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Circular No. 2/2025-26

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TO: ALL MEMBER COMPANIES WITH INTEREST IN ASSAM

AERC Tariff Order – FY 2025-26 Electricity Tariff Effective from 1st April, 2025

This is further to the Association's Circular No. 24/2024-25 dated 5th July, 2024.

Members would be aware that the Electricity Tariff Proposals covering Truing up for FY 2023-24, APR for FY 2024-25 and and Tariff for FY 2025-26 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:

	EXISTING	PROPOSED AS PER APDCL PETITION
Energy Charge	Rs 8.29 /KWH	Rs 8.29/KWH
Fixed Charge	Rs 310 per KVA/Month	Rs 310 per KVA/Month

Time of Day (TOD) tariff:

EXISTING		PROPOSED	
Time Slot	Energy Charge (Rs./Kwh)	Time Slot	Energy Charge (Rs./Kwh)
22:00-06: 00 HRS. (NIGHT OFF-PEAK)	6.29	NIGHT 00:00 To 06:00 HRS.	8.49
06: 00-17:00 HRS. (NORMAL)	8.29	SOLAR 06:00 To 17:00 HRS.	6.63
17:00-22:00 HRS. (PEAK)	10.29	PEAK 17:00 To 24:00 HRS.	9.94

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 12nd March, 2025 where the Association was represented by the undersigned along with the Consultant and Secretary, ABITA.

The AERC has now passed the Tariff Order dated 25st March, 2025 with regard to the revised Electricity Tariff to be effective from **1st April, 2025**. 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:

ENERGY CHARGE (BASE TARIFF)			
		EXISTING (Rs/kWh)	REVISED (Rs/kWh)
1	For All Consumption	8.29	8.04

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

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

EXISTING		REVISED	
Time Slot	Energy Charge (Rs./Kwh)	Time Slot	Energy Charge (Rs./Kwh)
22:00-06: 00 HRS. (NIGHT OFF-PEAK)	6.29	22:00 To 09:00 HRS. (NORMAL HOURS)	Normal Energy Charges i.e. 8.04
06: 00-17:00 HRS. (NORMAL)	8.29	09:00 To 17:00 HRS. (SOLAR HOURS)	80% of Normal Energy Charges i.e. 80% of 8.04 = 6.43
17:00-22:00 HRS. (PEAK)	10.29	17:00 To 22:00 HRS. (PEAK HOURS)	120 % of Normal Energy Charges i.e. 120% of 8.04 = 9.65

The detailed Tariff Order for 2025-26 has been posted by the AERC and can be fetched through the following link: <https://aerc.gov.in/notice-files/1742989873.pdf>

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 14 under "**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

Option -1

	Energy Charge (Base Tariff)	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs. 8.09/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:

Sl.	Time Slot	Revised TOD Tariff
1	22:00 to 09:00 (Normal Hours)	Normal Energy Charges
2	09:00 to 17:00 hours (Solar Hours)	80% of Normal Energy Charges
3	17:00 to 22:00 hours (Peak Hours)	120% of Normal Energy Charges

Option -2

	Energy Charge	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs. 7.69/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, rubber plantation/production, and sugarcane based industry by utilisation of electrical power in factory, irrigation, lighting, etc., in the Estate/associated area.

	Energy Charge (Base Tariff)	Fixed Charge
For all consumption.	Rs. 8.04/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:

Sl.	Time Slot	Revised TOD Tariff
1	22:00 to 09:00 (Normal Hours)	Normal Energy Charges
2	09:00 to 17:00 hours (Solar Hours)	80% of Normal Energy Charges
3	17:00 to 22:00 hours (Peak Hours)	120% of Normal Energy Charges

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 9.09/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:

Sl.	Time Slot	Revised TOD Tariff
1	22:00 to 09:00 (Normal Hours)	Normal Energy Charges
2	09:00 to 17:00 hours (Solar Hours)	80% of Normal Energy Charges
3	17:00 to 22:00 hours (Peak Hours)	120% of Normal Energy Charges

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 supplied at 11 kV or above.

	Energy Charge	Fixed Charge
For all consumption.	Rs. 7.59/kWh	Rs. 85/kVA/month