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Press Note Electricity Tariff for 2023-24 (31.03.2023)

- 1. The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) has issued the Tariff Order containing tariff/charges for Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) for FY 2023-24 vide its Order dated 31st March, 2023. In the Order, the Commission has determined the true-up of uncontrollable parameters for financial year FY 2021-22 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) of HPSEBL along with the tariff/charges applicable for FY 2023-24.
- 2. The Commission has estimated the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) of Rs. 6595 Crore of the HPSEBL for FY 2023-24 after Truing up for uncontrollable parameters for financial year FY 2021-22. The average cost of supply for HPSEBL after Truing up has been estimated to be rupees 5.82 per unit by the Commission for FY 2023-24.
- 3. Energy charges prevailing at present shall increase by a very nominal rate of 22 paise per unit for all categories of Consumers except Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations for which it has been increased by 12 paise per unit only. The overall electricity tariff increase in terms of the percentage is less than 4% only for FY 2023-24.
- 4. There has been no increase in the fixed/ demand charges to be paid by the Consumers. Considering the long pending demand of the Industrial Consumers to reduce the contract demand charges, the demand charges for the consumers governed through two part tariff has been reduced to 85% of the Contract Demand from the existing 90%. The corresponding energy charges have been increased by 4 paise per unit so as to make in revenue neutral to the HPSEBL.
- 5. In view of the implementation of smart prepaid meters across various Consumer categories, the Commission has approved a 3% rebate on Energy Charge for Consumers availing prepaid metering facility.
- 6. The Commission has worked out impact of approximately Rs. 1.20 to 1.30 per unit on the Consumers Tariff on account of imposition of Water Cess on Hydro Generation by GoHP. The State Government has decided in principle to provide subsidy and to neutralize the impact of Water Cess on HPSEBL Consumers in the State. Therefore, there shall not be any increase in electricity rates to the Consumers of the State on account of HP water cess for FY 2023-24.
- 7. The rebate on energy charges given to new Industries and those Industries doing substantial expansion has helped in the growth of the energy sales as well as economy of the State. Therefore, the Commission decides to continue with the rebate of 15% being provided presently to these Industrial Consumers for FY 2023-24 as well.
- 8. The GoHP has announced that they will be giving subsidy to the domestic and agriculture Consumers of the State at the last year level.

9. The Electricity rates for all category of the Consumers with effect from 01.04.2023 shall be as follows:

Particulars	Slabs	Units/month	Approved Energy Tariff for FY24 (Rs/kWh)*	GoHP Subsidy for FY24 (Rs./kWh)*	Effective Energy Tariff after subsidy (Rs/kWh)*
Domestic Consumers	Lifeline Consumers	0-60	3.72	3.72	Nil
	1st Slab	0-125	4.37	4.37	Nil
	2nd Slab	0-125	4.37	2.30	2.07
		126-300	5.27	1.10	4.17
	3rd Slab	0-125	4.37	2.30	2.07
		126-300	5.27	1.10	4.17
		Above 300	5.87	0.65	5.22
Agricultural Consumers	0-20 kVA		4.12	3.82	0.30
Non-Domestic Non- Commercial	0-20 kVA	-	5.42	-	5.42
	Above 20 kVA	-	5.16	-	5.16
Commercial	0-20 kVA	-	5.52	-	5.52
	>20-100kVA	-	5.31	-	5.31
	Above 100 kVA	-	5.21	-	5.21
Small Industrial	0-20 kVA	-	5.17	-	5.17
	>20 kVA	-	5.06	-	5.06
Medium Industrial	51-100 kVA	-	5.06	-	5.06
Large Industry	EHT – 220 kV and above	-	4.66	-	4.66
	EHT - 132 kV and above	-	4.71	-	4.71
	EHT – 66 kV and above	-	4.76	-	4.76
	HT 1	-	5.06	-	5.06
	HT 2	-	4.81	-	4.81
Irrigation and drinking water supply	LT	-	5.46	-	5.46
	HT	-	5.06	-	5.06
	EHT	-	4.66	-	4.66
Bulk Supply	LT	-	5.26	-	5.26
	HT	-	4.76	-	4.76
	EHT	-	4.56	-	4.56
Street lighting		-	5.37	-	5.37
Temporary Supply	0-20 kVA	-	7.42	-	7.42
	>20-200 kVA	-	6.76	-	6.76
Railways		-	5.16	-	5.16
EV Charging			5.82	-	5.82

^{*}For Consumers governed under 2-part tariff, energy charges and subsidy will be in Rs./kVAh