

GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR

PRESS NOTE

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The State Owned utilities and other Distribution Licensees of the State have filed the petitions for truing up of FY 2018-19 and determination of Tariff for FY 2020-21. All these utilities filed their petitions along with Annual Accounts under the GERC Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) Regulations, 2016. These petitions were registered in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003 and the relevant Regulations to proceed with the Tariff Orders.

The licensees were directed to publish their applications in the newspapers to ensure public participation. Thus, an elaborate exercise was carried out for inviting comments/ suggestions from general public and stakeholders. The suggestions/ objections were examined and public hearings were held on 11th and 12th February, 2020 at the office of the Commission, Gandhinagar on 15th February 2020 at Bharuch and on 18th February 2020 at Rajkot. Several stakeholders including individuals and organisations participated in the hearings.

The Commission issued the orders on these petitions. Important highlights are as under-

- No increase in power tariff for the consumers of State owned Discoms and Torrent Power Limited (Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar and Surat area).
- Concessional tariff rate of Rs. 1.50 per unit is now applicable for consumption of 50 units per month in place of 30 units per month for BPL consumers. With this modification electricity bill for BPL

consumer using electricity 50 units per month will be reduced by more than 30%.

- Energy Charges for Agriculture Consumers using electricity for Lift Irrigation purpose reduced from Rs. 1.50 per unit to Rs. 0.80 per unit. With this modification, electricity bill of this category of consumers will be reduced by more than 43%.
- Consumers taking supply at Extra High Voltage will now get higher rebate as EHV rebate is revised from 0.5% to 0.75% for consumers getting supply at 33kV/ 66kV and 1.0% to 1.25% for consumers getting supply at 132kV and above.
- Night Time Consumption concession for HT consumers of State Owned Discoms increased from 40 Paise per Unit to 43 Paise per Unit.
- For State Owned Discoms, Street Light tariff category now merged into 'GLP' category.
- Vegetable Dehydration Industries are allowed to opt for Seasonal Consumer benefits.

During FY 2018-19 all the Distribution Companies except PGVCL and UGVCL in the State exceeded the target of distribution losses reduction set by the Commission and achieved remarkable reduction in losses. The actual distribution losses against the target given by the Commission for FY 2018-19 is shown in the Table below;

DISCOM	Target given by the Commission	Actual achieved by DISCOM
DGVCL	10.00%	5.90%
MGVCL	11.65%	9.98%
PGVCL	20.00%	20.50%
UGVCL	9.80%	11.90%

DISCOM	Target given by the Commission	Actual achieved by DISCOM
TPL Ahmedabad	6.85%	5.61%
TPL Surat	3.69%	3.43%

For the FY 2019-20, the approved power purchase cost was Rs. 4.32 per unit and Base FPPPA charges was Rs. 1.61 per unit for State owned Distribution Licensees (UGVCL, DGVCL, MGVCL and PGVCL). Any increase in power purchase cost over Rs. 4.32 is considered as incremental FPPPA charges. For the FY 2020-21, the Commission has approved power purchase cost at Rs. 4.30 per unit and accordingly the Base FPPPA revised to Rs. 1.59 (4.30 minus 4.32= -0.02 + T & D Losses= 0.02 subtracted from 1.61 = 1.59).

Torrent Power Limited is at present recovering total FPPPA Charges of Rs. 2.11 per unit. The Commission has fixed ceiling limit for recovery of FPPPA Charges by Torrent Power at Rs. 2.11 per unit. Further for calculation of estimated revenue for the FY 2020-21 for TPL-D (Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar area), base FPPPA of Rs. 1.82 per unit considered.

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