahib & Sri Durgiana Mandir	First 2000 kWh	NA	Free	NA	Free		
	Above 2000 kWh		6.11/kWh		6.41/kWh		
2.	Non-Residential Supply	Upto 7 kW	0- 100 kWh	45/kW	6.91/kWh	70/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.17/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.29/kWh		7.75/kWh
		Above 7 kW & upto 20 kW	Up to 100 kWh	70/kW	6.91/kWh	110/kW	6.91/kWh
			101 - 500 kWh		7.17/kWh		7.17/kWh
			Above 500 kWh		7.29/kWh		7.75/kWh
		Above 20 kW/ kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	100/kVA	6.35/kVAh	130/kVA	6.75/kVAh
		Above 100 kVA	All Units	110/kVA	6.55/kVAh	140/kVA	6.96/kVAh
		Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	All Units	NA	6.00/kVAh	NA	6.28/kVAh
		3.	Industrial Power Supply				
a.	Small Power	Upto 20 kVA	All Units	80/kVA	5.37/kVAh	105/kVA	5.67/kVAh
b.	Medium Supply	Above 20 kVA & upto 100 kVA	All Units	120/kVA	5.80/kVAh	140/kVA	6.10/kVAh
c.	Large Supply						
	General Industry	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	185/kVA	6.05/kVAh	215/kVA	6.45/kVAh
		Above 1000 kVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	245/kVA	6.15/kVAh	275/kVA	6.55/kVAh
		Above 2500 kVA	All Units	285/kVA	6.27/kVAh	315/kVA	6.67/kVAh
	PIU Industry	Above 100 kVA & upto 1000 kVA	All Units	190/kVA	6.09/kVAh	220/kVA	6.49/kVAh
		Above 1000 kVA & upto 2500 kVA	All Units	275/kVA	6.40/kVAh	305/kVA	6.80/kVAh
		Above 2500 kVA	All Units	315/kVA	6.49/kVAh	345/kVA	6.89/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	4.86/kVAh	50% of Fixed Charges specified under relevant category	5.24/kVAh
		06 AM to 10 AM	Normal Energy charges (throughout the year)		Normal Energy charges (throughout the year)		
4.	Bulk Supply	LT	All Units	225/kVA	6.66/kVAh	260/kVA	7.01/kVAh
		HT	All Units	300/kVA	6.38/kVAh	340/kVA	6.78/kVAh
5.	Railway Traction		All Units	340/kVA	6.97/kVAh	360/kVA	7.17/kVAh
6.	Public Lighting		All Units	100/kW	7.43/kWh	135/kW	7.79/kWh
7.	Agricultural Pumpset (AP)		All Units	5.66/kWh or 419/BHP/ month		6.55/kWh or 485/BHP/ month	

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			*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges	*Fixed Charges per Month	**Energy Charges	
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8.	AP High Technology/ High Density Farming	All Units	NA	5.66/kWh	NA	6.55/kWh	
9.	Compost/ Solid Waste Management Plants for Municipalities of Urban Local Bodies & Water Supply Schemes	All Units	60/kVA	5.22/kVAh	65/kVA	5.26/kVAh	
10.	Charitable Hospitals set-up under PwD Act	All Units	70/kVA	5.40/kVAh	100/kVA	6.00/kVAh	
11.	Start up Power for Generators and CPPs	All Units	NA	7.35/kVAh	NA	7.81/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	210/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply	All Units	240/kVA		280/kVA		
	Large Supply	All Units	370/kVA		430/kVA		
			101-1000 kVA		490/kVA		550/kVA
			> 2500 kVA		570/kVA		630/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	210/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply	All Units	240/kVA		280/kVA		
	Large Supply	All Units	370/kVA		430/kVA		
b)	During August to March						
	Small Power	All Units	40/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	53/kVA	Same as applicable to corresponding General Industry	
	Medium Supply	All Units	60/kVA		70/kVA		
	Large Supply	All Units	93/kVA		108/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 the 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 the Tariff Order;
- (ii) 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 any other rebate as may be applicable.
- (iii) 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.