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Circular No. 24/2024-25

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TO: ALL MEMBER COMPANIES WITH INTEREST IN ASSAM

AERC Tariff Order – FY 2024-25
Electricity Tariff Effective from 1st July, 2024

This is further to the Association's Circular No. 1/2023-24 dated 4th April, 2023.

Members would be aware that the Electricity Tariff Proposals covering Truing up for FY 2022-23, APR for FY 2023-24 and Tariff for FY 2024-25 were submitted by the Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) for approval to the Hon'ble Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC). The Tariff proposals submitted by APDCL with regard to Category VI (Tea, Coffee and Rubber) included, amongst others, the following:

	Energy Charge			Fixed Charge
	Energy Charge	FPPA	Total	
Existing	Rs 7/kWh	Rs. 1.29 (w.e.f Oct 2023)	Rs.8.29/kWh (w.e.f Oct 2023)	Rs 310 per KVA/Month
Proposed as per APDCL Petition	Rs 8.29/kWh			Rs 310 per KVA/Month

Objection Petition was prepared in consultation with a Consultant and filed by the Association with the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission. A public hearing was held on 29th February 2024, where the Association was represented by the undersigned along with the Consultant and Secretary, ABITA.

The AERC has now passed the Tariff Order dated 27th June, 2024 with regard to the revised Electricity Tariff for the FY 2024-25 made effective from **1st July, 2024**.

An extract from the AERC Order relating to the Revised HT Tariff Category VI (Tea, Coffee and Rubber) is annexed for members' information. Salient features relating to Energy Charges and Fixed Charges are:

REVISED ENERGY CHARGES					
		EXISTING (Rs/KWH)			REVISED (Rs/KWH)
		Energy	FPPA	Total	
1	For All Consumption	7.00	Rs. 1.29 (w.e.f Oct 2023)	8.29	8.29

REVISED FIXED CHARGES	
EXISTING	REVISED
(Rs.KVA/Month)	(Rs.KVA/Month)
310	310

Members may kindly refer that the Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. vide Notice dated 29th September 2023 had notified the FPPPA rate at 1.29/kWh w.e.f. October, 2023 (for energy consumed during September, 2023). The Commission has retained the category-wise tariffs at the same level as approved in the Tariff Order for FY 2023-24, without any change in Fixed/Demand Charges and Energy Charges, except for merging the prevalent FPPPA of Rs. 1.29/kWh with the Energy Charge.

In addition to the above Base Tariff, the following Time of Day (TOD) tariff will be applicable:

	Time Slot	Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)
i)	0600-1700 hrs (normal)	0.00
ii)	1700-2200 hrs (peak)	(+) 2.00
iii)	2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	(-) 2.00

Therefore, the following revised Time of Day Tariff (TOD) would be applicable:

	Time Slot	REVISED Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)
i)	0600-1700 hrs (normal)	8.29
ii)	1700-2200 hrs (peak)	$8.29 + 2.00 = 10.29$
iii)	2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	$8.29 - 2.00 = 6.29$

The detailed AERC Tariff Order for APDCL for FY 2024-25 has been posted by the AERC in the AERC website (www.aerc.nic.in). A summary of Objections raised by ABITA are duly recorded along with the Hon'ble Commission's comments in the AERC Order commencing at Page 15 under Chapter – 3 titled *"Brief Summary of Stakeholders' Comments, Response of APDCL and Commission's View"*.



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Secretary General

Encl : As stated

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2) Cachar & Tripura Regional Committee

HT Category V (C): HT-II Industries

Applicability

This tariff is applicable for supply of power at a single point for industrial purposes having licence from designated authority of appropriate Government and not covered under any other category, for Contract Demand/Connected Load above 150 kVA.

(a) Tariff

A consumer may opt for any one of the following Options depending on his requirements by prior intimation to concerned billing unit of Discom. A consumer may change his Option only after six months of availing that particular Option.

Option -1

	Energy Charge (Base Tariff)	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs. 8.34/kWh	Rs. 280/kVA/month

In addition to the above Base Tariff, the following Time of Day (TOD) tariff for HT-II Industries shall be applicable:

Time Slot	Energy charge (Rs./kWh)
0600 hrs to 1700 hrs (normal)	0.00
1700-2200 hrs (peak)	(+) 2.00
2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	(-) 2.00

Option -2

	Energy Charge	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs. 7.94/kWh	Rs. 360/kVA/month

No TOD Tariff will be applicable for consumers who opt for Option-2.

Note: 20% rebate on total energy charges shall be applicable for Oxygen manufacturing plants under both Option-1 and Option-2.

HT Category VI-Tea, Coffee and Rubber

Applicability

This tariff is applicable for tea, coffee and rubber plantation/production by utilisation of

electrical power in factory, irrigation, lighting, etc., in the Estate.

	Energy Charge (Base Tariff)	Fixed Charge
For all consumption.	Rs. 8.29/kWh	Rs. 310/kVA/month

In addition to the above Base Tariff, the following Time of Day (TOD) tariff for HT-VI Tea, Coffee & Rubber shall be applicable:

Time Slot	Energy charge (Rs./kWh)
0600 hrs to 1700 hrs (normal)	0.00
1700-2200 hrs (peak)	(+) 2.00
2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	(-) 2.00

HT Category VII: Oil and Coal

Applicability

This tariff shall be applicable for supply of power to consumers at a single point for installations of Oil and Coal Sector.

	Energy Charge (Base Tariff)	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs 9.34/kWh	Rs. 320/kVA/month

In addition to the above Base Tariff, the following Time of Day (TOD) tariff for HT-VII Oil and Coal shall be applicable:

Time Slot	Energy charge (Rs./kWh)
0600 hrs to 1700 hrs (normal)	0.00
1700-2200 hrs (peak)	(+) 2.00
2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	(-) 2.00

HT Category VIII: HT Irrigation

Applicability

This tariff shall be applicable for electricity supply for agriculture / irrigation purpose in the agricultural sector for pump set above 30 kW (or 35 kVA) and for whom power has been