

LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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To,

The Registrar NEPRA, NEPRA Tower, Attaturk Avenue (East), G5/1, Islamabad

SUB:

PETITIONS FOR REVISION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT RATES ON CURRENT TARIFF RATE AND INCREASE IN THE TEMPORARY CONNECTION TARIFF RATE FOR THE CONSUMERS OF LESCO

REF:

- 1. PPMC Letter No. 2515-26/GM(R&CO) dated 17-01-2024
- 2. MOE (PD) No. 12(35)/2021-DISCO-II dated 27-11-2023
- 3. MOE (PD) No. 12(35)/2018-DISCO-II (Part-III) dated 12-01-2024
- 4. NEPRA Letter No. NEPRA/DG(CAD)/TCD-10/159-160 dated 03-01-2024
- 5. LESCO Letter No. 191-96/CEO/MRD dated 14-02-2024
- 6. NEPRA Letter No. NEPRA/R/TRF-100/3415 dated 18-03-2024

With reference to above letter at serial No.6, enclosed find herewith the petitions for revision of security deposit rates on current tariff rate and increase in the temporary connection tariff rate being re-submitted under Rule 3 of NEPRA (Tariff Standards and Procedure) Rules, 1998 (Tariff Rules) along with pay order amounting to Rs. 1,121,666/- being the applicable fee, for kind consideration and determination of the honorable Authority.

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(Engr. Shahid Haider) Chief Executive Officer LESCO

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Petition for Determination of Security Deposit FY 2023-24

(Feb-2024)



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1. BACKGROUND OF THE COMPANY (LESCO)

- 1.1. LESCO was incorporated under Section 32 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 on February 18, 1998, having registered office at LESCO Head office, 22-Queens Road, Lahore. LESCO is responsible for the electricity delivery to over 6.4 million consumers in the five districts of Punjab including Lahore, Kasur, Nankana, Sheikhupura and Okara, as set out in LESCO's Distribution License No. DL/03/2023 dated May 09, 2023. The Company is headed by a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and LESCO Board of Directors.
- 1.2. Under the provisions of Regulation of Generation, Transmission & Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Act, 2018, LESCO was deemed to hold a license for supply of electric power to perform the function of sale of electric power in addition to existing licensee as Distribution Company. The Distribution function now shall, under Section 20, be limited to ownership, operation, management or control of distribution facilities for the movement or delivery to consumers of electric power. The LESCO has been granted Electric Power Supply License (License No. SOLR/03/2023 dated 27-12-2023) by NEPRA in pursuant to Section-23E & 23F of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997, as amended from time to time, to engage in electric power supply business as Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR).
- 1.3. In order to perform its obligatory duties as per NEPRA performance Standards (Distribution) Rules 2005, the petitioner need to recover all security deposit while providing electricity connections to the consumer of its Service territory. Currently, LESCO is recovering Security deposit as per approved/determined Security deposit rates of honorable Authority vide No. NEPRA/R/TRF-100/3685-3687 dated 04-11-2010.
- 1.4. This petition is being filed in accordance with the Section 3, Part-II of the NEPRA Tariff Standards and Procedure Rules 1998.



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2. GROUNDS FOR PETITION

- 2.1. In Accordance with NEPRA performance Standards (Distribution) Rules 2005, the petitioner needs to recover all Security Deposit while providing electricity connections to the consumer of its Service territory
- 2.2. LESCO supply electricity on credit basis requiring a security deposit from new connection applicants to cover potential arrears in case of default. The prevailing security deposit rates were set by NEPRA in 2010, whereas the average tariff rate per kWh has increased significantly from Nov-2010 to Dec-2023. It indicates that existing Security Deposit rates are not adequate to safeguard LESCO against the risk of possible default by the consumers.
- 2.3. Currently, LESCO is issuing demand notices for new connection, restoration of disconnected connection, extension/reduction of load, change of name and tariff category to the applicants on current rates of Security Deposit. The situation, if not corrected, shall continue to cause exposure to risk arising from non-payment of energy dues.
- 2.4. As per billing procedure, disconnection of supply of any defaulting consumer takes about two and half months' time and the bill amount are always at risk as far as LESCO is concerned. Accordingly, it is imperative to get the payment of two and a half months consumption in terms of security amount to off-set the possible risk involved in credit sales.
- 2.5. The security deposit rates should be enhanced up to the extent of currently applicable tariff to safeguard the financial loss of LESCO; in relation to Security Deposit, it is requested to honorable Authority to revise the said rates as for then submitted herein after. The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) vide Letter No. 12(35)/2018-DISCO-II (Part-III) Dated 12-01-2024 (Annex-A) referring to NEPRA letter No. NEPRA/DG(CAD)/TCD-10/159-160 Dated. 03-01-2024 directed LESCO to file petition for determination of revision in security deposit rates, before the honorable Authority.



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2.6. The comparison of average tariff is given here as under:

Particulars	2010	2023	%Increase
Average Tariff (Rs. /kWh)	9.2	24.72	268%

2.7. As per clause 5.1.1 of Consumer Service Manual 2021, reads as "For all service connections, a demand notice for security deposit as per the rate approved by NEPRA shall be issued to the applicant for depositing the same in the designated bank branch. The Security Deposit rates are as per Annexure- IV." (Annex-B).

3. PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 3.1. Security Deposit rates per kW are calculated based on tariff category wise average monthly bill per kW using load factors given in the NEPRA Consumer Service Manual 2021 and latest applicable tariff rates (notified by the Authority vide Letter No. NEPRA/R/DG(Trf)/TRF-100/19271-19290 dated July 25, 2023).
- 3.2. As per Ministry of Energy (Power Division) Letter No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II dated: 27-11-23 (Annex-C), following methodology has been proposed for calculation of security deposit rates and modification in existing rules for filing petitions.
 - a) For all consumers excluding urban domestic consumers, the security deposit rates are recommended to be set at two and a half months based on average billing.
 - b) For Urban Domestic Consumers:
 - Security deposit rates equal to three months on average billing are proposed for properties up to 10 Marlas.
 - ii. Security deposit rates equivalent to one percent of the land value, as per rates fixed by Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for properties above 10 Marlas.

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- c) Modify existing rules to permit DISCOs for filing of common petitions for the determination of Security Deposit rates concurrently with tariff determination. This adjustment aims to streamline the process, eliminating the necessity for separate petitions for security and tariff determinations.
- 3.3. It is further added that tariff categories A-1 (Domestic) & A-2 (Commercial) are divided into Urban and Rural and the Security Deposit Rates for Rural connections are proposed to be 50% of Urban connections in line with existing methodology of existing approved Security Deposit Rates.

4. METHOD FOR RECOVERY OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 4.1. A consumer will be required to pay the LESCO, an amount for Security Deposit as approved by the Authority (NEPRA) at the time of provision of a new connection, restoration of the disconnected connection, extension/reduction of load, change of name and tariff category.
- 4.2. If the consumer no longer wishes to continue its electric power connection and apply for permanent disconnection, LESCO shall be liable to refund the Security Deposit to the consumer on demand provided that there are no outstanding dues against the consumer.
- 4.3. In case the consumer does not pay the electricity dues, LESCO may adjust the Security Deposit against the outstanding amount billed to the consumer Security Deposit rates per kW are calculated based on tariff category wise average.

5. APPLICABLE CATEGORIES

5.1. Security Deposit rates for all tariff categories.

6. PRAYER

6.1. In view of the above submissions, it is humbly requested that the Authority may kindly consider and determine as follows;

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- a) Security Deposit rates for all consumers excluding urban domestic consumers, to be set at two and a half (2 ½) months based on average billing (Annex-D).
- b) Security Deposit rates should be enhanced to cover three (3) months billing from domestic urban consumers for properties up to 10 Marla (Annex-D).
- c) Security Deposit rates to be equivalent to one percent (1%) of the land value, as per the rates fixed by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), from domestic urban consumers for properties above 10 Marlas (Annex-D).
- d) Modification in existing rules to permit LESCO for filing of common petitions for the determination of Security Deposit rates concurrently with Annual / Multi-Year tariff determinations for consumer end tariff.

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Lahore Electric Supply Company

Chief Executive Officer
LESCO Ltd. Lahore.

Attachments:

- 1. Affidavit of the CEO, LESCO
- 2. Annex-A (MOE (PD) letter No.12(35)/2018-DISCO-II (Part-III) Dated 12-01-2024
- 3. Annex-B (Clause 5.1.1 of Consumer Service Manual 2021)
- 4. Annex-C (MOE (PD) Letter No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II dated: 27-11-23
- 5. Annex-D (Proposed Security Deposit Rates)
- 6. LESCO BOD Resolution

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LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

OFFICE OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY

RESOLUTION THROUGH CIRCULATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY (LESCO)

Subject: <u>APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF PETITION FOR</u>
DETERMINATION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT RATES TO NEPRA

RESOLUTION:-

- i. RESOLVED THAT approval is hereby granted for submission of Petition for Determination of Security Deposit rates to NEPRA.
- ii. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CEO LESCO is hereby authorized to sign the Petition for Determination of Security Deposit rates and to take all necessary actions related to this matter

(Responsibility to execute this decision -DG(MIRAD)

Company Secretary

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I Shahid Haider S/O Haji Khuda Bakhsh, Chief Executive Officer Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) having CNIC No. 35201-2573140-1, do hereby, solemnly affirm and testify that the contents of the application for filling petition for Revision of Security Deposit Rates on current tariff rate for consumers of LESCO, are in accordance with the direction from the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) received through PPMC and that Annexed documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief on the basis of provided confirmations by the concerned formations put before me; and further declare that:

- I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) and fully aware of the affairs of the Company particularly to endorse Petition for Revision of Security Deposit Rates on current tariff rate for consumers of LESCO.
- Whatsoever stated in the application and accompanied documents is true and nothing has been 2. concealed.

Engr. Shahid Haider,

Chief Executive Officer LESCO

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LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

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CHAPTER 5

SECURITY DEPOSIT

5.1 SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 5.1.1 For all service connections, a demand notice for security deposit as per the rate approved by NEPRA shall be issued to the applicant for depositing the same in the designated bank branch. The Security Deposit rates are as per Annexure IV.
- 5.1.2 A period of thirty days for payment of Demand Notice is given. A grace period of thirty days may be allowed for payment of the demand notice on the request of the applicant.

5.2 UPDATION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT

- 5.2.1 In case of change of name due to any reason the Security Deposit shall be updated at prevailing rates subject to adjustment of already paid Security Deposit.
- 5.2.2 In case of change of tariff category, shifting of connection and reconnection (if period of disconnection is more than 365 days), the Security Deposit shall be updated at prevailing rates subject to adjustment of already paid Security Deposit.
- 5.2.3 In case of extension of load, the amount of security deposit shall be updated at prevailing rates for the entire load subject to adjustment of already paid Security Deposit.
- 5.2.4 In case of reduction of load, the Security Deposit shall be updated at prevailing rates and the difference of the Security Deposit shall be refunded/charged, as the case may be.
- 5.2.5 For the purpose of calculating the security deposit, the fraction of a kilowatt (for loads above one kilowatt) which is equal to or more than half kilowatt, shall be taken as one kilowatt, and the fraction which is less than half a kilowatt shall be ignored.



The security deposit paid by the consumer shall be refunded at the time of permanent disconnection if applied by the consumer for refund after getting approval from the load sanctioning officer provided that there is no outstanding dues against the consumer. The process of refund shall be carried out within thirty (30) days of receipt of such request.

5.3 BANK GUARANTEE



The option of Bank Guarantee in lieu of security deposit shall be available to the industrial consumers under B-3 and B-4 as defined in Tariff terms and conditions categories only. The existing B-3 and B-4 category consumers can also avail option of Bank Guarantee by withdrawing their previous security deposit from



Annexure – IV Security Deposit Rates

Description	Security Deposit
Residential A-1	
Urban	Rs. 1,220 / kW
Rural	Rs. 610 / kW
Commercial A-2	
Urban	Rs. 1.810/kW
Rural	Rs. 920 / kW
General Services A-3	To be determine by NEPRA
Industrial	1
B1	Rs. 1,580 / kW
B2	Rs. 2,010 / kW
B3	Rs. 2,890 / kW
B4	Rs. 3,560 / kW
Single Point Supply	
CI Supply at 400	Rs. 1,670 / kW
C2 Supply at 11 kV	Rs. 2,080 / kW
C3 Supply above 11 kV	Rs. 2,740 / kW
Agricultural Tube-wells - Tariff D	
Agricultural Tube-wells (including scarp/ lift pump)	Rs. 15000 lump sum
Public Lighting - Tariff G	Rs. 3,240 / kW
Tariff II - Residential Colonies attached to industries	Rs. 1,560 / kW
Special Contracts - Tariff K (AJK)	Rs. 2,570 / kW
Truction - I	Rs. 610/kW
Special Contracts - Tariff K (Rawat)	Rs. 2,900 / kW









No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF ENERGY (POWER DIVISION) CHORON

Islamabad, the November 27, 2023

Chairman NEPRA, NEPRA Tower, Ataturk Avenue (EAST), G-5/1, Islamabad.

Subject: -

PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT RATES ON CURRENT TARIFF RATE, URGENT FEES FOR NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND INCREASING THE TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS TARIFF RATE

The DISCOs supply electricity on credit basis requiring a security deposit from new connection applicants to cover potential arrears in case of default. NEPRA set the current deposit rates in 2010, whereas the average tariff rate has been increased over 400 % per Kwh from June 2010 to September 2023. It is evident that the existing deposit amounts are insufficient keeping in view tariff increase. This surge in billing rates necessitates a revision of security deposit rates to offset arrears caused by tariff hikes and prevent the annual rise in arrears from disconnected defaulters contributing to circular debt accumulation. Therefore, it is proposed that NEPRA may revise the existing security deposit rates along with the following modifications.

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- a) For all consumers excluding urban domestic consumers, the security deposit rates are recommended to be set at two and a half months based on average billing.
- For urban domestic consumers: 6)
 - i. Security deposit rates equal to three months on average billing are proposed for properties up to 10 Marlas.
 - ii. Security deposit rates equivalent to one percent of the land value, as per the rates fixed by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for properties above 10 Marlas.
- Modify existing rules to permit DISCOs for filing of common petitions for the determination of c) 'Security Deposit' rates concurrently with tariff determination. This adjustment aims to streamline the process, eliminating the necessity for separate petitions for security and tariff determinations.

Urgent Fee for New Electricity Connection

To expedite the process of providing new electricity connections to applicants in need of immediate service, a new urgent fee structure is proposed. This aims to prioritize and fast-track the installation of electricity connections, specifically in those cases where only energy meter and cable are involved, and no distribution transformer is required. It seeks to improve efficiency in service delivery with strict adherence to regulatory standards, thereby establishing a streamlined process for urgent electricity connections required by such consumers.

The detailed implementation plan is proposed as follows:

- An additional urgent fee will be charged in conjunction with the standard connection installation charges, aligning with the existing rates in DISCOs:
 - Rs. 15,000 for single-phase connections
 - Rs. 30,000 for three-phase connections ii.

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- This will apply to both domestic and commercial connections up to 15 kW, as well as industrial and agricultural connections up to 8 kW.
- A dedicated priority and record-keeping system will be maintained at the Divisional level to ensure timely installation of urgent fee connections.
- d) Upon the applicant's selection of the argent connection option, a 'Demand Flotico' will be issued on the next working day from the date of application. The connection will be installed within two working days from the payment date of demand notice by the applicant.
- e) DISCOs will uphold an adequate inventory of spare meters and cables to facilitate the prompt installation of urgent fee connections.
- f) If a DISCO fails to install an urgent fee connection within the stipulated period, the DISCO will be held accountable to refund the urgent fees. Disciplinary action will be initiated against the officer/official responsible for any delay(s).
- g) DISCOs will be responsible for effectively communicating the details of this urgent fee connection to the public through appropriate channels, ensuring widespread awareness and understanding.

Increasing the temporary connections tariff rate

The existing tariff rates for temporary residential, commercial, and industrial connections are lower than standard rates, even falling below residential rates for consumption exceeding 700 units. Some consumers exploit this by reselling electricity illegally due to delayed infrastructure completion. To address this, tariff rates need an increase, coupled with Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) adjustments. This encourages timely completion of infrastructure, reducing illegal resale. These adjustments will notably impact commercial plazas and residential colonies with long-standing temporary connections. Based on these observations, the following proposed adjustments in tariff rates for temporary connections are recommended for review.

- a) The tariff rates for temporary connections should be set at 1.5 times higher than the maximum tariff rate of the corresponding regular tariff rates.
- b) Fixed charges should be applied for load requirements exceeding 5 KW;
- c) Instead of basing fixed charges on actual Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) readings or 50% of the sanctioned load, it is suggested that these charges be determined based on the sanctioned load. This approach is advisable because some prospective consumers seeking temporary connections often request higher loads to cover up delayed establishment of the necessary infrastructure.
- 2. It is requested to please consider the above proposals and necessary amendments may kindly be made in the relevant rules.

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- SPS to the Additional Secretary-I, Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Islamabad.

Proposed Security Deposit Rates:

(3 &2.5 Months' Rates / kW)

Tariff	Description	Existing Security Rates (Rs./kW)	Estimated 1- Month Security (Rs./kW)	Estimated 3 & 2.5-Month Security (Rs./kW)
	Urban (10 Marla &			
	Below)	1,220	6,424	19,272
A-1	Urban (Above 10			As per Note 2
(Residential)	Marla)	1,220		Below
-	Rural	610	3,212	8,030
A-2 (Commercial)	Urban	1,810	10,263	25,656
A-2	Rural	905	5,131	12,828
A-3	General Service	1,220	6,898	17,245
B-1	Small Industries	1,580	20,539	51,348
B-2	Middle Industries	2,010	21,913	54,783
B-3 (11kV)	Large Industries	2,890	18,689	46,723
B-4 (132kV)	Large Industries	3,560	18,627	46,568
		15000 (Lump		
D	Agriculture Tubewells	Sum)	9,912	24,780
	Tariff H for Housing			
Н	Colonies	1,560	5,783	14,458
	Other Bulk Power			
С	supply	2,740	6,369	15,923
G	Street Lights (G)	3,240	15,351	38,378

Note:

- 1. For Domestic Urban (10 Marla & below): Security deposit rate is based on 3 Months average billing (Ministry of Energy (Power Division) Letter No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II dated: 27-11-23 referred).
- 2. For Domestic Urban (Above 10 Marla): Security deposit rates equivalent to one percent of the land value, as per rates fixed by Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for Properties above 10 Marla (Ministry of Energy (Power Division) Letter No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II dated: 27-11-23 referred).

i. Working of One Month's Security Deposit/KW

The working of One Month's Security Deposit/kw as per load factor given in Consumer Service Manual is as under:

Tariff	Tariff Description	Load Factor as per NEPRA CSM (%)	Average Monthly Units per KW (kWh)	Estimated 1-Month Bill Excl. taxes (Rs.)	Estimated 1-Month Bill Incl. taxes (Rs.)	Estimated 1-Month Security Incl. Taxes (Rs./kW)
A-1	A-1 Single Phase	20%	146	4,422	5,212	5,212
A-1	A-1 Three Phase	25%	183	6,478	7,638	7,638
A-2	A-2 Single Phase	20%	146	6,580	8,912	8,912
A-2	A-2 Three Phase	25%	183	8,032	11,613	11,613
A-3	General Service	18%	131	5,846	6,898	6,898
B-1	Small Industries	53%	387	15,677	20,539	20,539
B-2	Middle Industries	57%	416	16,777	21,913	21,913
B-3 (11kV)	Large Industries	50%	365	14,951	18,689	18,689
B-4 (132kV)	Large Industries	50%	365	14,901	18,627	18,627
D	Agriculture Tubewells	40%	292	8,321	9,912	9,912
Н	Tariff H for Housing Colonies	15%	110	4,833	5,783	5,783
С	Other Bulk Power supply	15%	110	5,097	6,369	6,369
G	Street Lights (G)	40%	292	12,830	15,351	15,351



LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY



Petition for Determination of Temporary Connection Tariff Rates FY 2023-24



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BACKGROUND OF THE COMPANY (LESCO)

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GROUNDS FOR PETITION

3. TEMPORARY CONNECTION

An applicant may apply for a temporary connection for the following purposes:

- a) Construction of houses
- b) Construction of buildings/plazas
- c) Illumination and lighting for weddings, festival, functions, exhibitions, political gathering or national and religious ceremonies, etc.
- d) Testing of industrial equipment
- e) Any other emergent requirement of temporary nature

4. TARIFF

Tariff means the rates, charges, terms and conditions for generation of electric power, transmission, interconnection, distribution services and sales of electric power to consumers by DISCO (DISCO to insert its name). DISCO (DISCO to





insert its name) shall charge only such tariff from consumers as is approved by NEPRA and duly notified by Government of Pakistan from time to time.

5. TARIFF SCHEDULES

Means the rates, charges, terms and conditions for generation of electric power, transmission, distribution services and sale of electric power to consumers by DISCO (DISCO to insert its name) as approved by NEIRA and notified by the Government of Pakistan.

6. TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS TARIFF CATEGORIES

- a) E1(i) Temporary connection for Domestic
- b) E1(ii) Temporary connection for Commercial
- c) E2 Temporary connection for Industry

Ordinarily, the supply under above mentioned tariff categories shall not be given by the company without first obtaining security equal to the anticipated supply charges and other miscellaneous charges for the period of temporary supply.

7. GROUNDS

The existing tariff rates for temporary Domestic (E-1(i)), Commercial (E-1(ii)) and Industrial (E-2) connections are lower than standard rates, even falling below domestic rates for consumption exceeding 700 units. This provides incentive to some Consumers to exploit by reselling electricity illegally due to delayed infrastructure completion. To address this, tariff rates need an increase, coupled with Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) adjustment.

To discourage delaying infrastructure completion and reselling electricity illegally, temporary connection tariff under category E-1(i), E-1(ii) and E-2, needs to be increased as well as Fixed charges should be recovered from E-1(ii) and E-2 on the basis of Sanctioned load of the consumer. This is advisable because some prospective consumers seeking temporary connections often request higher loads to cover up delayed establishment of the necessary infrastructure. It is emphasized that fundamental purpose of this request is not to gain additional revenue.

The Ministry of Energy (Power Division) vide Letter No. 12(35)/2018-DISCO-II (Part-III) Dated 12-01-2024 (Annex-A) referring to NEPRA letter No. NEPRA/DG(CAD)/TCD-10/159-160 Dated. 03-01-2024 directed LESCO to file petition for enhancement in the tariff rates of temporary connections before the honorable Authority.



8. TARIFF RATES:

The applicable tariff rates as determined by the honorable Authority vide No. NEPRA/R/DG(Trf)/TRF-100/19271-19290 dated July 25,2023 of all tariff categories is reproduced below:

	Sr- No.	A-1 GENERAL SU TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	Fixed Charges Rs./kW/Month	Ur Dete wit Va Ch	niform ermined th PYA triable targes . /kWh	Va Ch	applicable triable targes ./kWh
			Α		В		D
		a) For sanctioned load less than 5 kW					
	i	Up to 50 Unit Life Line		(6.76		3.95
sted	ii	51 - 100 Units Life Lime	٠	1	1.41		7.74
Protected	iii	001 - 100 Units	.=	1	3.51		7.74
P.	iv	101 - 200 Unites	· =:	15.78		10.06	
	v	001 - 100 Units		22.51		16.48	
	vi	101 - 200 Unite		2	7.16	22.95	
70	vii	201 - 300 Unit		3	80.00	27.14	
Un-Protected	viii	301 - 400 Units		3	33.04	32.03 35.24	
Prote	ix	401 - 500 Unite		3	35.26		
Un-I	x	501 - 600 Units		3	86.50	3	86.66
	xi	601 - 700 Units		37.90		37.80	
	xii	Above 700 Units		4	2.95	4	2.72
		b) For Sanctioned load 5 Kw and above	**				
				Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak
		Time Of Use		38.54	32.25	41.89	35.57

	A-2 GENERAL S	UPPLY TARIFF - CC	MMERCIAL	
Sr- No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	Fixed Charges Rs./kW/Month	Uniform Determined with PYA Variable Charges	Gop Applicable Variable Charges Rs./kWh
		Α	В	D





	a) For sanctioned load less than 5 kW		3	7.37	3	37.75
	b) For Sanctioned load 5 Kw and	500	3	9.73	3	9.43
			Peak	Off-	Peak	Off-Peak
С	Time Of Use	500	40.18	34.25	41.35	35.38
d	Electric Vehicle Charging Station		3	7.10	3	9.43

Sr- No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	Fixed Charges Rs./kW/Month	Uniform Determined with PYA Variable Charges Rs. /kWh		Va Ch	pplicable riable arges ./kWh
		Α	В		D	
B1	Upto 25 kW (at 400/330 Volts)		34.38		34.33	
B2(a)	exceeding 26-800 kW (at 400 Volts)	500	3	4.22	33.83	
	Time Of Use		Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak
B1(b)	Upto 25 kW		37.47	31.80	37.89	32.33
B2(b)	exceeding 25-500 kW (at 400 Volt.)	500	37.20	31.49	37.83	32.12
B3	For All Loads op to 5000 kW (at 11,33 kV)	460	36.41	30.84	37.83	32.03
B4	For All Loads at 66, 132 kV & above	440	36.38	30.20	37.83	31.93

	E-TEMPOR	RARY SUPPLY 1	TARIFFS	
Sr- No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	Fixed Charges Rs./kW/Mont h	Uniform Determined with PYA Variable Charges Rs. /kWh	Gop Applicable Variable Charges Rs./kWh
		Α	В	D
E-1 (i)	Residential Supply	-	37.89	42.03
E-1 (ii)	Commercial Supply	-	35.47	38.14
E-2	Industrial Supply	-	33.62	35.41

9. COMPARISON OF BASE TARIFF RATES

Comparison of Maximum Tariff of the relevant category and Temporary tariff of same category is given as under:





Particulars	*Maximum Tariff of the Reievant Category Rs/kWh	Temporary Tariff Rs/kWh	Differenc e Rs/kWh
Residential (E-1(i))	42.72 (Residential >700 units)	42.03	0.69
Commercial (E-1(ii))	41.35 (Commercial Peak unit)	38.14	3.21
Industrial (E-2)	37.89 (Industrial Peak unit up to 25kW)	35.41	2.48

^{*}For Residential Maximum Tariff Category is A-1(a) above 700 units.
For Commercial Maximum Tariff Category is A-2 (c) Peak.
For Industrial Maximum Tariff Category is B1(b) Peak.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

- 10. As per Ministry of Energy (Power Division) letter No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II Dated: 27-11-2023, The following proposed adjustments in tariff rates for temporary connections are recommended below:
 - a) The tariff rates for temporary connections should be set at 1.5 times higher than the maximum tariff rate of the corresponding regular tariff rates.
 - b) Fixed charges should be applied for load requirement exceeding 5KW.
 - c) Instead of basing fixed charges on actual Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) readings or 50% of the sanctioned load, Sanctioned load to be used for determination of fixed charges.

		Proposed	
Particulars	Maximum Regular Tariff of the relevant Category Rs/kWh	Fixeds Charges Rs/kW	Variable Rs/kWh
Residential (E-1(i))	42.72	=	64.08
Commercial (E-1(ii)) (Up to 5kW)	41.35	-	62.025
Commercial (E-1(ii)) (Above 5kW)	41.35	500	62.025
Industrial (E-2) (Up to 5kW)	37.89		56.835
Industrial (E-2) (Above 5kW)	37.89	500	56.835

- The Fixed charge shall be charged based on the Sanctioned Load.
- The rates determined through FPA and AQTA shall remain applicable.





Revenue Analysis

Tariff Category	Sanctioned Load (kW)	Annual Sales (kWh)	Fixed Charges (Rs/kW)	Increased Tariff (Proposed – Determined) (Rs/kWh)	Incremental Revenue (Rs.)
E-1(i)	121	405,285	0	21.36	8,656,888
E-1(ii) (up to 5kW)	298	855,370	0	20.675	17,684,775
E-1(ii) (Above 5kW)	23,390	42,338,444	500	20.675	887,042,110
E-2 (Up to 5kW)	5	61,039	0	18.945	1,156,384
E-2 (Above 5kW)	5798	2,777,224	500	18.945	55,513,509
Total	29,612	46,437,362	3	s "	970,053,665

Incremental Revenue (Rs.)	970,053,665	
Total Energy Sales (kWh) FY 2022-23	23,092,168,078	
Temporary Consumers Sales (kWh) FY 2022-23	46,437,362	
Net Sales (kWh)	23,045,730,716	
Decrease in Tariff for Remaining Categories, other than mentioned above, (Paisa/kWh)	4.21	

Note:

- Above Analysis are based on the FY 2022-23 data.
- Assumed that Total Temporary Connections Sales (kWh) and No. of Consumers remain constant.



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APPLICABLE CATEGORIES

- 11. Followings will be the applicable categories:
 - i. E-1(i) Residential.
 - ii. E-1(ii) Commercial (Up to 5kW & Above 5kW)
 - iii. E-2 Industrial (Up to 5kW & Above 5kW)

CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH TARIFF STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

12. This petition is being filed in accordance with the Section 3, Part-II of the NEPRA Tariff Standards and Procedure Rules 1998.

PRAYER

- 13. In view of the above submissions, it is humbly requested that the Authority may kindly consider and determine as follows;
 - a) The tariff rates for temporary connections should be set at 1.5 times higher than the maximum tariff rate of the corresponding regular tariff rates as calculated in section 10 above.
 - b) Fixed charges should be applied for load requirement exceeding 5KW. Instead of basing fixed charges on actual Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) reading or 50% of the sanctioned load, Sanctioned load to be used for determination of fixed charges at Rs. 500 per KW per month.

Lahore Electric Supply Company

LESCO Ltd. Lahore.

Attachments:

- 1. Affidavit of the CEO, LESCO
- 2. Annex-A (Ministry of Energy) Letter Dated 12.01.2024
- 3. LESCO BOD Resolution







LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

OFFICE OF THE COMPANY SECRETARY

MINUTES OF 270th MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAHORE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY (LESCO) HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 2024

270th Board of Directors meeting of Lahore Electric Supply Company (the Company/LESCO) was held on Monday, 11th March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at 22-A Queens Road, Lahore. The minutes on the subject meeting are given hereunder for necessary compliance and action.

Agenda Item No. 08

To Consider and approve the submission of Petition for Determination of Temporary Connections Tariff rates to NEPRA

DIRECTION

- i. RESOLVED that approval is hereby granted for submission of Petition for Determination of Temporary Connections Tariff rates to NEPRA
- ii. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CEO LESCO is hereby authorized to sign the Petition for Determination of Temporary Connections Tariff rates and to take all necessary actions related to this matter

(Responsibility to execute this decision - DG(MIRAD)

Company Secretary

No.12(35)/2021-DISCO-II GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MINISTRY OF ENERGY (POWER DIVISION) -CHOICE

Islamabad, the November 27, 2023

Chairman NEPRA, NEPRA Tower, Ataturk Avenue (EAST), G-5/1, Islamabad.

Subject: -

PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT RATES ON CURRENT TARIFF RATE, URGENT FEES FOR NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND INCREASING THE TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS TARIFF RATE

The DISCOs supply electricity on credit basis requiring a security deposit from new connection applicants to cover potential arrears in case of default. NEPRA set the current deposit rates in 2010, whereas the average tariff rate has been increased over 400 % per Kwh from June 2010 to September 2023. It is evident that the existing deposit amounts are insufficient keeping in view tariff increase. This surge in billing rates necessitates a revision of security deposit rates to offset arrears caused by tariff hikes and prevent the annual rise in arrears from disconnected defaulters contributing to circular debt accumulation. Therefore, it is proposed that NEPRA may revise the existing security deposit rates along with the following modifications.

Security Deposit

- a) For all consumers excluding urban domestic consumers, the security deposit rates are recommended to be set at two and a half months based on average billing.
- b) For urban domestic consumers:
 - Security deposit rates equal to three months on average billing are proposed for properties up to 10 Marlas.
 - ii. Security deposit rates equivalent to one percent of the land value, as per the rates fixed by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for properties above 10 Marlas.
- Modify existing rules to permit DISCOs for filing of common petitions for the determination of 'Security Deposit' rates concurrently with tariff determination. This adjustment aims to streamline the process, eliminating the necessity for separate petitions for security and tariff determinations.

Urgent Fee for New Electricity Connection

To expedite the process of providing new electricity connections to applicants in need of immediate service, a new urgent fee structure is proposed. This aims to prioritize and fast-track the installation of electricity connections, specifically in those cases where only energy meter and cable are involved, and no distribution transformer is required. It seeks to improve efficiency in service delivery with strict adherence to regulatory standards, thereby establishing a streamlined process for urgent electricity connections required by such consumers.

The detailed implementation plan is proposed as follows:

- a) An additional urgent fee will be charged in conjunction with the standard connection installation charges, aligning with the existing rates in DISCOs:
 - i. Rs. 15,000 for single-phase connections
 - ii. Rs. 30,000 for three-phase connections

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- b) This will apply to both domestic and commercial connections up to 15.1 W, as well as industrial and agricultural connections up to 8 kW.
- A dedicated priority and record-keeping system will be maintained at the Divisional level to ensure timely installation of urgent fee connections.
- d) Upon the applicant's selection of the argent connection option, a 'Demand Matico' will be issued on the next working day from the date of application. The connection will be installed within two working days from the payment date of demand notice by the applicant.
- e) DISCOs will uphold an adequate inventory of spare meters and cables to facilitate the prompt installation of urgent fee connections.
- f) If a DISCO fails to install an urgent fee connection within the stipulated period, the DISCO will be held accountable to refund the urgent fees. Disciplinary action will be initiated against the officer/official responsible for any delay(s).
- g) DISCOs will be responsible for effectively communicating the details of this urgent fee connection to the public through appropriate channels, ensuring widespread awareness and understanding.

Increasing the temporary connections tariff rate

The existing tariff rates for temporary residential, commercial, and industrial connections are lower than standard rates, even falling below residential rates for consumption exceeding 700 units. Some consumers exploit this by reselling electricity illegally due to delayed infrastructure completion. To address this, tariff rates need an increase, coupled with Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) adjustments. This encourages timely completion of infrastructure, reducing illegal resale. These adjustments will notably impact commercial plazas and residential colonies with long-standing temporary connections. Based on these observations, the following proposed adjustments in tariff rates for temporary connections are recommended for review.

- a) The tariff rates for temporary connections should be set at 1.5 times higher than the maximum tariff rate of the corresponding regular tariff rates.
- b) Fixed charges should be applied for load requirements exceeding 5 KW;
- c) Instead of basing fixed charges on actual Maximum Demand Indicator (MDI) readings or 50% of the sanctioned load, it is suggested that these charges be determined based on the sanctioned load. This approach is advisable because some prospective consumers seeking temporary connections often request higher loads to cover up delayed establishment of the necessary infrastructure.
- 2. It is requested to please consider the above proposals and necessary amendments may kindly be made in the relevant rules.

(Akbar Azam Rajar)
Deputy Secretary (DISCOs)
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Copy to:

- SO to the Secretary, Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Islamabad.
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No. 2515-26 /GM(R&CO)

Dated, 17 /01/2024

Chief Executive Officers, All Distribution Companies

Subject:

PROPOSALS FOR REVISION OF SECURITY DEPOSIT RATES ON CURRENT TARIFF RATE, URGENT FEES FOR NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND INCREASE IN THE TEMPORARY CONNECTION TARIFF RATE.

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) letter No. 12/35)/2018-DISCO-II (Part-III) dated 12.01.2024, along with NEPRA letter No. NEPRA/DG(CAD)/TCD-16/159-160 dated 03.01.2024 and MoE proposal dated 27.11.2023 on the subject matter, which is self-explanatory.

It is requested to file petitions before NEPRA within 15-days, aligning with the proposals prospered by the Power Division, for determination of security deposit rates and enhancement in the tariff the Hamberton connection, for further deliberations by the Authority.

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AFFIDAVIT

I Shahid Haider S/O Haji Khuda Bakhsh, Chief Executive Officer Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) having CNIC No. 35201-2573140-1, do hereby, solemnly affirm and testify that the contents of the application for filling petition for determination of tariff rates for temporary connection categories, are in accordance with the direction from the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) received through PPMC and that Annexed documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, belief on the basis of provided confirmations by the concerned formations put before me; and further declare that:

- I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) and fully 1 aware of the affairs of the Company particularly to endorse Petition for determination of temporary connection tariff rates.
- 2. Whatsoever stated in the application and accompanied documents is true and nothing has been concealed.

Engr. Shahid Haider,

Chief Executive Officer LESCO