

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority Islamic Republic of Pakistan

No. NEPRA/R/ADG(Trf)/TRF-527/GEPCO-2019/46508-46510 December 24, 2020

Subject: Determination of the Authority in the matter of Petition filed by Gujranwala Electric Power Company Ltd. (GEPCO) for Determination of its Supply of Power Tariff for the FY 2019-20 [Case # NEPRA/TRF-527/GEPCO-2019]

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith subject Determination of the Authority along with Annex-I, I-A, II, III, IV & V (51 Pages) in Case No. NEPRA/TRF-527/GEPCO-2019.

2. The Determination is being intimated to the Federal Government for the purpose of notification in the official gazette pursuant to Section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997.

3. The Determination of the Authority along with Annex-I, I-A, II, III, IV & V are to be notified in the official Gazette.

Enclosure: As above

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(Syed Safeer Hussain)

Secretary Ministry of Energy (Power Division) 'A' Block, Pak Secretariat Islamabad

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- 1. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad.
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National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

PETITION NO: NEPRA/TRF-527/GEPCO-2020

DETERMINATION OF SUPPLY OF POWER TARIFF PETITION

FOR

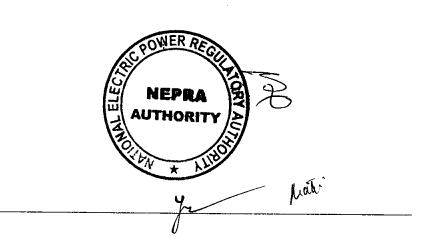
GUJRANWALA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY LIMITED (GEPCO)

FOR THE FY 2019-20

UNDER

NEPRA TARIFF (STANDARDS AND PROCEDURE) RULES - 1998

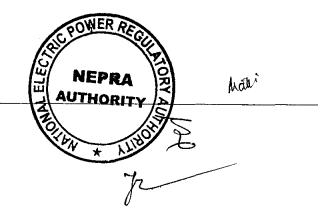
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CpGenCap	minus the amount of liquidated damages received during the months
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AMI	Advance Metering Infrastructure
AMR	Automatic Meter Reading
BoD	Board of Director
BTS	Base Transceiver Station
CAPM	Capital Asset Pricing Model
CDP	Common Delivery Point
COSS	Cost of Service Study
CPPA (G)	Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited
CWIP	Closing Work in Progress
DIIP	Distribution Company Integrated Investment Plan
DISCO	Distribution Company
DM	Distribution Margin
DOP	Distribution of Power
ELR	Energy Loss Reduction
ERC	Energy Regulatory Commission
ERP	Enterprise resource planning
FCA	Fuel Charges Adjustment
FY	Financial Year
GIS	Geographical Information System
GOP	Government of Pakistan
GWh	Giga Watt Hours
HHU	Hand Held Unit
HT/LT	High Tension/Low Tension
HSD	High Speed Diesel
IGTDP	Integrated Generation Transmission and Distribution Plan
IESCO	Islamabad Electric Supply Company Limited
KIBOR	Karachi Inter Bank Offer Rates
KSE	Karachi Stock Exchange
KV	Kilo Volt
kW	Kilo Watt
kWh	Kilo Watt Hour
LPC	Late Payment Charges
MDI	Maximum Demand Indicator
MMBTU	One million British Thermal Units
MoWP	
MVA	
MW	Mega Watt
MMBTU MoWP	Maximum Demand Indicator One million British Thermal Units Ministry of Water and Power Mega Volt Amp Mega Watt

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NEPRA	National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
NOC	Network Operation Centre
NTDC	National Transmission & Despatch Company
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OGRA	Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority
PEPCO	Pakistan Electric Power Company
PESCO	Peshawar Electric Supply Company Limited
PDEIP	Power Distribution Enhancement Investment Program
PDP	Power Distribution Program
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PPAA	Power Procurement Agency Agreement
PPP	Power Purchase Price
РҮА	Prior Year Adjustment
R&M	Repair and Maintenance
RAB	Regulatory Asset Base
RE	Rural Electrification
RFO	Residual Fuel Oil
RLNG	Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas
RoE	Return on Equity
RORB	Return on Rate Base
ROR	Rate of Return
SBP	State Bank of Pakistan
SOΤ	Schedule of Tariff
STG	Secondary Transmission Grid
SYT	Single Year Tariff
T&D	Transmission and Distribution
TFC	Term Finance Certificate
TOU	Time of Use
TOR	Term of Reference
TPM	Transfer Price Mechanism
USCF	The fixed charge part of the Use of System Charges in Rs./kW/Month
UOSC	Use of System Charges
WACC	Weighted average cost of capital
WAPDA	Water and Power Development Authority
XWDISCO	Ex-WAPDA Distribution Company
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DETERMINATION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FILED BY GUJRANWALA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY LIMITED (GEPCO) FOR DETERMINATION OF ITS SUPPLY OF POWER TARIFF FOR THE FY 2019-20

CASE NO. NEPRA/TRF-527/GEPCO-2020

PETITIONER

Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (GEPCO), 565-A Model Town, Gujranwala.

INTERVENER

NIL

COMMENTATOR

Telenor Pakistan (Private) Limited, Gulberg Greens, Islamabad.

REPRESENTATION

- i. Muhammad Amin
- ii. Iyaz Ahmad
- iii. Tariq Mahmood Amjad
- iv. Muhammad Akhtar Ali
- v. Muhammad Asif

Chief Executive Officer Finance Director Manager Finance/CPC Manager GSO Deputy Manager Finance/CPC



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1. Background

- 1.1. The amendments in the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 was passed by the National Assembly on 15th March, 2018, which was published in the official Gazette on 30th April 2018 (the "**Amendment Act**"), resulting in restructuring of the energy sector.
- 1.2. As per the amended Act, function of sale of electric power traditionally being performed by the Distribution Licensees has been amended under Section 21(2)(a), whereby 'sale' of electric power has been removed from the scope of 'Distribution Licensee' and transferred to 'Supply Licensee'.
- 1.3. Section 23E of the Act, provides NEPRA with the powers to grant Electric Power Supply License for the supply of electric power. Section 23E(1), however, provides that the holder of a distribution license on the date of coming into effect of the Amendment Act, shall be deemed to hold a license for supply of electric power under this section for a period of five years from such date. Thus, all existing Distribution Licensees have been deemed to have Power Supplier Licenses, to ensure distribution licensees earlier performing both the sale and wire functions, can continue to do so. Section 23E, further states that the eligibility criteria for grant of license to supply electric power to be prescribed by the Federal Government, and shall include, provision with respect to a supplier of the last resort, as the case may be.
- 1.4. In view thereof, Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (GEPCO), hereinafter called "the Petitioner", being a Distribution as well as deemed Supplier filed separate tariff petitions for the determination of its Distribution and Supply of Electric Power Tariff for the FY 2018-19 in terms of Rule 3 (1) of Tariff Standards & Procedure Rules-1998 (hereinafter referred as "Rules").
- 1.5. The Petitioner in its petition, inter alia, has requested a Revenue Requirement of Rs.175,508 million for its Supply of power function for the FY 2019-20 i.e. Rs.16.6944/kWh, including Revenue Requirement of its Distribution Function, based on projected sales of 10,513 GWh as detailed below;

Description	Units	FY 2019-20
Units Received	GWh	11,636
Requested Units Lost	GWh	1,123
Requested Losses	%	9.65%
Units Sold	GWh	10,513
Power Purchase Price		146,078
0&M		4,756
Depreciation	[Mln Rs]	50
RORB		102
Other Income		(1,237)
РҮА		4,384
Revenue Requirement of Supply Business	[Mln Rs]	154,133
Revenue Requirement of Wire Business	[Mln Rs]	21,375
Total Revenue Requirement	[Mln Rs]	175,508
Average Supply Tariff	Rs./kWh	16.6944

2. Proceedings

2.1. In terms of rule 4 of the Tariff standard and Procedure Rules, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as "Rules"), the petition was admitted by the Authority. Since the impact of any such adjustments has to be made part of the consumer end tariff, therefore, the superinty, in order to provide an



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opportunity of hearing to all the concerned and meet the ends of natural justice, decided to conduct a hearing in the matter.

2.2. Hearing in the matter was scheduled on September 09, 2020, for which notice of admission / hearing along-with the title and brief description of the petition was published in newspapers on August 26, 2020 and also uploaded on NEPRA website; Individual notices were also issued to stakeholders/ interested parties.

3. <u>Issues of Hearing</u>

- 3.1. For the purpose of hearing, and based on the pleadings, following issues were framed to be considered during the hearing and for presenting written as well as oral evidence and arguments;
 - i. Whether the Petitioner has complied with the direction of the Authority given in earlier determination?
 - ii. Whether the basis used by the Petitioner for bifurcation of its costs into supply and distribution segments are justified?
 - iii. As per NEPRA Amendment Act, 2018, obligations of procurement of assets including meters (for satisfying its services) and disconnection / reconnection services (on demand of Supplier) are with Distribution Licensee whereas procedure for metering, billing, collection of approved charges and recovery of arrears are the obligations of Supply Licensee. In this scenario, GEPCO is required to state the mode and manner being developed and followed for appropriate coordination between Distribution Licensee and Supply Licensee?
 - iv. Whether the projected demand (GWh) and projected power purchase cost is reasonable?
 - v. Whether the requested O&M cost, Depreciation and Other Income are justified?
 - vi. Whether the requested RoRB is justified?
 - vii. Whether the requested PYA is justified?
 - viii. Whether the Petitioner has actually written off, provisionally allowed Write offs allowed in the Re determination decision pertaining to the FY 2015-16?
 - ix. Whether the existing Tariff Terms and Conditions needs to be modified to incorporate concerns raised by various consumers? Whether Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication request to charge Cellular Mobile Operator under the "B Industrial Supply" Category instead of "A-2 Commercial" is justified?
 - x. Whether the ToU meters installed for the residential & general service consumers can record MDI? Whether the existing fixed charges applicable to different consumer categories are sufficient and whether there shall be any fixed charges for the residential consumers and General Services categories?
 - xi. Whether the existing minimum/fixed monthly charges even if no energy is consumed needs to be revised to assist in the recovery of fixed cost?
 - xii. As provided in NEPRA Amendment Act, 2018, GRAED Struction Licensee shall be deemed to hold Supply License also for a period of Syears. In this regard, GEPCO is required

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to explain its organizational restructuring in respect of segregation of responsibilities for Distribution Business and Sale Business?

- xiii. Whether the Petitioner is to be treated as a Supplier of the last resort and whether the tariff of the Petitioner or the National uniform tariff is to be treated as last resort tariff?
- xiv. Whether the concerns raised by the intervener/ commentator if any are justified?
- xv. Any other issue that may come up during or after the hearing?

4. Filing Of Objections/ Comments

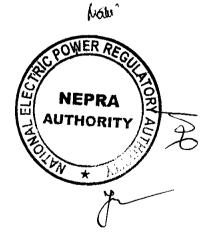
- 4.1. Comments/replies and filing of Intervention Request (IR), if any, were desired from the interested person/ party within 7 days of the publication of notice of admission in terms of Rule 6, 7 & 8 of the Rules. In response thereof, comments were received from M/s Telenor Pakistan. A brief of the concerns raised by M/s Telenor Pakistan is as under;
- 4.2. The commentator while referring to the Telecom Policy of 2004, submitted that the Federal Government declared the Telecom Sector including Cellular Operators (CMOs) as an Industry vide notification dated 20.04.2004. The Ministry of Information Technology (MoIT) vide UO dated 18.06.2014 also endorsed the request of Telecom Sector including Cellular Operators to be classified as an Industrial undertaking under clause (b) of Section 2(29C) of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001. M/s Telenor accordingly requested NEPRA to recognize CMOs as an Industrial Undertaking so that CMOs are applied Industrial tariff instead of Commercial tariff, as NEPRA is in the process of determining Uniform tariff of DISCOs, including the current Petition filed by GEPCO.
- 4.3. GEPCO on the issue submitted during the hearing that a Cellular Mobile Operator is not an industry as defined in the Part II of the Tariff Terms & Conditions of the Tariff by virtue of that Industry means "a bona fide undertaking or establishment engaged in manufacturing, value addition and / or processing of goods."
- 4.4. The Authority observed that the issue highlighted by the commentator pertains to all the DISCOs including K-Electric as CMOs are operating all over Pakistan, therefore, the issue requires deliberations involving all stakeholders i.e. DISCOs, CMOs, Ministry of Energy, MoIT etc. The Authority noted that proceedings regarding Tariff petitions filed by all XWDISCOs for the FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, except GEPCO, have already been completed, therefore, the Authority has decided to consider the request of M/s Telenor as a separate issue during the proceedings for the upcoming tariff Petitions of DISCOs for the FY 2020-21 & onwards.
- 4.5. The Authority also discussed the matter of delay in installation of pending connections during the hearing. However, the Petitioner did not submit any details with respect to the pending connections as of June 2019. The Authority while analyzing the DISCOs performance statistics report published by PEPCO noted that total applications pending for new connections in respect of the Petitioner were 39,087, which include 33,149 domestic, 3,359 commercial, 2,022 Agriculture, and 557 industrial applications. The Authority directs the Petitioner to provide electricity connections to all these pending applications without further delay and submit a quarterly progress report in this regard.
- 4.6. During the hearing, the Petitioner was represented by in Chief Executive Officer along-with its technical and financial teams; On the basis of pleadings evident of cord produced and arguments raised during the hearing, issue-wise findings are given as under;

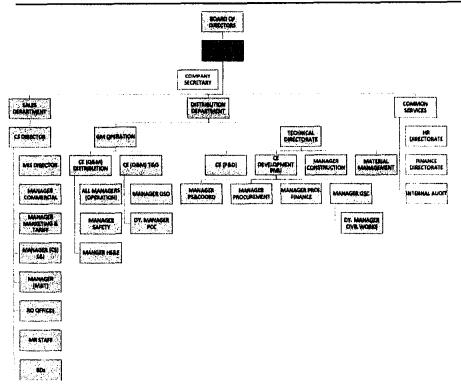




5. Whether the Petitioner has complied with the direction of the Authority given in its earlier determination?

- 5.1. The Authority gave certain directions to the Petitioner in its tariff determination for the FY 2017-18, which have already been deliberated in detail in the distribution tariff determination of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19, therefore, need not to be discussed again in the instant determination. The Authority further understands that periodic monitoring of the directions given by the Authority is absolutely necessary in order to analyze the Petitioner's performance, therefore, the Authority has decided to have a half yearly review of the given directions, instead of discussing the same only during the tariff proceedings. Further, the directions given by the Authority in the distribution tariff determination to of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19, have been reproduced in the instant decision for compliance by the Petitioner.
- 6. Whether the basis used by the Petitioner for bifurcation of its costs into supply and distribution segments are justified?
- 7. <u>As provided in NEPRA Amendment Act. 2018, GEPCO as Distribution Licensee shall be deemed</u> to hold Supply License also for a period of 5-years. In this regard, GEPCO is required to explain its organizational restructuring in respect of segregation of responsibilities for Distribution Business and Sale Business?
- 8. As per NEPRA Amendment Act, 2018, obligations of procurement of assets including meters (for satisfying its services) and disconnection / reconnection services (on demand of Supplier) are with Distribution Licensee whereas procedure for metering, billing, collection of approved charges and recovery of arrears are the obligations of Supply Licensee. In this scenario, GEPCO is required to state the mode and manner being developed and followed for appropriate coordination between Distribution Licensee and Supply Licensee?
- 8.1. As explained in earlier paragraphs, the function of sale of electric power traditionally being performed by the Distribution Licensees has been amended through NEPRA Act, 2018, whereby 'Sale' of electric power has been removed from the scope of Distribution Licenses and transferred to 'Supply Licensee'.
- 8.2. In light of the aforementioned provisions of the Act, the Petitioner was required to bifurcate its costs in terms of Distribution and Supply Function and provide basis thereof.
- 8.3. The Petitioner during the hearing submitted that Bifurcation of costs into Supply and Distribution business is based on the guidelines sought from NEPRA. The Petitioner provided the following organogram in this regard;





8.4. Regarding allocation of costs into Distribution and Supply of Power Function, the Petitioner submitted as under;

Specific costs attributable to Power Supply Business

- <u>Power Purchase Price</u>:
 - Entire Power Purchase Price has been allocated to Power Supply Business.
- ✓ Salaries, Wages & Other Benefits: Salaries & Wages of Meter Readers, Bill Distributers, Meter Inspectors, Meter Reader Supervisors, and Staff of Revenue Offices along with the services of MIS Directorate (Computer Centers) and Customer Services Directorate.
- <u>Bill Collection Charges</u> and <u>Late Payment Surcharges</u>: Revenue as well as Cost has been allocated to Power Supply Business.
- ✓ Provision for Bad debts

Specific costs attributable to Distribution Business

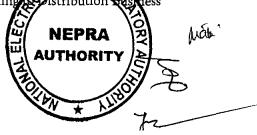
- ✓ Rent, Rates & taxes
- ✓ Advertisement expenses

Common Costs:

- ✓ Salaries, wages & other benefits:
- Percentage Share of Power Supply Business:
 - On the basis of No. of Employees = 2,597/12,296 = 21%
 - On the basis of total Cost (Salaries, Wages & Other Benefits) = 1,447/5,786 = 25%

Percentage share of Power Supply Business has been adopted at 25% of the total employee cost rather than headcount.

- <u>Repair & Maintenance (Based on Value of Non-current Assets)</u>:
 2% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- <u>Transportation Expenses (Based on No. of VanNER Re</u> 5% to Power Supply Business, remaining as distribution respess





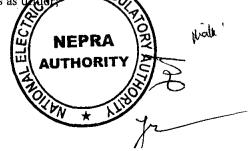
- <u>Power, Light & Water (Based on Actual)</u>:
 10% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- Office, Supplies & Others (Based on Actual):
 70% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- <u>Professional Fee (Based on Actual)</u>:
 70% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- ✓ <u>Injuries & Damages (Based on Actual):</u> 15% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
 ✓ <u>Misc. Expenses (Based on Actual):</u>
- 10% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- Depreciation (Based on Value of Non-current Assets):
 2% to Power Supply Business, remaining to Distribution Business
- 8.5. The Authority understands that as per the Amended Act, the Distribution Licensee is responsible to provide distribution service within its territory on a non-discriminatory basis and develop, maintain and publicly make available, with the prior approval of the Authority, an investment program, meaning thereby, that installation/investment, operation, maintenance and controlling of distribution networks, form part of the Distribution License and activities like metering, billing and collection form part of the Supply License.
- 8.6. The Authority observed that the Petitioner has bifurcated its costs keeping in view the functions as provided in the Act, i.e. all non-sale elements of the distribution segment *(i.e. installation/investment, operation, maintenance and controlling of distribution networks)* as part of the Distribution License and all sale related activities *(metering, billing and collection)* as part of the Supply License.
- 8.7. The Petitioner has also shared its organizational restructuring program in respect of segregation of responsibilities for Distribution Business and Sale Business.
- 8.8. The Authority believes that after amendments in NEPRA Act, all the Public Sector Distribution companies are required to make organizational restructuring in terms of segregation of responsibilities of the Distribution and Sale functions and in order to ensure appropriate coordination between both functions. Hence, keeping in view the fact that it is operational issue and DISCOs are owned by the Federal Government, it would be more appropriate that a centralized restructuring plan at the level of Federal Government is prepared to be implemented by all the public sector DISCOs in order to have a uniformity and consistency in the structure.

9. Whether the projected demand (GWh) and projected power purchase cost is reasonable?

9.1. The Petitioner requested purchases of 11,636 GWh for the FY 2019-20 in its Petition and provided the following comparison of its actual purchases for the previous years along-with projections for the FY 2019-20;

Description	2019-20 (Provisional)	2018-19 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)
Units Purchased (MkWh)	11,636	11,100	10,987
Units Lost (Mkwh)	1,123	1,096	1,100
Units sold (MkWh)	10,513	10,004	9,887

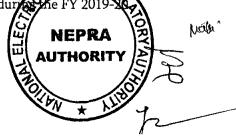
9.2. However, during hearing, the Petitioner considering that FY 2019-20 was lapsed, provided details of its actual Power Purchases as updated and the second secon





Description	2019-20 (Actual)	2018-19 (Actual)	2017-18 (Actual)
Units Purchased (MkWh)	10,991	11,100	10,987
Units Lost (Mkwh)	1,045	1,096	1,100
Units sold (MkWh)	9,946	10,004	9,887
De actionale as	2019-20 (Actual)	
Particulars	Rs.(Million)	Rs./KWh	
Energy Cost	63,627	5.79	
Variable Charges	3,436	0.31	
Capacity Charges	71,449	6.50	
Use of System Charges	4,181	0.38]
Total	142,693	12.98	1

- 9.3. The Authority, observed that variations in the actual Power Purchase Price (PPP) for the FY 2018-19 have already been allowed to the Petitioner through quarterly adjustment mechanism, based on the reference PPP and the level of T&D losses that remained notified during the FY 2018-19 vis a vis the actual PPP of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19. Therefore, for the purpose of instant petition, the PPP of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19, shall be the PPP that remained notified during the FY 2018-19, and on which the Petitioner has been allowed quarterly adjustments, thus, any reassessment of PPP for the FY 2018-19, is not required.
- 9.4. Similarly for the FY 2019-20, variations in the Power Purchase Price (PPP) for the 1st quarter of FY 2019-20 i.e. Jul.-to Sep. 2019 has already been allowed to the Petitioner vide the Authority's decision dated November 26, 2019, and the same has been notified by the Federal Government w.e.f. December 01, 2019. For the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the FY 2019-20, the Petitioner has already filed its PPP adjustment requests with the Authority, which are at an advance stage of the proceedings. The Petitioner has also file its PPP adjustment request for the last quarter of FY 2019-20 i.e. Apr. to Jun. 2020, in accordance with the notified mechanism, which would be processed accordingly. Therefore, for the purpose of instant adjustment request, the PPP of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, shall be the PPP that remained notified during the FY 2019-20, and on which the Petitioner is being allowed quarterly adjustments, thus, any reassessment of PPP for the FY 2019-20, is not required.
- 9.5. Although, variations in the PPP of the Petitioner are being actualized through quarterly adjustment mechanism, however, the existing PPP references, against which the variations are being allowed, were determined by the Authority keeping in view the FY 2017-18. The Authority understands that these references now require up-dation/ revision as large amount of new capacities e.g. Coal, Nuclear, REs, etc. have since been added in the system, and also to cater for the impact of PKR vs US\$ devaluation, change in fuel prices and CPI indexations. This revision of PPP references would minimize the impact of future monthly fuel charges adjustments & quarterly variations and will provide a more predictable tariff to the consumers.
- 9.6. Accordingly, the Authority, by adopting a forward looking approach, has projected the revised PPP references keeping in view the ground realities of the FY 2020-21. For the purpose of determining the new PPP references, the Authority has carried out a detailed exercise by first projecting the total amount of generation that would be required and then estimating the station wise generation.
- 9.7. As per the analysis, an increase of around 2.8% have the property of the generation for the FY 2020-21, over the actual generation made during the FY 2019-2020-21.





- 9.8. Here it is pertinent to mention that for the FY 2018-19, the Authority projected a Generation of around 131,435 GWh keeping in view the Power Market Survey (PMS) Report of NTDC, however, the actual generation, remained at 122,708 GWh i.e. 7% lower than the projected generation of 131,435 GWh. Similarly, during the first eight (08) months of FY 2019-20 i.e. from Jul. 2019 to Feb. 2020, before the impact of COVID-19, the actual generation remained at 81,262 GWh, around 2.08% higher than the actual generation during the same period of FY 2018-19, however, still lower by 2.72% than the Authority's projected generation for the same period i.e. 83,535 GWh.
- 9.9. From March onward till June 2020, with Covid-19 around, the actual generation posted a negative growth of around 6%, as compared to the same period last year, resulting in decrease in overall generation in the FY 2019-20 by around 0.7% i.e. 121,868 GWh as compared to 122,708 GWh during the FY 2018-19, thus neutralized the growth of 2.08% witnessed in the first eight months of the FY 2019-20.
- 9.10. The Authority, however, going forward in the FY 2020-21, expects this trend to be reversed and actual generation may post some growth, considering improvement in the Covid-19 situation and easing out of the lockdown. Accordingly, after taking into all these assumptions, the Authority has estimated that the overall system generation will be around 125,264 GWh, and after adjusting for the NTDC's permissible transmission losses, about 121,804 GWh is expected to be delivered to the distribution companies; the estimated share for the Petitioner from the pool, is accordingly assessed as 11,438 GWh. After incorporating the T&D losses target of 9.51% allowed for the FY 2019-20, the sales target works out as 10,351 GWhs.
- 9.11. As per the existing mechanism all the power generated from different sources is procured by the Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA-G) on behalf of DISCOs at the rates as per their Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and as per the Authority's determination. The overall power purchase cost constitutes a pool price which is transferred to the DISCOs according to a mechanism prescribed by the Authority and notified by the Federal Government. Accordingly, the Power Purchase Price has been projected, which in turn formulates the reference values for the monthly fuel adjustments & quarterly/ biannual PPP adjustment with respect to T&D losses, Capacity and Transmission Charges. Here it is pertinent to mention that while making the quarterly/ biannual adjustments of the PPP, the Authority may rationalize the SoT accordingly.
- 9.12. From the available sources i.e. Hydel, Gas, RLNG, RFO, Nuclear, Coal, Solar, Wind, Bagasse and Imports, the estimated/projected generation and cost of electricity is given in the following table:





	Generation		EPP	CPP	EPP + CPP		EPP	CPP	EPP + CPP
Source	MkWh	Share	Rs. Mln	Rs. Mln	Rs. Mln	Share	Rs./kWh	Rs./kWh	Rs./kWh
Hydel	35,263	28.15%	4,266	148,465	152,731	9.94%	0.12	4.21	4.33
RFO	5,330	4.25%	75,327	84,825	160,151	10.43%	14.13	15.92	30.05
Coal	25,524	20.38%	207,492	197,319	404,811	26.36%	8.13	7.73	15.86
Gas	17,356	13.86%	146,061	54,834	200,895	13.08%	8.42	3.16	11.57
RLNG	27,828	22.22%	258,964	174,773	433,736	28.24%	9.31	6.28	15.59
Bagasse	617	0.49%	4,306	3,500	7,805	0.51%	6.98	5.67	12.65
Wind	3,042	2.43%	-	58,904	58,904	3.84%	-	19.36	19.36
Solar	710	0.57%	-	10,390	10,390	0.68%	•	14.64	14.64
Nuclear	8,914	7.12%	8,982	90,414	99,396	6.47%	1.01	10.14	11.15
Import	506	0.40%	5,856	-	5,856	0.38%	11.57	-	11.57
SPPs	175	0.14%	1,154	-	1,154	0.08%	6.59	-	6.59
Total	125,264	100.00%	712,407	823,422	1,535,829	100.00%	5.69	6.57	12.26
NTDC & CPPA-G Cost					44,702				0.37
Sale to IPPs	(178)		(3,563)		(3,563)				
NTDC Losses	(3,282)								
PPP Adjusted with NTDC Loss	121,804		708,844	823,422	1,576,968		5.82	6.76	12.95

EPP is the Enery Purchase Price i.e. Fuel & variable O&M CPP is the Capacity Purchase price

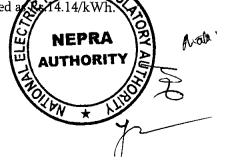
- 9.13. Here it is pertinent to mention that the aforementioned energy charge includes variable O&M charges, however, variable O&M charges are not made part of monthly fuel charges adjustment and are adjusted as part of quarterly / biannual adjustments. As per the above table, around 28.15% of total generation is expected from Hydel sources. RLNG would contribute around 22.22% of total generation, with around 28.24% share in the overall energy cost. Generation form indigenous gas is expected to be around 14% with a cost share of around 13%. Generation from Coal, both local as well as imported, is expected to be around 20.38%, with a share of around 26 % in the overall energy cost. Renewables and Nuclear sources are expected to contribute around 3.5% and 7.12% in the total generation with a cost share of around 5% and 6.5% respectively. Here it is pertinent to mention that with increased generation from RLNG/ Gas, Coal and Nuclear, the share of RFO in total generation and consequently in the overall cost has been limited to only around 4% and 10.4% respectively. Meaning thereby that variation in generation mix and prices of RLNG/ Gas & Coal would have greater impact on the generation cost, thus, ultimately affecting the consumer-end tariff.
- 9.14. Regarding projection of fuel prices, the Authority noted that as per the RLNG price notification issued by OGRA, RLNG prices in Pakistan are benchmarked with Brent Crude Oil Prices. In addition to this price, Port charges, PSO import related actual costs, PSO/ PLL Margin and Terminal Charges etc. are added to the price. The said prices are also adjusted with the Transmission Losses and other miscellaneous costs. Thus, the RLNG prices in Pakistan are not only affected by the international market being linked with prices of crude oil but also by the exchange rate parity.
- 9.15. Therefore, to have a fair projection of RLNG prices, the Authority considered the projections of Brent Crude oil prices projected by various reliable sources i.e. Short Term Energy Outlook published by US Energy Information Administration, World Bank Commodities Price Forecast report, IMF-World Economic Outlook Database and various analyst firm forecasts for the FY 2020-21.
- 9.16. Accordingly, the Authority keeping in view the prevailing RLNG, projections of crude oil prices and impact of rupee devaluation, has projected RLNG prices Rs.1,234/mmbtu.



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- 9.17. For indigenous gas, the Authority considering the existing price, is Rs.924/mmbtu inclusive of GIDC, has projected the same as Rs.1,000/mmbtu, inclusive of GIDC @ Rs.100/mmbtu.
- 9.18. Regarding price of imported coal, the Authority has analyzed the projections made by Argus consulting, and commodity prices forecasts of World Bank. Based on these reports and keeping in view the impact of devaluation of Pak Rupee, the Authority has assessed coal prices of Rs.554/mmbtu, on delivered basis, as reasonable.
- 9.19. For projection of local coal prices for Thar coal, the Authority has considered the coal price determination made by Thar Coal Energy Board (TCEB) for Block-II. As per the TCEB determination, reference tariff determined for the 2nd year includes variable cost of US\$ 17.37 /Ton and fixed cost of US\$ 50.84/Ton. The total reference cost determined by TCEB has been indexed with US CPI and US\$ /PKR exchange rate to work out the projected coal price for the FY 2020-21, which works out at around Rs.1,228/mmbtu. The same has been considered while projecting the PPP references.
- 9.20. For projection of RFO prices, a comparison of actual RFO prices (ex-GST, ex-OMC margin, ex-Import incidental charges) for the period from March 2019 to February 2020, before Covid-19, has been compared with the actual Brent Crude Oil Prices for the same period. As per the comparison, Actual prices of RFO on average remained slightly lower i.e. S\$0.09/gallon than actual Brent Crude Oil Prices.
- 9.21. Accordingly, for making future projections, the impact of negative US\$0.09/gallon has been added in the prices of Brent Crude Oil, projected by US Energy Information Administration in its short term energy outlook report for the FY 2020-21, to project the RFO prices for the FY 2020-21. Afterwards, the same has been enhanced by 8% import incidentals & Inland Freight Equalization Margin, 3.5% of OMC margin and by incorporating therein the impact of exchange rate devaluation, the average RFO price has been worked out as Rs.51,985/MT. By adding therein an average freight of around Rs.2,500/MT, the average RFO prices works out as Rs.54,485/MT. The same has been considered while projecting the PPP references.
- 9.22. The generation cost is transferred to the DISCOs according to the Transfer Price Mechanism (TPM) as prescribed by the Authority. Energy transfer charge shall be calculated on the basis of units delivered after adjusting the transmission loss target allowed to NTDCL. NTDCL shall, for the purpose of clarity intimate to all DISCOs the generation part of the Transfer Charge during a billing period by deducting from the Transfer Charge the Transmission Charge or Use of System Charges.
- 9.23. According to the above mechanism, Rs.75,589 million and Rs.4,150 million is the share of the Petitioner on account of CpGenCap and USCF & Market Operator Fee respectively for the FY 2020-21. The overall fixed charges comprising of CpGenCap and USCF & Market Operator Fee in the instant case works out as Rs.79,738 million, which translate into Rs.2,943/kW/month based on projected average monthly MDI of the Petitioner i.e. 2,258 MW or Rs.6.97/kWh on units purchased basis.
- 9.24. The annual PPP of the Petitioner for the FY 2020-21 in the instant case works out as Rs.146,322 million. With the projected purchase of 11,438 GWh for the same period, the average PPP of the Petitioner turns out to be as Rs.12.79/kWh (Annex-IV), whereas, the national average determined PPP works out as Rs.12.95/kWh after accounting for the allowed level of NTDC losses. On the basis of allowed level of T&D losses of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, the adjusted PPP of the Petitioner is assessed a set 4.14/kWh.



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10. Whether the requested O&M cost, Depreciation and Other Income are justified?

10.1. The Petitioner in its petition requested an amount of Rs.3,569 million for its Supply of Power Margin exclusive of RoRB for the FY 2019-20. The Petitioner provided the following breakup of the requested amount under O&M costs along-with percentage allocation of the costs to its Supply of Power function as under;

Operation & Maintenance	Power Supply Business		
	%	Cost	
1. Salaries, Wages & Other Benefits:		4,016	
Salaries & Wages	25	1,637	
Employees Benefits	25	570	
Retirement Benefits	25	1,809	
2. Travelling	25	95	
3. Repair & Maintenance	2	27	
4. Transportation	5	20	
5. Other Expenses:		599	
Bills Collection	100	283	
Power, Light & Water	10	6	
Office Supplies & Others	70	112	
Professional Fee	70	140	
Injuries & damages	15	32	
Provision for Bad Debts	100	20	
Misc. Expenses	10	6	
Total		4,757	
Depreciation	2	50	
Other Income	70	(1,237)	
Grand Total		3,569	

- 10.2. As per the Petitioner, its O&M costs includes Employees cost (including Post-Retirement Benefit), Admin Expenses, Repair and Maintenance expenses, Travelling Expenses, Transportation Expenses, Management Fee and Miscellaneous expenses related to its distribution function. The Petitioner provided the following breakup of the requested amount under O&M costs along-with percentage allocation of the costs to its distribution function as under;
- 11. Here it is pertinent to mention that during hearing, the Petitioner submitted that its total O&M costs for both the Distribution and Supply Functions for the FY 2019-20, as per its unaudited accounts is Rs.19,373 million, as against the numbers already requested in its Distribution and Supply Petitions i.e. Rs.19,123 million. The Petitioner, however, did not provide any break-up of the revised cost of Rs.19,373 million in terms of Distribution Function and Supply of Power Function.

12. Salaries Wages & Other Benefits excluding Postretirement benefits

12.1. The Petitioner requested in its Supply of Power petition an amount of Rs.4,016 million under the head of Salaries & Other Benefits, comprising of Rs.2,207 million for Salaries & Wages (excluding post-retirement benefits) and Rs.1,809 million on account of Postretirement benefits for its Supply of Power Function for the FY 2019-20. The Petitioner in the Petition submitted that its total cost of Salaries & Wages for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.1,809 million, (inclusive of Salaries & Wages for the FY 2019-20.





Wages of Rs.8,827 million and post-retirement benefits of Rs.7,236 million), out of which 25% cost has been allocated to the Supply of Power Function i.e. Rs.4,016 million.

- 12.2. Considering the fact that the period i.e. FY 2019-20, for which the cost is being assessed has already lapsed, therefore, the Authority considers it appropriate to also take into account the actual cost incurred by the Petitioner in this regard during the FY 2019-20. However, till finalization of the instant determination, the financial statements of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 were not made available. The Authority, however, understands that since the Petitioner is a public sector company, it is required to pay its employees, the increases in salaries & wages as announced by the Federal Government through Budget.
- 12.3. In view thereof, the Authority has decided to incorporate the increases announced by the Government on Salaries, Wages & Post retirement benefits in the Budget of FY 2019-20 and CPI increases where applicable, on the amount allowed to the Petitioner under the head of salaries & wages for the FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the total amount of salaries & wages for the FY 2019-20 for both the distribution and supply function works out as Rs.8,366 million, *(excluding postretirement benefits, discussed separately)*.
- 12.4. For the purpose of bifurcation of the cost in terms of Distribution and Supply functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate its costs in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the said criteria, the Petitioner is allowed an amount of Rs.2,092 million for Salaries, Wages & Other Benefits for the FY 2019-20 for its Distribution function *(excluding postretirement benefits, discussed separately).*

13. Post-Retirement Benefits

- 13.1. The Authority considering the overall liquidity position in the power sector and in order to ensure that the Petitioner fulfils its legal liability with respect to the post-retirement benefits, directed the Petitioner to create a separate fund in this regard. Subsequently, this deadline was extended by the Authority. The rationale was that the creation of funds would ensure that the Petitioner records it liability more prudently since the funds would be transferred into a separate legal entity. In addition to that these independent funds would generate their own profits, if kept separate from the company's routine operations and in the longer run reducing the Distribution Margin and eventually consumer-end tariff.
- 13.2. Afterwards the Petitioner during proceedings of its tariff petition for the FY 2015-16 submitted that a separate Fund has been opened and Rs.100 million has been deposited in the Fund.
- 13.3. The Petitioner further in the tariff petition for the FY 2015-16, requested the Authority to allow provision for the postretirement benefits for FY 2015-16 as per the actuarial valuation report as on June 30, 2015. Similarly for the FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, the Petitioner again requested for allowing provision in respect of postretirement benefits.
- 13.4. The Authority noted that although the Petitioner complied with the direction of the Authority to the extent of creation of the separate Post Retirement Fund and transferred an amount of Rs.100 million into the fund, however, the Authority had been allowing provision for post-retirement benefits to the Petitioner as a part of its O&M cost till FY 2011-12. It was only from FY 2012-13 that the Authority decided to allow the actual amounts paid on account of pension benefits, due to non-compliance of the Authority's directions. Thus, any post retirement liability pre FY 2012-13 period, is with the Petitioner. In view thereof, the Authority directed the Petitioner in the tariff determination for the FY 2017 period.

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- 13.5. The Petitioner in its instant Petition has not provided any update in the matter, however, requested an amount of Rs.1,809 million, under the head of Retirement benefits in the Supply of Power Tariff Petition.
- 13.6. The Authority, understands that payment of postretirement benefits to the retired employees is a compulsory obligation of the Petitioner which can be best fulfilled through a separate postretirement Fund having sufficient funds. However, failure of the Petitioner to deposit the amount of already collected provision of postretirement benefits into the Fund, would not absolve the Petitioner from its responsibility in this regard.
- 13.7. Considering the fact that the period i.e. FY 2019-20, for which the cost is being assessed has already lapsed, therefore, the Authority considers it appropriate to also take into account the actual cost incurred by the Petitioner in this regard during the FY 2019-20. However, till finalization of the instant determination, the financial statements of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 were not made available.
- 13.8. In view thereof, the Authority has decided to consider the increases announced by the Government on Postretirement benefits in the Budget of FY 2019-20. Accordingly, after incorporating the increases announced by the Government in the Budget of FY 2019-20, on the total amount of Postretirement benefits allowed to the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19, the Postretirement benefits for the FY 2019-20, including the impact of payments for the Ex-WAPDA employees retired before 1998, works out as Rs.3,385 million, which is hereby allowed to the Petitioner. For the purpose of bifurcation of the cost in terms of Distribution and Supply Functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate its costs in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the said criteria, the Petitioner is allowed an amount of Rs.846 million, as Post retirement benefits for the FY 2019-20 for Supply of Power Function. The Petitioner is again directed to transfer the already collected provision of postretirement benefits into the Fund.

14. Remaining Operation & Maintenance Costs

- 14.1. For projections or assessment of OPEX costs, two commonly used approaches are Ex-Ante and the Ex-Post approach. In a regime where the allowed OPEX is determined Ex-Ante, there will inevitably be deviations between the allowed and actual expenses, in the form of efficiency savings or losses. Thus, resulting in two broad options, one that the utility bears all savings or losses, i.e. no action is taken by the Regulator. Secondly, the utility shares the savings or losses with consumers. The former approach provides the utility with a profit incentive to cut costs, but at the same time places the utility at greater financial risk in the face of losses. The latter somewhat dilutes efficiency incentives, but also limits the losses/gains for the utility and its customers.
- 14.2. The widely used approach is that no adjustments to allowed Revenues or OPEX allowances are made hence providing an incentive to the utility to improve its operations.
- 14.3. Although, the period i.e. FY 2019-20, for which the costs are being assessed, has already lapsed, however, the financial statements of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, to ascertain its actual costs incurred during the year have not been made available till finalization of the instant determination, therefore, the Authority has decided to make its own assessment in this regard.

15. <u>Repair & Maintenance Expenses</u>

- 15.1. The Petitioner requested an amount of Rs.27 min to ERGE pair & maintenance in its Supply of Power Petition for the FY 2019-20. The Provener submitted that as per its Audited accounts
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for the FY 2018-19, its total expenditure under the head of Repair & Maintenance is Rs.969 million, wherefrom, 2% cost has been allocated to the Supply of Power Function. However, for the cost requested for the FY 2019-20, the Petitioner did not provide any justification or working.

- 15.2. The Authority in order to assess the request of the Petitioner, analyzed the same in comparison with the amount actually spent by the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19. As per the audited accounts submitted by the Petitioner, it actual R&M expenses for the FY 2018-19, remained at around Rs.969 million, out of which cost allocated to the Supply Function @ 2% is around Rs.19 million. Thus, the Petitioner has requested an increase of over 40% for its Supply of Power function for the FY 2019-20.
- 15.3. Although the Petitioner has not provided any justification for the requested increase, however, the Authority understands that adherence to the service standards and improvement of customer services is only possible through continuous repair and maintenance of the distribution network. In view of the above discussion, and based on comparison with other XWDISCOs, the Authority has decided to allow the impact of inflation over the actual expenses of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the total R&M of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 works out as Rs.1,058 million, for both the Distribution and Supply Functions. Based on the same criteria as used by the Petitioner to bifurcate its costs in terms of Distribution and Supply Functions, the Authority has assessed Rs.21 million as R&M cost for the Supply of Power Function of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 out of total allowed cost of Rs.1,058 million. The Petitioner is also directed to provide details of actual Grid Wise R&M for the FY 2019-20 along-with its next tariff Petition.
- 15.4. The Authority observed that the Petitioner is being directed since FY 2015-16, to maintain a proper record of its assets by way of tagging each asset for its proper tracking. In addition, the Petitioner was also directed to provide an explanation on the concerns raised by the Authority in terms of its R&M cost, however, no such explanation has been received from the Petitioner. The petitioner is therefore once gain directed to maintain a proper record of its assets by way of tagging each asset for its proper tracking and also to provide explanation on the concerns raised by the Authority in terms of its R&M cost in the tariff determination for the FY 2015-16.

16. Travelling Expenses

- 16.1. The Petitioner has requested an amount of Rs.95 million under Travelling Expenses for its Supply of Power Function for the FY 2019-20. The Petitioner regarding Traveling expenses submitted that its actual total Travelling expenses of Rs.333 million for both the Distribution and Supply of Power Functions for the FY 2018-19, as per the Audited Accounts, have been apportioned on the basis of 25% allocation to Supply of Power Function and 75% to the Distribution Business because being paid on the basis of BPS, and thus are directly proportional to the employees' regularly paid salaries & wages. However, for the cost requested for the FY 2019-20, the Petitioner did not provide any justification or working.
- 16.2. Although, the Petitioner, while requesting the amount of Rs.95 million for the FY 2019-20, did not substantiate its request with any evidence or details, however, as per the audited accounts submitted by the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19, its actual expenditure under travelling expenses for both the Distribution and Supply Function remained at around Rs.333 million. Since, the Petitioner did not substantiate its request for the FY 2019-20 with any evidence, therefore, the Authority for the FY 2019-20, has decided to allow the impact of inflation over the allowed costs of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19. In view of the foregoing discussion, after incorporating the impact of inflation over the allowed travelling expenses for the FY 2018-19, the Authority has assessed an amount of Rs.363 million as travelling expenses for the foreboth the distribution and supply





function of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20. Based on the same criteria as used by the Petitioner to bifurcate its costs in terms of Distribution and Supply Functions, the Authority has assessed Rs.91 million as Travelling cost for the Distribution Function of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 out of total allowed cost of Rs.363 million.

17. Vehicle Expenses

- 17.1. The Petitioner has requested an amount of Rs.20 million for its Supply of Power Function, under Transportation expenses in the Petition for the FY 2019-20, which includes vehicle repair costs, fuel & oil and License & Insurance. The Petitioner submitted that its actual Transportation expenses of the FY 2018-19 as per the Audited Account are Rs.290 million, which have been apportioned on the basis of No. of Operational Vehicles used by the both business areas respectively. The Petitioner accordingly has allocated 95% of the actual cost to Distribution Function and 5% to Supply of Power Function. However, for the cost requested for the FY 2019-20, the Petitioner did not provide any justification or working.
- 17.2. Since, the Petitioner, while requesting the amount of Rs.20 million for the FY 2019-20, has not substantiated its request with any evidence or details, the Authority keeping in view the Petitioner's service area, past trends, comparison with other XWDISCOs, trend of fuel prices and including the impact of inflation over the allowed transportation costs for the FY 2018-19, has decided to allow an amount of Rs.290 million for both the distribution and supply functions for the FY 2019-20 under the head of Vehicle expenses. For the purpose of bifurcation of the cost in terms of Distribution and Supply functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate its costs in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the same criteria, the Authority has assessed Rs.14 million as Transportation cost for the Supply Function of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 out of total allowed cost of Rs.290 million.

18. Other Miscellaneous Expenses

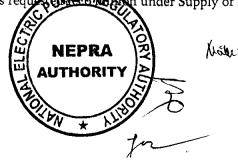
18.1. The Petitioner requested an amount of Rs.599 million under Other expenses in its Petition for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply of Power Function. The Petitioner submitted that Other Expenses include Rent & taxes, Power, Light & Water, Office Supplies & Others, Advertisements, Injuries & Damages and Professional Fees etc.

		Rs. in Mln
Other Expenses	% Allocation	FY 2019-20
Bills Collection	100	283
Power, Light & Water	10	6
Office Supplies & Others	70	112
Professional Fee	70	140
Injuries & damages	15	32
Provision for Bad Debts	100	20
Misc. Expenses	10	6
Total		599

18.2. The Petitioner submitted the following details in this regard;

18.3. The Petitioner regarding Power, Light & Water submitted that the total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.60 Million under Distribution and supply business, out of which 90% allocated to the GEPCO's Distribution Business and 10% to Power Supply Business based on actual data of FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the Petitioner has requested by the provide the FY 2019-20.

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- 18.4. The Petitioner regarding Office Supplies & Others submitted that total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.160 million under Distribution and supply business. The Petitioner regarding apportionment of the said cost submitted that Office Supplies & Others are 30% allocated to the Distribution Business and 70% to the Power Supply Business based on actual data. The Petitioner while justifying the said cost submitted that main expenditure under this head pertains to procurement and printing of electricity bills and related CPs at GEPCO Computer Centers as well as in Revenue Offices. Accordingly, the Petitioner has requested Rs.112 million under Supply business for the FY 2019-20.
- 18.5. The Petitioner regarding professional fee has stated that the total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.200 million. The Petitioner regarding apportionment has stated that Professional Fee of Rs.200 million is allocated 70% to the Power Supply Business and 30% to Distribution Business based on actual data. The professional fee includes fees of lawyers, Licensing Fee, PITC Fee and CPPA-G Fee. Accordingly, the Petitioner requested Rs.140 million under its Supply of Power business.
- 18.6. The Petitioner regarding Injuries & Damages expense stated that the total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.211 million. The Petitioner allocated 85% of the Injuries & Damages expense to the Distribution Business and 15% to the Power Supply Business, on the basis of figures of actual expenditure pertaining to relevant offices. Accordingly, the Petitioner has requested Rs.32 million under Supply of Power business for the FY 2019-20.
- 18.7. The Petitioner regarding Misc. Expense stated that the total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.61 million (Telephone, Postage, and Auditor's Fee etc.), out of which 90% is the share of Distribution Function and 10% of the Supply Function based on the actual audited expenditure of FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the Petitioner has requested Rs.6 million under Supply of Power business for the FY 2019-20.
- 18.8. Here it is pertinent to mention that the Petitioner has been allowed an amount of Rs.671 million under this head for the FY 2018-19 for both its distribution and supply functions, after excluding therefrom certain costs which were not considered justified by the Authority.
- 18.9. The Petitioner, while requesting the amount of Rs.599 million for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply of Power function, has not substantiated its request with any justification or details, therefore, the Authority for the FY 2019-20, has decided to allow the impact of inflation on the total amount of Other Expenses allowed to the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the total amount of Other expense allowed for the FY 2019-20 works out as Rs.732 million, for both its distribution and supply functions. For the purpose of bifurcation of the cost in terms of Distribution and Supply functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate its costs in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the said criteria, the Petitioner is allowed an amount of Rs.427 million for Other Expenses for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply of Power function.
- 18.10. Regarding PEPCO fees, the Authority observed that each DISCO is an independent entity having its own board of Directors, thus, allowing any cost on the pretext of PEPCO Management fee is not logical. Further, the then Ministry of Water & Power, itself in the Peshawar High Court submitted that PEPCO shall be dissolved after June 2011. In view thereof, the Petitioner is directed to provide details of PEPCO Management Fees, if any, claimed previously so that same could be adjusted in the subsequent tariff determinations.



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19. Depreciation

- 19.1. The Petitioner requested an amount of Rs.50 million under Depreciation Charges, in its Petition for the FY 2019-20 for the Supply of Power Function. The Petitioner regarding apportionment of the depreciation charges submitted that its total actual expenditure for the FY 2018-19 is Rs.2,112 million, out of which 2% has been allocated to the Supply of Power Function.
- 19.2. The Petitioner has provided that the position of its total net assets (after depreciation) as on 30.06.2019 is as follows:

Description	Million Rupees
Capital Work in Progress	6,401
Operating Assets	43,546
Total Assets	49,947

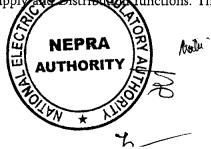
19.3. The Petitioner has further stated that the Operating Assets include Land of Rs.456 million and breakup of remaining Depreciable Operating Assets is as follows:

Description	Million Rupees	%
Distribution Equipment	41,315	95.88%
Mobile Plant	141	0.33%
Buildings	1,228	2.85%
Furniture	11	0.03%
Vehicles	395	0.91%
Total Depreciable Assets	43,090	100%

- 19.4. The Petitioner further submitted that Distribution Equipment is 95.88% of total depreciable assets hence, 2% depreciation has been allocated to Power Supply Business and 98% depreciation to Distribution Business. The Petitioner accordingly requested Rs.50 million as Depreciation charges under Supply of Power business for the FY 2019-20.
- 19.5. In order to make fair assessment of the Petitioner's depreciation charges, the Authority has taken into account the amount of investments allowed to the Petitioner for the instant year. After taking into account new investments, the Gross Fixed Assets in Operation for the FY 2019-20 have been worked out Rs.66,917 million. Accordingly, the depreciation charge for the FY 2019-20, calculated on actual depreciation rates for each category of Assets as per the Company's policy, has been assessed as Rs.2,175 million.
- 19.6. After carefully examining the relevant details and information pertaining to the deferred credit and amortization, the Authority has assessed amortization of deferred credit to the tune of Rs.1,016 million for the FY 2019-20, thus, consumers would bear net depreciation of Rs.1,159 million.
- 19.7. For the purpose of bifurcation of the cost in terms of Distribution and Supply functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate its costs in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the said criteria, the Petitioner is allowed an amount of Rs.44 million for Depreciation expenses for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply of Power function.

20. Other Income

20.1. The Petitioner requested Rs.1,237 million as Other income for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply of Power function. The Petitioner regarding Other Income here the total amount for the FY 2019-20 is Rs.1,767 million for both the Supply and Instructions. The Petitioner





regarding apportionment of Other Income in terms of Distribution and Supply Business submitted that 70% of other income is allocated to Power Supply Business and 30% to Distribution Business based on audited figures for the FY 2018-19. Accordingly, the Petitioner has requested Rs.1,237 million as Other Income for the FY 2019-20 under its Supply of Power Function.

- 20.2. However, during hearing of the instant Petition, the Petitioner submitted that its total Other Income for the FY 2019-20, based on unaudited results is Rs.4,021 million. The same if allocated to Distribution and Supply Functions, based on the criteria of allocation of 30% to Distribution Function and 70% to Supply Functions, results in Rs.1,206 million for the Distribution function and Rs.2,815 million for the Supply Function for the FY 2019-20.
- 20.3. The Authority has assessed the amount of Other Income as Rs.1,267 million for both the Distribution and Supply Functions of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, including the amount of amortization of deferred credit but exclusive of the amount of late payment charges. Based on the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner, the Other Income for the Supply of Power Function works out as Rs.887 million for the FY 2019-20.
- 20.4. The Authority in consistency with its earlier decision, on the issue, has not included the amount of LPS while assessing the other income for FY 2019-20. Here it is pertinent to mention that the LPS recovered from the consumers on utility bills shall be offset against the late payment invoices raised by CPPA (G) against respective XWDISCO only and in the event of non-submission of evidence of payment to CPPA (G), the entire amount of Late Payment charge recovered from consumers shall be made part of other income and deducted from revenue requirement in the subsequent year.
- 20.5. In view thereof, the Authority, again directs the Petitioner to provide the required details of late payment charges recovered from the consumers and any invoice raised by CPPA (G) under the head of mark-up on delayed payments for the period from FY 2014-15 to FY 2019-20, in its next tariff petition.

21. Whether the requested RoRB is justified?

21.1. The Petitioner has requested an amount of Rs.102 million as RoRB for the FY 2019-20, for its Supply of Power function, using a Rate of Return of 16%. The Petitioner regarding apportionment of RoRB has stated that 98% of RORB is apportioned to Distribution Business and 2% Power Supply Business based on assets pertaining to each area. Thereby, the Petitioner has requested Rs.102 million for Supply Function, as detailed below;

Description	2019-20
Description	(Mln. Rs)
Gross Fixed Assets in Operation - Opening Bal	64,308
Addition in Fixed Assets	5,200
Gross Fixed Assets in Operation - Closing Bal	69,508
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	23,252
Net Fixed Assets in Operation	46,257
Add: Capital Work In Progress - Closing Bal	7,148
Investment in Fixed Assets	53,405
Less: Deferred Credits	20,876
Regulatory Assets Base	32,529
Average Regulatory Assets Base	31,950
Rate of Return	16.00%
Return on Rate Base	5,110



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- 21.2. The Petitioner regarding Return on Equity submitted that NEPRA uses Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) for calculation of Return on Equity (RoE) component of the WACC. The Authority uses Plain Vanilla WACC, taking tax shield as zero, and in case any tax is paid it is treated as pass through. The Authority for the FY 2017-18 determined RoE of 16.67%, wherein the Authority considered Market Risk Premium as 7% with a Beta of 1.10 and Risk Free Rate of 8.9652%. The same has been used to work out the RoE of 16.67%, as determined by the Authority.
- 21.3. The Petitioner regarding Cost of Debt submitted that the cost of debt is the interest rate on which it would get borrowing from the debt market / commercial banks i.e. a rate at which banks lend to their customers. The Authority for estimating the cost of debt for the FY 2017-18 considered 3 months KIBOR + 2.75% spread. The Petitioner submitted that based on the same criteria, the cost of debt, by using avg. KIBOR of June 2019 comes to 13% +2.75% = 15.75%.
- 21.4. The Authority noted that Section 31(3) of the amended NEPRA Act prescribes that;

(b) tariffs should generally be calculated by including a depreciation charge and a rate of return on the capital investment of each licensee commensurate to that earned by other investments of comparable risk;

(c) tariffs should allow licensees a rate of return which promotes continued reasonable investment in equipment and facilities for improved and efficient service;

- 21.5. The Authority allows Return to DISCOs based on WACC as no separate financial charges are allowed. For calculation of Return of Equity (RoE) component of the WACC, the Authority uses the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), being the most widely accepted model, applied by Regulatory agencies all over the world to estimate the cost of capital for regulated utilities. Since the Authority uses Plain Vanilla WACC, hence the impact of tax shield is taken as zero, and in case any tax is actually paid by the Petitioner, it is treated as pass through.
- 21.6. As per the methodology, in case of negative equity the Authority would consider a minimum of 20% equity and any equity in excess of 30% would be considered as debt.
- 21.7. For assessment of the RoE component for the FY 2019-20, weighted average yield on 05 Years Pakistan Investment Bond (PIB) as of June 27, 2019 has been considered as risk free rate which is 13.7687%. The expected return on any investment is the sum of the risk-free rate and an extra return to compensate for the risk. This extra return or 'risk premium' is the difference between market rate of return and risk free rate. Generally, the return on stock market index is taken as a measure of market rate of return.
- 21.8. To have an appropriate measure of the market rate of return, the return of KSE-100 Index, over a period of 8 years, has been analyzed which remained at around 15%, which translates into risk premium of around 1.23% (with risk free rate of 13.7687%, Weighted Average Yield of 5-Year PIB as of June 27, 2019). Therefore, keeping in view the aforementioned, Market Risk Premium of 1.23% is considered as reasonable for calculation of cost of equity component.
- 21.9. The Authority, keeping in view the earlier studies in the matter, range of betas used by international Regulators, and request of the Petitioner, has decided to maintain a beta of 1.10 while assessing the RoE component of the Petitioner.
- 21.10.As regard the cost of debt, it is the interest rate on which a company would get borrowing from the debt market / commercial banks i.e. a rate at which banks lend to their customers. In order to have a fair evaluation of the cost of debt, the Authority has analyzed the financial statements of the DISCOs. The Authority noted that majority compared by XWDISCOs are relent





loans, therefore, keeping in view the NEPRA (Benchmarks for Tariff Determination), Guidelines, 2018, and the loans obtained by K-Electric, the Authority considers cost of debt as 3 month's KIBOR + 2.00% spread as reasonable. Consequently, the cost of debt has been worked out as 14.97% i.e. 3 Months KIBOR of 12.97% as of 25th July 2019 plus a spread of 2.00% *(200 basis points)*.

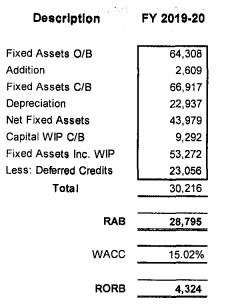
21.11. Consequent to the aforementioned discussion, the Authority has re-worked the WACC as below;

Cost of Equity;	
$Ke = R_F + (R_M - R_F) \times \beta$	
$(13.7687\% + (15\% - 13.7687\% = 1.23\% \times 1.1) = 15.12\%$	
Cost of Debt;	
Kd = 14.97%	

21.12. Accordingly, the WACC has been worked out as under;

WACC;								
WACC=	((Ke x (E /	V) + (Kd x	(D / V))					
Where E/	/V and D/V	are equity	and deb	t ratios	respectively	taken as	30% and	70%;
WACC =	((15.12%)	(30%) + (1-	4.97 % >	c 70%))	= 15.02%			

21.13. Thus, using rate of return of 15.02%, the Authority has assessed Rs.4,324 million as return on rate base as per the following calculations:



- 21.14. For the purpose of bifurcation of RoRB in terms of Distribution and Supply Functions, the same criteria as adopted by the Petitioner itself to bifurcate RoRB in Distribution and Supply functions has been adopted. Based on the said criteria, the Petitioner is allowed Rs.86 million as part of its RoRB for Supply function for the FY 2019-20.
- 21.15. The Authority during the tariff determination of the Petitioner for the FY 2015-16, noted that the Petitioner has insufficient cash balance as on 30th June 2015 against its pending liability of receipt against deposit works and consumer security deposits, which indicated that the amount received against the aforementioned heads has been utilized somewhere else and the Petitioner failed to provide details in this regard. The Authority is of the view that the amount collected as security deposit cannot be utilized for any other reasonant profit earned thereon has to be distributed to the consumers. Also, the amount collected and of receipt against deposit

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works has to be spent for the purpose for which it has been collected. The utilization of the money collected against deposit works and security deposits other than the works for which it has been received is illegal and unlawful. In view thereof, the Petitioner in the tariff determination for the FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 was directed to provide rational / justification for improper utilization of the money because the consumers have to suffer unnecessary delay on this account.

- 21.16.Similarly for the FY 2019-20, the Authority has again observed that the Petitioner had insufficient cash balance as on 30th June 2019, against its pending liability of receipt against deposit works and consumer security deposits, thus, indicating that the amount received against the aforementioned heads has been utilized somewhere else for which no details have been provided. Thus, it would be unfair and unjust with the consumers to suffer due to the unlawful act of the Petitioner.
- 21.17.Accordingly, the Authority has decided, to include the amount of receipts against deposit works as a part of Deferred Credits for the assessment of RAB for FY 2018-19, after excluding therefrom the cash/ bank balances and the amount of stores & Spares available with the Petitioner as on June 30, 2019.
- 21.18. The Authority again directs the Petitioner to ensure that in future consumer's deposits are not utilized for any other purpose. The Petitioner is also directed to restrain from unlawful utilization of receipts against deposit works and security deposits, failing which, the proceedings under the relevant law may be initiated against the Petitioner. The Petitioner is also directed to give clear disclosures in its Financial Statements with respect to the consumer financed spares and stores, work in progress and cash & bank balance.
- 21.19. Based on the discussion made in the preceding paragraphs, incorporating all the aforementioned increases, the Authority has assessed Rs.2,735 million on account of Distribution margin i.e. salaries, wages and other benefits including post-retirement benefits, traveling, Vehicle maintenance, other expenses, repair & maintenance, Depreciation, RoRB and other income for the FY 2019-20 as tabulated below;

Description	Unit	FY-20
Pay & Allowances	_	2,092
Post Retirement Benefits		846
Repair & Maintainance		21
Traveling allowance		91
Vehicle maintenance		14
Other expenses		427
O&M Cost	[Min. Rs.]	3,492
Depriciation		44
RORB		86
O.income		(887)
Margin	[MIn. Rs.]	2,735

- 22. Whether the requested PYA is justified?
- 23. Whether the Petitioner has actually written off, provisionally allowed Write offs allowed in the Re determination decision pertaining to the FY 2015-16?





- 23.1. The Petitioner regarding prior year adjustment submitted that it is to address less/over recovery of actual revenue earned by the Petitioner in comparison to NEPRA determined Revenue Requirement for a particular year or any other legitimate cost which is not covered by NEPRA, while assessing the revenue requirement, and is adjusted by NEPRA in the next year tariff determination as Prior Year Adjustment.
- 23.2. For the FY 2019-20, the Petitioner submitted that the requested Prior Year Adjustment consists of Rs.3,394 million FPA Subsidy (51-350 units) which was not entertained by Govt. of Pakistan on the stance of non-notification of NEPRA direction in Tariff determination 2013-14 to claim it from the Govt. as subsidy and Rs.990 million of Prime Minister's Assistance Package. The Petitioner accordingly requested Rs.4,384 million under the head of PYA for the FY 2019-20.
- 23.3. Regarding Prime Minister Assistance package, the Petitioner has not submitted any details in terms of the Period to which this amount pertains and the employee wise details of the amounts paid. Therefore, the Authority is constrained not to consider, this cost unless the Petitioner provides the necessary details in this regard.
- 23.4. For the amount of Rs.3,394 million claimed as FPA subsidy, the Petitioner itself has submitted that this pertains to the Fuel Price Adjustment Subsidy which was not entertained by the Government, therefore, the petitioner needs to take up this issue with the Federal Government for release of subsidy. Here it is pertinent to mention that NEPRA has already determined / notified the FPA decisions for the period mentioned by the Petitioner and nothing is pending at the part of NEPRA.
- 23.5. Regarding write-off of the provisionally allowed amount, the Petitioner during the hearing submitted that its Management is hopeful to recover the default amount with the help of the Tehsildar Recovery to be made available by the Board of Revenue, Govt. of the Punjab, which are currently not available at each Operational Circle level and it has been continuously pursuing the Board of Revenue in this regard.
- 23.6. The Authority noted that the Petitioner although has not requested any other amount on account of PYA except FPA subsidy of Rs.3,394 million pertaining to the FY 2013-14 and Rs.990 million of PM assistance package, however, there are certain costs which are either of pass through nature or have been allowed to the Petitioner as part of its revenue requirement and any under/over recovery of these costs needs to be adjusted subsequently.
- 23.7. The Authority understands that the since the power to notify NEPRA determined tariff rests with the Federal Government, and keeping in view the timing of instant decision whereby the financial year FY 2018-19 has already lapsed, therefore, the Federal Government may notify either the tariff determined for the FY 2018-19 or the FY 2019-20. Therefore, in order to ensure recovery of the arrears, the PYA up-to FY 2017-18 has been included in the instant tariff petition of the Petitioner.
- 23.8. The Prior Year Adjustment includes the impact of variation in the following;
 - i. Difference between the actual PPP billed and the amount recovered by the DISCO.
 - ii. Difference between the assessed DM and the amount actually recovered.
 - iii. Difference between the previously assessed PYA and the amount actually recovered.
 - iv. Difference between actual other income and the amount allowed
 - v. Variation due to Sales Mix.





- 23.9. It is important to highlight that variation between the PPP billed to DISCOs by CPPA-G and the amount recovered by the DISCOs are being accounted for separately through Quarterly/Bi-Annual Adjustment mechanism, therefore, the instant PYA includes accounts for the remaining components.
- 23.10. Here it is also pertinent to mention that the Authority through its interim decision dated September 27, 2019, in the matter of requests filed by Ministry of Energy (MoE) regarding Annual adjustment / indexation of Distribution Margin of DISCOs, allowed an amount of Rs.2,898 million as Interim adjustment to the Petitioner, strictly on provisional/ interim basis, subject to its adjustment once the annual adjustments of the Petitioner is finalized by the Authority. The said decision was notified by the Federal Government w.e.f. October 01, 2019 and would continue till September 30, 2020, whereby, the Petitioner has been allowed to pass on the said amount through monthly billing as a separate tariff component. In view of thereof and the considering the fact that the Petitioner's adjustment request for the FY 2019-20 is being finalized, the amount of Rs.2,898 million allowed on interim basis, has been adjusted back through PYA. Any under / over recovery of the allowed Interim DM would be adjusted subsequently as PYA.
- 23.11. Here it is also pertinent to mention that the Authority in its Redetermination decision dated September 18, 2017, pertaining to tariff petitions of DISCOs for the FY 2015-16, allowed an amount of Rs.149 million to the Petitioner as Write-Offs on provisional basis, subject to fulfilment of the given criteria. The Authority also decided that in case the Petitioner fails to actually write off the allowed amounts, as per the given criteria, and required evidence is not provided, the provisionally amount shall be adjusted back subsequently. The tariff for the FY 2015-16 were notified by the Federal Government w.e.f. March 22, 2018, therefore, DISCOs were required to complete the process of Write-Offs till March 21, 2019.
- 23.12. The Petitioner neither in its Petition nor during the hearing provided any details in terms of actual write offs for the amount provisionally allowed to the Petitioner. The Authority in view of the non-completion of the required process/ criteria and the fact that no amount has been written off by the Petitioner, has decided to adjust back the amount of write-offs of Rs.171 million actually recovered by the Petitioner against the allowed amount of Rs.149 million through PYA.
- 23.13. The Authority in line with its earlier decision in the matter of negative FCA, has calculated the impact of negative FCA pertaining to the FY 2019-20 in the matter of lifeline consumers, domestic consumers (consuming up-to 300 units) and Agriculture Consumers which has been retained by the Petitioner. The Authority also considered the relevant clauses of the S.R.O. 189 (1)/2015 dated March 05, 2015 issued by GoP and the amount of subsidy claims filed by the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, which shows a net subsidy claim filed by the Petitioner.
- 23.14. The Authority in view of the above referred policy guidelines of GoP regarding rationalization of subsidy in the matter of XWDISCOs and in line with its earlier decision in the matter, has decided not to adjust the impact of negative FCA across different consumer categories. Thus, the negative FCA amount pertaining to the lifeline consumers, domestic consumers (consuming upto 300 units) and Agriculture Consumers for the FY 2019-20 i.e. Rs.146 million, which is still lying with the Petitioner, must be adjusted by the Federal Government, against the overall Tariff Differential Subsidy claim in the matter of the Petitioner eventually reducing GOP's overall Tariff Differential Subsidy burden. This decision of the Authority is only applicable under a subsidy regime, whereby aforementioned classes of consumers are receiving subsidy directly in their base tariff. Here it is pertinent to mention that the above figures have been worked on the basis of information provided by the Petitioner.



- 23.15. Regarding PYA to the extent of minimum tax paid amounting to Rs.5,424 million from FY 2014 to FY 2019, the Authority noted that the Petitioner provided documentary evidence in this regard by submitting the Tax payment receipts, therefore, based on the documents provided by the Petitioner, the Authority has decided to allow the amount of minimum Tax payment of Rs.5,424 million as PYA for the FY 2019-20.
- 23.16. In addition to above, since the FY 2018-19 for which the assessment has been being made has already lapsed, therefore, any over / under recovery by the Petitioner in terms of its assessed Revenue Requirement for the FY 2018-19 vis a vis the amount actually recovered by the Petitioner during the same period based on the tariff that remained notified during this period, has also been included in the Prior Year Adjustment (PYA), while determining the Revenue Requirement of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20. Similarly any over / under recovery of the assessed Distribution Margin for the FY 2017-18 and any previously allowed PYA has also been included as PYA in the Revenue requirement of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20.
- 23.17.Based on the discussion made in the above paragraphs, the Authority has assessed the following PYA of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19;





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	Rs. Mln
Description	FY 2019-20
PYA 2017	
Allowed	(7,166)
Recovered	(8,235)
Under/(Over) Recovery	1,069
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PYA 2018 Allowed	7,675
Recovered	7,027
Under/(Over) Recovery	648
Distribution Margin FY 2017-18	
Allowed	14,418
Recovered	16,203
Under/(Over) Recovery	(1,785)
Interim DM Adjusted Back	(2,898)
D.M FY 2018-19	
Allowed	15,949
Recovered	14,311
Under/(Over) Recovery	1,638
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Other Income FY 2017-18	
Allowed	(1,294)
Actual	(1,012)
Under/(Over) Recovery	282
Bad Debts	
Allowed	149
Revised allowed based on regulated sales	
Write-offs as per Criteria	
Adjustment	
Sales Mix Variances	
FY 2017-18	(3,192)
FY 2018-19	(4,378)
Total	(7,570)
Turn Over/Advance Tax	5,425
Total Prior Period Adjustment	(3,364)



Since the Petitioner has itself included the total amount of PYA as part of it Supply of Power tariff, therefore, the Authority has included the entire amount of PYA of Rs.3,364 million, as

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worked above in the total Revenue Requirement of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20 for its Supply function.

- 24. Whether the ToU meters installed for the residential & general service consumers can record MDI? Whether the existing fixed charges applicable to different consumer categories are sufficient and whether there shall be any fixed charges for the residential consumers and General Services categories?
- 24.1. The Petitioner during the hearing submitted that although the TOU meters have the capability to record MDI, however, the billing software records KWh only.
- 24.2. The Authority observed that currently no fixed charges are being levied on Domestic consumers and General Service Category, i.e. such consumers only pay variable charge @ Rs./kWh, based on the amount of actual energy consumed during the month.
- 24.3. Considering the increase in capacity charges coupled with demand exiting the system due to net metering etc., the Authority is cognizant that there is a need to levy certain fixed charges for those domestic and general services consumers who have installed net metering facility, however, as the issue requires further deliberation, therefore, the Authority has decided not to levy any fixed charges for such consumers.
- 25. Whether the existing minimum/fixed monthly charges even if no energy is consumed needs to be revised to assist in the recovery of fixed cost?
- 25.1. The Petitioner during the hearing submitted that it supports that existing minimum / fixed monthly charges even if no energy is consumed needs to be revised to assist in the recovery of fixed cost and will follow the decision of the Authority accordingly.
- 25.2. The Authority noted that as per the current tariff structure, certain consumer categories like Commercial, Industrial, Bulk and Agriculture are levied fixed charges, which are based on their actual MDI for the month. The Authority considers that the capacity charges of generation companies which are fixed in nature as they have to be paid based on the plant availability, are charged to DISCOs based on their actual MDIs. However, the present consumer end tariff design is of volumetric nature whereby major portion of the Power Purchase Price (PPP) is charged / recovered from the consumers on units consumed basis i.e. per kWh and only a small amount of the total PPP is recovered on MDIs basis. The Authority considering the increased quantum of capacity charges, and the present volumetric nature of tariff, has decided to increase the rate of fixed charges currently applicable to certain categories, by around 10% i.e. from Rs.360/kW/M, 380/kW/M and 400/kW/M to Rs.400/kW/M, 420/kW/M, and 440/kW/M respectively. However, at the same time, the Authority, not to overburden such consumers who are levied fixed charges.

26. Whether the Petitioner is to be treated as a Supplier of the last resort and whether the tariff of the Petitioner or the National uniform tariff is to be treated as last resort tariff?

- 26.1. The petitioner on the issue has submitted that in case of any default by any other supplier of electricity, the Petitioner's determined tariff is proposed to be treated as last resort tariff.
- 26.2. As per the amended NEPRA Act, 2018, the function of sale of electric power traditionally being performed by the Distribution Licensees has been amended whereby 'sale' of electric power has been removed from the scope of Distribution Licenses and transferred to 'Supply Licensee'.
- 26.3. The 2018 Amended Act has removed the distribution company exclusivity for sale of electric power and empowered the regulator to grant a new content for sale of sale of





power, i.e. the Electric Power Supplier License. With these powers, the legislature has prescribed a shift from a regulated and restricted power supply sector to an open and competitive one, with conceivably multiple suppliers of power and consumers holding the prerogative of choosing and switching based on rates and products arrived at through competition in the market.

- 26.4. As per the amended Act Section 23E, the eligibility criteria for grant of license to supply electric power to be prescribed by the Federal Government, shall include, provision with respect to a supplier of the last resort, as the case may be.
- 26.5. In the light of aforementioned provisions and keeping in view the fact that when markets are liberalized, the Suppliers always go for the good paying and affluent customers, whereas the economically vulnerable customers are preferred to be avoided. Hence, there must be a declared "Last resort supplier" in the distribution area of each DISCO who would be obligated to provide electricity to a consumer who could not get electricity from any other source. Internationally these "Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR)" are always incumbent utility companies and their consumer end tariffs includes both retail, network costs, cross subsidization along with profits and incentives.
- 26.6. Here it is pertinent to mention that the Authority is in the process of finalization of Supplier Regime in light of the amended NEPRA Act. Once the said regime is finalized, and if any changes are required to be made regarding concept of "Supplier of Last Resort", the same would be revised accordingly,
- 27. Whether the existing Tariff Terms and Conditions needs to be modified to incorporate concerns raised by various consumers? Whether Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication request to charge Cellular Mobile Operator under the "B Industrial Supply" Category instead of "A-2 Commercial" is justified?
- 27.1. The Petitioner on the issue submitted that no specific issue has been brought into the knowledge of GEPCO by any consumer regarding modification in the existing Tariff Terms and Conditions. The Petitioner also submitted that a Cellular Mobile Operator is not an industry as defined in Part II of the Tariff Terms & Conditions of the Tariff by virtue of that Industry means " a bona fide undertaking or establishment engaged in manufacturing , value addition and / or processing of goods."
- 27.2. The Authority observed that the issue highlighted by the commentator M/s Telenor Pakistan regarding applicability of Industrial tariff to Cellular Mobile Operator (CMOs) pertains to all the DISCOs including K-Electric as CMOs are operating all over Pakistan, therefore, the issue requires deliberations involving all stakeholders i.e. DISCOs, CMOs, Ministry of Energy, MoIT etc. The Authority noted that proceedings regarding Tariff petitions filed by all XWDISCOs for the FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20, except GEPCO, have already been completed, therefore, the Authority has decided to consider the request of M/s Telenor as a separate issue during the proceedings for the upcoming tariff Petitions of DISCOs for the FY 2020-21 & onwards.
- 27.3. The Authority also noted that a lot of complaints have been received through Pakistan Citizen Portal, as well as in the Consumer Affairs Department of NEPRA, from XWDISCOs and other stakeholders, regarding clarification of Terms & Conditions with regard to applicability of tariff for different consumer categories, like Hostels (Commercial), Foreign Embassies, Water pumps & tube-wells, Fish farms etc.
- 27.4. In order to address these concerns, the Authority framed an issue for discussion during the hearing of DISCOs and for providing write or the barries of the regard. The Petitioner during the

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hearing requested for clarification regarding tariff to be charged to Cold storage, private hostels and fish farms/ hatcheries.

- 27.5. Further, the Ministry of Energy (MOE) vide letter dated May 20, 2020, forwarded request from the Government of Punjab for revision in Tariff Category for Water and Sanitation Agencies (WASA) in Punjab from A-3 General Service Category to D-1(b) SCARP (Salinity Control & Reclamation Program).
- 27.6. The Authority considers that SCARP is not the relevant Tariff category for Water Schemes as SCARP is applicable to all Reclamation and Drainage Operation pumping under SCARP related installation. Moreover, the purpose of creation of A-3 category was to reduce the undue benefit of Off-Peak rates for such consumers who although have TOU meters but only operate during day hours. In view thereof, the Authority has decided to maintain its earlier decision of inclusion of water schemes under A-3 category.
- 27.7. The Authority has also decided the other concerns of the DISCOs and other stakeholders by amending the terms & conditions of the tariff, if deemed correct, and the same are attached herewith the instant determination.

28. <u>Wheeling Issues</u>

- 28.1. The Authority approved National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Wheeling of Electric Power) Regulations, 2016 (the Regulations) vide SRO dated June 13, 2016, in order to facilitate wheeling of power in the country. However, different stakeholders voiced their concerns on the Regulations in terms of treatment of T&D losses during wheeling, imposition of Cross subsidies, treatment of Stranded costs if any, applicability of Use of System charges of NTDC, Hybrid BPCs, and Banked Energy etc.
- 28.2. The Authority accordingly made two additional issues of Cross Subsidy charge and Stranded cost under the instant petition, for which advertisement was published in the leading newspapers on September 9th, 2020 and hearing in this regard was held on 17th September, 2020. Here it is also pertinent to mention that to get an international view on these issues, the Authority has also engaged an international consultant through USAID.
- 28.3. The Authority considering the impact of the above issues on the power sector, considers that the matter requires further deliberations, and has therefore decided to issue a separate additional decision on the aforementioned proceedings.
- 28.4. Thus, the Use of System Charge (UoSC) determined by the Authority in the instant decision, as mentioned under the Order part, may be revised accordingly, if required in light of the decision of the Authority on the wheeling issues, which will be issued separately.

29. <u>Order</u>

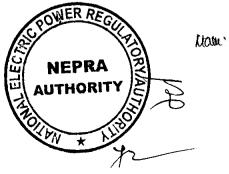
29.1. Based on the assessments made in the preceding paragraphs, the total Supply Function Revenue Requirement of the Petitioner for the FY 2018-19 including Power Purchase Price (PPP), and Distribution Margin as assessed in the Distribution Tariff determination of the Petitioner for the FY 2019-20, has been worked out as under;





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Description	Unit	FY-20
Units Received	[MkWh]	11,438
Units Sold	[MkWh]	10,351
Units Lost	[MkWh]	1,088
Units Lost	[%]	9.51%
Energy Charge		66,584
Capacity Charge		75,589
Transmission Charge & Market		
Operation Fee		4,150
Power Purchase Price	[Min. Rs.]	146,322
Wire Business Margin		16,692
Power Purchase Price with Wire		
Business		163,015
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Pay & Allowances		2,092
Post Retirement Benefits		846
Repair & Maintainance		21
Traveling allowance		91
Vehicle maintenance		14
Other expenses		427
O&M Cost	[Min. Rs.]	3,492
Depriciation		44
RORB		86
O.Income		(887)
Margin	(Min.Rs.)	2,735
Prior Year Adjustment	[Min. Rs.]	(3,364)
Revenue Requirement	[Min. Rs.]	162,386
Average Tariff	[Rs./kWh]	
PPP without Wire Business Cost-Unad	j.	
PPP without Wire Business Cost-adj.		14.14
Distribution/Supply Margin		1.88
Distribution/Supply PYA		(0.32)
Average Tariff	[Rs./kWh]	15.69

- 29.2. The Petitioner is allowed to recover the determined revenue requirement from the consumers through the projected sales of 10,351 GWhs, as per Annex II.
- 29.3. The Petitioner, being a deemed supplier, is allowed to charge its consumers such tariff as set out in the schedule of tariff for GEPCO annexed to the decision.
- 29.4. The residential consumers will be given the benefit of only one previous slab.

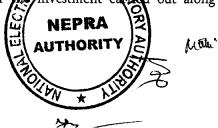




30. Summary of Direction

- 30.1. A summary of all directions passed in this determination by the Authority are reproduced hereunder. The Authority hereby directs the Petitioner to;
 - i. File Multi Year Tariff Petition for a tariff control period of five year to avoid any delay in tariff determinations.
 - ii. Transfer the already collected provision of postretirement benefits into the fund by June 30, 2021.
 - iii. Maintain a proper record of its assets by way of tagging each asset for its proper tracking and also to provide explanation on the concerns raised by the Authority in terms of its R&M cost in the tariff determination for the FY 2015-16.
 - iv. Provide details of PEPCO Management Fees, if any, claimed previously by March 31, 2021, so that same could be adjusted in the subsequent tariff determinations.
 - Target high loss feeders to bring the overall losses down. A detailed plan be prepared and v. submitted to the Authority for monitoring the progress of GEPCO in this respect by March 31, 2021.
 - vi. Take remedial measures for achievement of performance standards as laid down in NEPRA Performance Standards (Distribution) Rules, 2005.
 - vii. The Petitioner can minimize its technical losses through prudent planning and engineering design practices, therefore, is directed to implement such activities and submit is plans in this regard to the Authority by March 31, 2021.
 - viii. Carry out detailed analysis about the hard and soft areas relative to claims in earlier studies and submit report to the Authority by March 31, 2021.
 - to give clear disclosures in its Financial Statements with respect to the consumer financed ix. spares and stores, work in progress and cash & bank balance for the FY 2020-21 & onward.
 - Segment reporting with clear break-up of costs in the financial statements for the FY 2019х. 20 and onward for Distribution and Supply Functions in light of the amended NEPRA Act.
 - xi. to immediately provide electricity connections to all the pending applications without further delay and submit a progress report in this regard by the end of each quarter.
 - xii. Stop the existing practice of deducting 20% of SAP funds for grid augmentation and carry out the augmentation of the grid after coordinating with the Ministry of Energy.
 - xiii. Restrain from unlawful utilization of receipts against deposit works and security deposits, failing which, the proceedings under the relevant law may be initiated against the Petitioner.
 - Provide the required details of late payment charges recovered from the consumers and xiv. invoices raised by CPPA (G) under the head of mark-up on delayed payments for the period PONEBORA from FY 2015-16 to FY 2019-20, in its next tarif
 - Provide project wise detailed report for xv. out along-with their Investment

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cost/benefit analysis and technical/financial savings achieved by June 30, 2021.

31. Determination of the Authority including Annex-I, I-A, II, III, IV and V annexed with the determination is hereby intimated to the Federal Government for notification in the official gazette in terms of section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997.

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Annex-I

FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Actual variation in fuel cost component against the reference fuel cost component for the corresponding months will be determined according to the following formula

Fuel Price variation = Actual Fuel Cost Component - Reference Fuel Cost Component

Where:

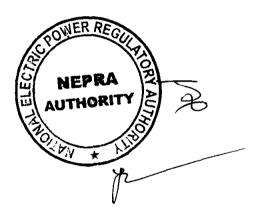
Fuel Price variation is the difference between actual and reference fuel cost component

Actual fuel cost component is the fuel cost component in the pool price on which the DISCOs will be charged by CPPA in a particular month; and

Reference fuel cost component is the fuel cost component for the corresponding month projected for the purpose of tariff determination as per Annex-IV of the determination;

The fuel price adjustment determined by the Authority shall be shown separately in the bill of the consumer and the billing impact shall be worked out on the basis of consumption by the consumer in the respective month.

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Annex-I-A

QUARTERLY/BIANNUAL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Quarterly/ Biannual adjustment shall be the Actual variation in Power Purchase Price (PPP), excluding Fuel Cost Component, against the reference Power Purchase Price component and the impact of T&D losses on FCA, for the corresponding months and shall be determined according to the following formula;

Quarterly/Biannual PPP (Adj)= <u>PPP(Act)</u> (excluding FCC)-PPP(Ref) (excluding FCC) (1-T&D Loss %) X (1-Life line Consumption %)

Where;

PPP(Act) is the actual cost in Rs./kWh, excluding FCC, invoiced by CPPA-G to XWDISCOs, adjusted for any cost disallowed by the Authority.

PPP(Ref) is the reference cost in Rs./kWh as per the Annex-IV of the XWDISCOs determination that remained notified during the period.

T&D Loss % is percentage of T&D losses that remained notified during the period.

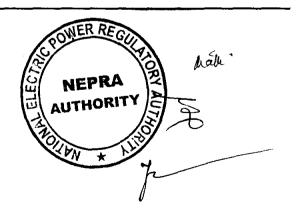
Quarterly/Biannual impact of T&D losses on FCA (Adj)

$$= \left(\frac{FCA_{(A)|owed}}{(1-T&D Loss \%) X (1-Life line Consumption \%)} - FCA_{(Allowed)}\right)$$

Where;

FCA (allowed) is the FCA allowed by the Authority for the respective months of the concerned period.

T&D Loss % is percentage of T&D losses that remained notified during the period.



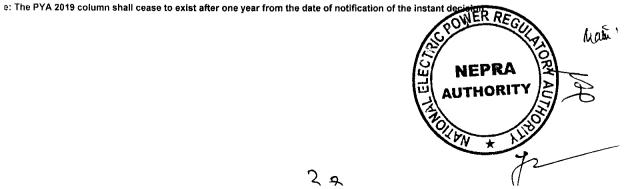
Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (GEPCO) Estimated Sales Revenue on the Basis of New Tariff

	St	les		Revenue		Base		PYA	2019		Tariff
Description	GWh	% Mix	Fixed	Variable	Total	Fixed	Variable	Amount	Variable	Fixed	Variabl
······································			Charge	Charge Min. Rs.	,	Charge Rs./kW/ M	Charge Rs./ kWh	Min. Rs.	Charge Rs./ kWh	Charge Rs./kW/ M	Charge Rs./ kW
idential						100.78747 14					
Up to 50 Units	29	0.28%	-	117	117		4.00	-			4.(
r peak load requirement less than 5 kW	1										
01-100 Units	726	7.02%	-	9,475	9,475		13.05	(240)	(0.33)		12.
101-200 Units	1551	14.98%		23,230	23,230	1	14.98	(512)	(0.33)		14.
201-300 Units	1415	13.67%	-	22,971	22,971		16.23	(467)	(0.33)		15.
301-700Units	1804	17.43%	-	34,605	34,605		19.18	(595)	(0.33)		18.
Above 700 Units	340	3.28%	-	6,720	6,720		19.79	(112)	(0.33)		19.
r peak load requirement exceeding 5 kW											
Fime of Use (TOU) - Peak	26	0.26%		521	521		19.73	(9)	(0.34)		19.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	113	1.09%		1,497	1,497		13.23	(37)	(0.33)		12.
emporary Supply		0.00%		7	7		19.78	(0)	(0.32)		19.
Total Residential	6,005	58.02%	-	99,144	99,144			(1,972)			
beak load requirement less than 5 kW		2 200/		0.000	0.000		10.40	(100)	(0.22)		10
ceak load requirement exceeding 5 kW	339	3.28%	-	6,266	6,266		18.48	(109)	(0.32)		18.
				-							
Regular	0	0.00%	0.18	2	2	440	14.81	(0)		440	14.
Time of Use (TOU) - Peak	60	0.58%	-	1,168	1,168		19.31	(19)			18.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	240	2.32%		3,077	3,859	440	12.81	(77)		440	12.
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four commercial	002	0.00%	194	10,737	11,010			(203)			
neral Services-A3	120	1.16%	-	1,841	1,841		15.34	(38)	(0.32)		15.
ustrial											
B1	46	0.45%		649	649		13.98	(15)	(0.32)		13.
B1 Peak	63	0.61%	-	1,226	1,226		19.48	(20)	(0.32)		19.
B1 Off Peak	411	3.97%	l .	5,338	5,338		12.98	(132)	(0.32)		12.
B2	0	0.00%	1	5	6	440	13.31	(0)	(0.32)	440	12.
B2 - TOU (Peak)	149	1.44%	i .	2,886	2,886		19.31	(48)	(0.32)		18.
B2 - TOU (Off-peak)	919	8.88%	2,350	11,589	13,939	440	12.61	(294)	(0.32)	440	12.
B3 - TOU (Peak)	60	0.58%		1,150	1,150		19.31	(19)	(0.32)		18.
B3 - TOU (Off-peak)	1037	10.02%	1,356	12,974	14,329	420	12.51	(332)	(0.32)	420	12.
B4 - TOU (Peak)	0	0.00%	· ·	-	-		19.31	-	(0.32)		18.
B4 - TOU (Off-peak)	0	0.00%	- '	-	-	400	12.41	-	(0.32)	400	12.
emporary Supply	1	0.01%		11	. 11		17.43	(0)	(0.32)		17.
Total Industrial	2,687	25.96%	3,706	35,828	39,534			(860)			
gle Point Supply											
C1(a) Supply at 400 Volts-less than 5 kW	0	0.00%	•	2	2		14.48	(0)	(0.32)		14.
C1(b) Supply at 400 Volts-exceeding 5 kW	0	0.00%	0	2	2	440	13.81	(0)		440	13.
Time of Use (TOU) - Peak	2	0.02%	-	42	42		19.31	(1)	(0.32)		18.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	9	0.09%	16	114	130	440	12.81	(3)		440	12.
C2 Supply at 11 kV	0	0.00%	-	-	-	420	13.81	-	(0.32)	420	13.
Time of Use (TOU) - Peak	37	0.36%	-	714	714		19.31	(12)			18.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	123	1.19%	181	1,548	1,729	420	12.61	(39)		420	12.
C3 Supply above 11 kV	0	0.00%	-	-	-	400	13.51	-	(0.32)	400	13.
Time of Use (TOU) - Peak Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	0	0.00% 0.00%	-	-		400	19.31	-	(0.32)	400	18.
Total Single Point Supply	171	1.65%			1 640	400	12.51	(55)	(0.32)	400	12.
icultural Tube-wells - Tariff D	171	1.00%	197	2,422	2,619			(55)			
Scarp	0	0.00%					14.08	(0)	(0.22)		14
Time of Use (TOU) - Peak	0	0.00%					14.98	(0)	(0.32)		14.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	0	0.00%		1	1	200	19.48	(0)	(0.32)	200	19.
Agricultual Tube-wells	75	0.00%					12.68	(0) (24)	(0.32)		12.
Lime of Use (TOU) - Peak	50	0.49%		1,050 981	1,172 981	200	13.98 16.48	(24) (16)	(0.32) (0.32)	200	13. 19.
Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	339	3.27%		4,293	4,873	200	12.68	(10)	(0.32)	200	19.
Total Agricultural	465	4.49%	702	6,333	7,035		10.04	(149)	(0.02)		
	8	0.07%	-	106	106		13.85	(2)	(0.32)		13.
Public Lighting	اد I	0.01%	-	12	12		13.98	(0)	(0.32)		13.
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	0	0.00%		-	-	400	14.50	-	(0.32)	400	14.
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Total Revenue 10,351 100.00% 5,677 160,072

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(3,363)



SCHEDULE OF ELECTRICITY TARIFFS. FOR GUJRANWALA ELECTRIC FOWER COMPANY LIMITED (GEPCO) A-1 GENERAL SUPPLY TARIFF - RESIDENTIAL

Sr. No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	FIKED CHARGES Rs/kW/M	VARIABLE Re/	CHARGES Wh	FYA 2 Rs/l			kWb	
		Α		8	C	·		P	
=)	For Sanctioned load less than 5 kW								
4	Up to 50 Units	•		4.00		•		4.00	
	For Consumption exceeding 50 Units								
11	001 - 109 Units	-		13.05		(0.33)		12.7	
ш	101 - 200 Units	-	14.98 (0.3			(0.33)			
iv	201 - 300 Units			16.33		(0.33)		16.9	
v	301 - 700 Units	-		(0.33)		18.85			
vi	Above 700 Units	-	19.79			(0.33)	(0.33) 19.46		
ь)	For Sanctioned load 5 gW & above				·				
			Penk	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	
	Time Of Use		19.73	13.23	(0.34)	(0.33)	19.39	12.9	

As per Authority's decision residential consumers will be given the benefits of only one previous slab.

Under tariff A-1, there shall be minimum monthly customer charge at the following rates even if no energy is consumed.

a) Single Phase Connections: b) Three Phase Connections:		Rs. 75/- per consumer per month Rs. 130/- per consumer per month
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Sr. No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	FIXED CHARGES Rs/LW/M	CHARGES VARIABLE CHARGES			2019 kWh	Total Variable Charges Rs/kWh	
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a)	For Sanctioned load less than 5 kW			18.4#		(0.32)		18.16
b)	Por Sunctioned load 5 kW & above	440.00		14.81		(0.32)		14.49
-			Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak
C)	Time Of Use	440.00	19.31	12.81	(0.32)	(0.32)	18.99	12.49

Under tariff A-2, there shall be minimum monthly charges at the following rates even if no energy is consumed.

	ase Connections; use Connections:		consumer per month consumer per month		
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Sr. No.	TARIFY CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	FIXED CHARGES	VARIABLE CHARGES	PYA 2019	Total Variable Charges

		R=/kW/M	Re/kWh	Rs/kWh	R#/kWh
		A	B	С	D
=)	General Services		15.34	(0.32)	15.02

Under tariff A-3, there shall be minimum monthly charges at the following rates even if no energy is consumed.

a) Single Phase Connections; b) Three Phase Connections;

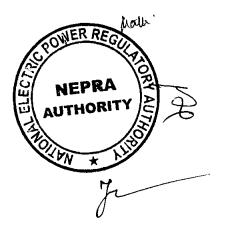
Rs. 175/- per consumer per month Rs. 350/- per consumer per month

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Sr. No.	TARIFF CATEGORY / PARTICULARS	FIXED CHARGES Rs/kW/M		E CHARQES	РТА : Rs/1			able Charges /kWh
		A		B		3		D
81	Upto 25 kW (at 400/230 Volts)	-		13.98		(0.32)		13.66
B2(=)	exceeding 25-500 kW (at 400 Volts)	440.00		13.81	(0.32)		12.99	
	Time Of Use] [Peak	Off-Peak	Pesk	Off-Peak	Feak	Off-Peak
B1 (b)	Up to 25 KW		19.48	12.98	(0.33)	(0.32)	19.16	12.66
82(6)	exceeding 25-500 kW (at 400 Volts)	440.00	19.31	19.61	(0.32)	(0.32)	18.99	12.29
83	For All Loads up to 6000 kW (at 11,33 kV)	420.00	19.31	12-61	(0.33)	(0.32)	18.99	12.19
84	For All Loads (at 66,133 kV & shave)	400.00	19.31	19.41	(0.32)	(0.32)	18.99	12.09

For B1 consumers there shall be a fixed minimum charge of Rs. 360 per month. For B2 consumers there shall be a fixed minimum charge of Rs. 2,000 per month. For B3 consumers there shall be a fixed minimum charge of Rs. 500,000 per month For B4 consumers there shall be a fixed minimum charge of Rs. 500,000 per month

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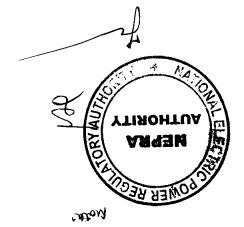


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Units Purchased by DISCOs (GWh)	1,346	1,370	1,292	853	645	642	615	553	643	950	1,221	1,309	11,438
													Rs./kWh
Fuel Cost Component	5.2798	4.7334	5.0229	5.1733	3.7381	5.5347	6.5124	4.2516	6.2295	6.6087	5.9322	5.9344	5.4296
Variable O&M	0.3897	0.3769	0.3808	0.3520	0.2993	0.4027	0.4887	0.3462	0.3739	0.4447	0.4070	0.4138	0.3915
Capacity	5.2257	5.2264	5.0714	7.8180	8.7803	8.9985	8.5427	9.9346	9.5642	6.8453	5.6399	4.9281	6.6084
UoSC	0.3242	0.3237	0.3200	0.4130	0.3884	0.4145	0.4009	0.4546	0.4577	0.3784	0.3528	0.3096	0.3628
Total PPP in Rs./kWh	11.2195	10.6604	10.7952	13.7563	13.2061	15.3504	15.9447	14.9869	16.6254	14.2771	12.3319	11.5859	12.7923
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Fuel Cost Component	7,105	6,487	6,491	4,411	2,411	3,555	4,007	2,349	4,007	6,275	7,242	7,765	62,106
Variable O&M	525	517	492	300	193	259	301	191	240	422	497	542	4,478
Capacity	7,032	7,162	6,553	6,666	5,663	5,781	5,256	5,490	6,151	6,500	6,885	6,449	75,589
UoSC	436	444	414	352	251	266	247	251	294	359	431	405	4,150
Total PPP in Rs./kWh	15,099	14,609	13,950	11,729	8,517	9,861	9,811	8,282	10,693	13,557	15,054	15,161	146,322

It is clarified that PPP is pass through for all the DISCOs and its monthly references would continue to exist irrespective of the financial year, unless the new SOT is revised and notified by the GoP

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF (FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER TO CONSUMERS BY DISTRIBUTION LICENSEES)

PART-I

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

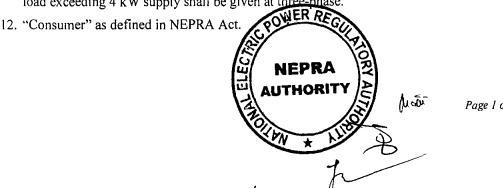
The Company, for the purposes of these terms and conditions means Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) engaged in the business of distribution of electricity within the territory mentioned in the licence granted to it for this purpose.

- 1. "Month or Billing Period", unless otherwise defined for any particular tariff category, means a billing month of 30 days or less reckoned from the date of last meter reading.
- 2. "Minimum Charge", means a charge to recover the costs for providing customer service to consumers even if no energy is consumed during the month.
- 3. "Fixed Charge" means the part of sale rate in a two-part tariff to be recovered on the basis of "Billing Demand" in kilowatt on monthly basis.
- 4. "Billing Demand" means the highest of maximum demand recorded in a month except in the case of agriculture tariff D2 where "Billing Demand" shall mean the sanctioned load.
- 5. "Variable Charge" means the sale rate per kilowatt-hour (kWh) as a single rate or part of a two-part tariff applicable to the actual kWh consumed by the consumer during a billing period.
- 6. "Maximum Demand" where applicable, means the maximum of the demand obtained in any month measured over successive periods each of 30 minutes' duration except in the case of consumption related to Arc Furnaces, where "Maximum Demand" shall mean the maximum of the demand obtained in any month measured over successive periods each of 15 minutes' duration.
- 7. "Sanctioned Load" where applicable means the load in kilowatt as applied for by the consumer and allowed/authorized by the Company for usage by the consumer.
- 8. "Power Factor" means the ratio of kWh to KVAh recorded during the month or the ratio of kWh to the square root of sum of square of kWh and kVARh...
- 9. Point of supply means metering point where electricity is delivered to the consumer.
- 10. Peak and Off Peak hours for the application of Time Of Use (TOU) Tariff shall be the following time periods in a day:

	* PEAK TIMING	OFF-PEAK TIMING
Dec to Feb (inclusive)	5 PM to 9 PM	Remaining 20 hours of the day
Mar to May (inclusive)	6 PM to 10 PM	-do-
June to Aug (inclusive)	7 PM to 11 PM	-do-
Sept to Nov (inclusive)	6 PM to 10 PM	-do-

* To be duly adjusted in case of day light time saving

11. "Supply", means the supply for single-phase/three-phase appliances inclusive of both general and motive loads subject to the conditions that in case of connected or sanctioned load exceeding 4 kW supply shall be given at three-nhase.



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- 13. "Charitable Institution" means an institution, which works for the general welfare of the public on no profit basis and is registered with the Federal or Provincial Government as such and has been issued tax exemption certificate by Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).
- 14. NTDC means the National Transmission and Dispatch Company.
- 15. CPPA(G) means Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited (CPPA)(G).
- 16. The "Authority" means "The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)" constituted under the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act (XL of 1997).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. "The Company shall render bills to the consumers on a monthly basis or less on the specific request of a consumer for payment by the due date.
- 2. The Company shall ensure that bills are delivered to consumers at least seven days before the due date. If any bill is not paid by the consumer in full within the due date, a Late Payment Charge of 10% (ten percent) shall be levied on the amount billed excluding Govt. tax and duties etc. In case bill is not served at least seven days before the due date then late payment surcharge will be levied after 7th day from the date of delivery of bill.
- 3. The supply provided to the consumers shall not be available for resale.
- 4. In the case of two-part tariff average Power Factor of a consumer at the point of supply shall not be less than 90%. In the event of the said Power factor falling below 90%, the consumer shall pay a penalty of two percent increase in the fixed charges determined with reference to maximum demand during the month corresponding to one percent decrease in the power factor below 90%.

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PART-II

(Definitions and Conditions for supply of power specific to each consumer category)

A-1 RESIDENTIAL

Definition

"Life Line Consumer" means those residential consumers having single phase electric connection with a sanctioned load up to 1 kW.

At any point of time, if the floating average of last six months' consumption exceed 50 units, then the said consumer would not be classified as life line for the billing month even if its consumption is less than 50 units. For the purpose of calculating floating average, the consumption charged as detection billing would also be included.

- 1. This Tariff is applicable for supply to;
 - i) Residences,
 - ii) Places of worship,
- 2. Consumers having sanctioned load less than 5 kW shall be billed on single-part kWh rate i.e. A-1(a) tariff.
- 3. All new consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement and shall be billed on the basis of tariff A-l(b) as set out in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 4. All existing consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement and converted to A- 1(b) Tariff by the Company.

A-2 COMMERCIAL

- 1. This tariff is applicable for supply to commercial offices and commercial establishments such as:
 - i) Shops,
 - ii) Hotels, Hostels and Restaurants,
 - iii) Petrol Pumps and Service Stations,
 - iv) Compressed Natural Gas filling stations,
 - v) Private Hospitals/Clinics/Dispensaries,
 - vi) Places of Entertainment, Cinemas, Theaters, Clubs;
 - vii) Guest Houses/Rest Houses,
 - viii) Office of Lawyers, Solicitors, Law Associates and Consultants etc.
- 2. Consumers under tariff A-2 having sanctioned load of less than 5 kW shall be billed under a Single-Part kWh rate A-2(a)
- 3. All existing consumers under tariff A-2 having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be billed on A-2(b) tariff till such time that they are provided T.O.U metering arrangement; thereafter such consumers shall be billed on T.O.U tariff A-2(c).
- 4. The existing and prospective consumers having load of 5 kW and above can opt for T.O.U metering arrangement and A-2(c) tariff.
- 5. All existing consumers under tariff A-2 shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement by the Company and convert it to-A-2 (c) Tariff.
- 6. All new connections having load requirement 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U meters and shall be billed under tariff A-2(c).



A-3 GENERAL SERVICES

- 1. This tariff is applicable to;
 - i. Approved religious and charitable institutions
 - ii. Government and Semi-Government offices and Institutions
 - iii. Government Hospitals and dispensaries
 - iv. Educational institutions
 - v. Water Supply schemes including water pumps and tube wells other than those meant for the irrigation or reclamation of Agriculture land.
- 1. Consumers under General Services (A-3) shall be billed on single-part kWh rate i.e. A-3(a) tariff.

B INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY

Definitions

- 1. "Industrial Supply" means the supply for bona fide industrial purposes in factories including the supply required for the offices and for normal working of the industry.
- 2. For the purposes of application of this tariff an "Industry" means a bona fide undertaking or establishment engaged in manufacturing, value addition and/or processing of goods.
- 3. This Tariff shall also be available for consumers having single-metering arrangement such as;
 - i) Poultry Farms
 - ii) Fish Hatcheries, fish farms, fish nurseries & Breeding Farms and
 - iii) Software houses

Conditions

An industrial consumer shall have the option, to switch over to seasonal Tariff-F, provided his connection is seasonal in nature as defined under Tariff-F, and he undertakes to abide by the terms and conditions of Tariff-F and pays the difference of security deposit rates previously deposited and those applicable to tariff-F at the time of acceptance of option for seasonal tariff. Seasonal tariff will be applicable from the date of commencement of the season, as specified by the customers at the time of submitting the option for Tariff-F. Tariff-F consumers will have the option to convert to corresponding Regular Industrial Tariff category and vice versa. This option can be exercised at the time of obtaining a new connection or at the beginning of the season. Once exercised, the option will remain in force for at least one year.

B-1 SUPPLY AT 400 VOLTS THREEPHASE AND/OR 230 VOLTS SINGLE PHASE

- 1. This tariff is applicable for supply to Industries having sanctioned load upto a 25 kW.
- 2. Consumers having sanctioned load less than 25 kW shall be billed on single-part kWh rate.
- 3. All existing consumers under tariff B-1 shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement by the Company and convert it to-B1 (b) Tariff.

B-2 SUPPLY AT 400 VOLTS

- 1. This tariff is applicable for supply to Industries having sanctioned load of more than 25 kW up to and including 500 kW.
- All existing consumers under tariff B-2 shall be are the Company and converted to B-2(b) Tariff.



3. All new applicants i.e. prospective consumers applying for service to the Company shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement and charged according to the applicable T.O.U tariff.

B-3 SUPPLY AT 11 kV AND 33 kV

- 1. This tariff is applicable for supply to Industries having sanctioned load of more than 500 kW up to and including 5000 kW and also for Industries having sanctioned load of 500 kW or below who opt for receiving supply at 11 kV or 33 kV.
- 2. If, for any reason, the meter reading date of a consumer is altered and the acceleration/retardation in the date is up to 4 days, no notice shall be taken of this acceleration or retardation. But if the date is accelerated or retarded by more than 4 days, the fixed charges shall be assessed on proportionate basis for the actual number of days between the date of the old reading and the new reading.
- 3. The supply under this Tariff shall not be available to a prospective consumer unless he provides, to the satisfaction and approval of the Company, his own Transformer, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment as part of the dedicated distribution system for receiving and controlling the supply, or, alternatively pays to the Company for all apparatus and equipment if so provided and installed by the Company. The recovery of the cost of service connection shall be regulated by the NEPRA eligibility criteria.
- 4. All B-3 Industrial Consumers shall be billed on the basis of T.O.U tariff given in the Schedule of Tariff.

B-4 SUPPLY AT 66 kV, 132 kV AND ABOVE

- 1. This tariff is applicable for supply to Industries for all loads of more than 5000 kW receiving supply at 66 kV, 132 kV and above and also for Industries having load of 5000 kW or below who opt to receive supply at 66 kV or 132 kV and above.
- 2. If, for any reason, the meter reading date of a consumer is altered and the acceleration/retardation in the date is up to 4 days, no notice shall be taken of this acceleration or retardation. But if the date is accelerated or retarded by more than 4 days, the fixed charges shall be assessed on proportionate basis for the actual number of days between the date of the old reading and the new reading.
- 3. If the Grid Station required for provision of supply falls within the purview of the dedicated system under the NEPRA Eligibility Criteria, the supply under this Tariff shall not be available to such a prospective consumer unless he provides, to the satisfaction and approval of the Company, an independent grid station of his own including Land, Building, Transformers, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment and apparatus as part of the dedicated distribution system for receiving and controlling the supply, or, alternatively, pays to the Company for all such Land, Building, Transformers, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment and installed by the Company. The recovery of cost of service connection shall be regulated by NEPRA Eligibility Criteria.
- 4. All B-4 Industrial Consumers shall be billed on the basis of two-part T.O.U tariff.



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C BULK SUPPLY

"Bulk Supply" for the purpose of this Tariff, means the supply given at one point for selfconsumption not selling to any other consumer such as residential, commercial, tube-well and others.

General Conditions

If, for any reason, the meter reading date of a consumer is altered and the acceleration/retardation in the date is up to 4 days no notice will be taken of this acceleration or retardation. But if the date is accelerated or retarded by more than 4 days the fixed charges shall be assessed on proportionate basis for actual number of days between the date of old reading and the new reading.

C-I SUPPLY AT 400/230 VOLTS

- 1. This Tariff is applicable to a consumer having a metering arrangement at 400 volts, having sanctioned load of up to and including 500 kW.
- 2. Consumers having sanctioned load less than 5 kW shall be billed on single-part kWh rate i.e. C-l(a) tariff'.
- 3. All new consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangement and shall be billed on the basis of Time-of-Use (T.O.U) tariff C-1(c) given in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 4. All the existing consumers governed by this tariff having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangements.

C-2 SUPPLY AT 11 kV AND 33 kV

- 1. This tariff is applicable to consumers receiving supply at 11 kV or 33 kV at one-point metering arrangement and having sanctioned load of up to and including 5000 kW.
- 2. The supply under this Tariff shall not be available to a prospective consumer unless he provides, to the satisfaction and approval of the Company, his own Transformer, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment as part of the dedicated distribution system for receiving and controlling the supply, or, alternatively pays to the Company for all apparatus and equipment if so provided and installed by the Company. The recovery of the cost of service connection shall be regulated by the NEPRA eligibility criteria.
- 3. All new consumers shall be provided TOU metering arrangement and shall be billed on the basis of tariff C-2(b) as set out in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 4. Existing consumers governed by this tariff shall be provided with T.O.U metering arrangement and converted to C-2(b).

C-3 SUPPLY AT 66 kV AND ABOVE

- 1. This tariff is applicable to consumers having sanctioned load of more than 5000 kW receiving supply at 66 kV and above.
- 2. If the Grid Station required for provision of supply falls within the purview of the dedicated system under the NEPRA Eligibility Criteria, the supply under this Tariff shall not be available to such a prospective consumer unless he provides, to the satisfaction and approval of the Company, an independent grid station of his own including Land, Building, Transformers, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment and apparatus as part of the dedicated distribution system for receiving and controlling the supply, or, alternatively, pays to the Company for all such Land, Building, Transformers, Circuit Breakers and other necessary equipment and installed by the Company. The recovery of cost of service connection shall be regulated by NEPRA Eligibility Criteria.
- 3. Existing consumers governed by this tariff shall be provided with T.O.U metering arrangement and converted to C-3(b).
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D AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY

"Agricultural Supply" means the supply for Lift Irrigation Pumps and/or pumps installed on Tube-wells intended solely for irrigation or reclamation of agricultural land or forests, and include supply for lighting of the tube-well chamber.

Special Conditions of Supply

1. This tariff shall apply to:

- i) Reclamation and Drainage Operation under Salinity Control and Reclamation Projects (SCARP):
- ii) Bona fide forests, agricultural tube-wells and lift irrigation pumps for the irrigation of agricultural land.
- iii) Tube-wells meant for aqua-culture.
- iv) Tube-wells installed in a dairy farm meant for cultivating crops as fodder and for upkeep of cattle.
- 2. If, for any reason, the meter reading date of a consumer is altered and the acceleration/retardation in the date is up to 4 days, no notice shall be taken of this acceleration or retardation. But if the date is accelerated or retarded by more than 4 days, the fixed charges shall be assessed on proportionate basis for the actual number of days between the date of the old reading and the new reading.
- 3. The lamps and fans consumption in the residential quarters, if any, attached to the tubewells shall be charged entirely under Tariff A-1 for which separate metering arrangements should be installed.
- 4. The supply under this Tariff shall not be available to consumer using pumps for the irrigation of parks, meadows, gardens, orchards, attached to and forming part of the residential, commercial or industrial premises in which case the corresponding Tariff A-1, A-2 or Industrial Tariff B-1, B-2 shall be respectively applicable.

D-1

- 1. This tariff is applicable to all Reclamation and Drainage Operation pumping under SCARP related installation having sanctioned load of less than 5 kW.
- 2. Consumers having sanctioned load less than 5 kW shall be billed on single-part kWh rate i.e. D-1(a) tariff given in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 3. All new consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided TOU metering arrangement and shall be charged on the basis of Time-of- Use (T.O.U) tariff D-1(b) given in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 4. All the existing consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangements and shall be governed by D-1(a) till that time.

D-2

- 1. This tariff is applicable to consumers falling under Agriculture Supply having sanctioned load less than 5 kW excluding SCARP related installations.
- 2. Consumers having sanctioned load less than 5 kW shall be billed on single-part kWh rate i.e. D-2(a) tariff given in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 3. All new consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided TOU metering arrangement and shall be charged on the basis of Time-of- Use (T.O.U) tariff D- 2(b) given in the Schedule of Tariff.
- 4. All the existing consumers having sanctioned load 5 kW and above shall be provided T.O.U metering arrangements and shall be provided 2(a) till that time.



E -1 TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL SUPPLY

Temporary Residential/Commercial Supply means a supply given to persons temporarily on special occasions such as ceremonial, religious gatherings, festivals, fairs, marriages and other civil or military functions. This also includes supply to touring cinemas and persons engaged in construction works for all kinds of single phase loads. For connected load exceeding 4 kW, supply may be given at 400 volts (3 phase) to allow a balanced distribution of load on the 3 phases. Normally, temporary connections shall be allowed for a period of 3 months which can be extended on three months basis subject to clearance of outstanding dues.

Special Conditions of Supply

- 1. This tariff shall apply to Residential and Commercial consumers for temporary supply.
- 2. Ordinarily the supply under this Tariff 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.

E -2 TEMPORARY INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY

"Temporary Industrial Supply" means the supply given to an Industry for the bonafide purposes mentioned under the respective definitions of "Industrial Supply", during the construction phase prior to the commercial operation of the Industrial concern.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY

- 1. Ordinarily the supply under this Tariff 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.
- 2. Normally, temporary connections shall be allowed for a period of 3 months, which may be extended on three months basis subject to clearance of outstanding dues.

F SEASONAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY

"Seasonal Industry" for the purpose of application of this Tariff, means an industry which works only for part of the year to meet demand for goods or services arising during a particular season of the year. However, any seasonal industry running in combination with one or more seasonal industries, against one connection, in a manner that the former works in one season while the latter works in the other season (thus running throughout the year) will not be classified as a seasonal industry for the purpose of the application of this Tariff.

Definitions

- 1. "Year" means any period comprising twelve consecutive months.
- 2. All "Definitions" and "Special Conditions of Supply" as laid down under the corresponding Industrial Tariffs shall also form part of this Tariff so far as they may be relevant.

Special Conditions of Supply

- 1. This tariff is applicable to seasonal industry.
- 2. Fixed Charges per kilowatt per month under this tariff shall be levied at the rate of 125% of the corresponding regular Industrial Supply Tariff Rates and shall be recovered only for the period that the seasonal industry actually runs subject to minimum period of six consecutive months during any twelve consecutive **Entry**. The condition for recovery of Fixed Charges for a minimum period of Six months shall not, however, apply to the



seasonal industries, which are connected to the Company's Supply System for the first time during the course of a season.

- 3. The consumers falling within the purview of this Tariff shall have the option to change over to the corresponding industrial Supply Tariff, provided they undertake to abide by all the conditions and restrictions, which may, from time to time, be prescribed as an integral part of those Tariffs. The consumers under this Tariff will have the option to convert to Regular Tariff and vice versa. This option can be exercised at the time of obtaining a new connection or at the beginning of the season. Once exercised, the option will remain in force for at least one year.
- 4. All seasonal loads shall be disconnected from the Company's Supply System at the end of the season, specified by the consumer at the time of getting connection, for which the supply is given. In case, however, a consumer requires running the non-seasonal part of his load (e.g., lights, fans, tube-wells, etc.) throughout the year, he shall have to bring out separate circuits for such load so as to enable installation of separate meters for each type of load and charging the same at the relevant Tariff.
- 5. Where a "Seasonal Supply" consumer does not come forward to have his seasonal industry re-connected with the Company's Supply System in any ensuing season, the service line and equipment belonging to the Company and installed at his premises shall be removed after expiry of 60 days of the date of commencement of season previously specified by the consumer at the time of his obtaining new connection/re-connection. However, at least ten clear days notice in writing under registered post shall be necessary to be given to the consumer before removal of service line and equipment from his premises as aforesaid, to enable him to decide about the retention of connection or otherwise. No Supply Charges shall be recovered from a disconnected seasonal consumer for any season during which he does not come forward to have his seasonal industry reconnected with the Company's Supply System.

G PUBLIC LIGHTING SUPPLY

"Public Lighting Supply" means the supply for the purpose of illuminating public lamps.

Definitions

"Month" means a calendar month or a part thereof in excess of 15 days.

Special Conditions of Supply

The supply under this Tariff shall be used exclusively for public lighting installed on roads or premises used by General Public.

H RESIDENTIAL COLONIES ATTACHED TO INDUSTRIES

This tariff is applicable for one-point supply to residential colonies attached to the industrial supply consumers having their own distribution facilities.

Definitions

"One Point Supply" for the purpose of this Tariff, means the supply given by one point to Industrial Supply Consumers for general and domestic consumption in the residential colonies attached to their factory premises for a load of 5 Kilowatts and above. The purpose is further distribution to various persons residing in the attached residential colonies and also for perimeter lighting in the attached residential colonies.

"General and Domestic Consumption", for the purpose of this Tariff, means consumption for lamps, fans, domestic applications, including heated, cookers, radiators, air-conditioners, refrigerators and convert refrigerators wells.



"Residential Colony" attached to the Industrial Supply Consumer, means a group of houses annexed with the factory premises constructed solely for residential purpose of the bonafide employees of the factory, the establishment or the factory owners or partners, etc.

Special Conditions of Supply

The supply under this Tariff shall not be available to persons who meet a part of their requirements from a separate source of supply at their premises.

K. SPECIAL CONTRACTS

Supply under this tariff means supply of power to Special Contracts, i.e. Government of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) and Rawat Lab at one point.



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