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TARIFF APPROVED FOR ASSAM POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED (APGCL), ASSAM ELECTRICITY GRID CORPORATION LIMITED (AEGCL) & ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (APDCL) FOR FY 2020-21, APPLICABLE WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 2020

- 1) The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) had last revised the tariffs of APGCL, AEGCL and APDCL with effect from April 01, 2019, vide the Tariff Orders dated March 01, 2019. APGCL, AEGCL and APDCL filed their Petitions for approval of Truing Up of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2018-19, Annual Performance Review (APR) for FY 2019-20 and determination of revised ARR and Tariff for FY 2020-21, which were admitted by the Commission on December 19, 2019.
- 2) Public Notices were issued by APGCL, AEGCL, and APDCL inviting objections/suggestions from stakeholders. The Commission, after considering all representations and issues raised during the Hearing and through written submissions, has issued the Tariff Orders for FY 2020-21, on March 07, 2020. The revised tariffs for APGCL, AEGCL and APDCL shall come into force from April 01, 2020.
- 3) The Commission has approved the station-wise ARR of APGCL for FY 2020-21 and approved the generation tariff of Rs. 3.18 per kWh for FY 2020-21 as against the generation tariff of Rs. 3.51 per kWh proposed by APGCL. The Commission has approved a surplus of Rs. 20.40 Crore on account of Truing-up of FY 2018-19, including holding cost to be refunded to APDCL in twelve monthly instalments.
- 4) The Commission has approved the ARR of AEGCL for FY 2020-21 at Rs. 358.75 Crore as against the ARR of Rs. 441.68 Crore proposed by AEGCL. The Commission has approved a surplus of Rs. 5.32 Crore on account of Truing-up of FY 2018-19, including holding cost to be refunded to APDCL in twelve monthly instalments. The Commission has approved the Transmission Charge of Rs. 0.36 per kWh for FY 2020-21 as against the Transmission Charge of Rs. 0.52 per kWh proposed by AEGCL.
- 5) The Commission has approved separate ARR of SLDC at Rs. 4.68 Crore as against the ARR of Rs. 5.92 Crore claimed by SLDC for FY 2020-21. In addition, the Commission has allowed Rs. 5 crore towards completion of metering at all interconnection points for



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proper energy accounting. The Commission approved SLDC Charges of Rs. 115.68/MW/day for FY 2020-21.

- 6) The salient features of the Commission's Order for APDCL are as follows:
- a) The Commission has approved the cumulative revenue requirement of Rs. 6150.91 crore for APDCL for FY 2020-21, as against Rs. 7411.03 crore proposed by APDCL.
 - b) The State Government has intimated the Commission that an amount of Rs. 400 crore will be provided as Power Purchase Subsidy to APDCL in FY 2020-21.
 - c) After truing up for FY 2018-19 and considering the stand-alone Revenue Requirement for FY 2020-21, the Cumulative Revenue Surplus works out to Rs. 121.86 crore, after factoring in the Power Purchase Subsidy to be provided by the State Government, the benefit of which has been passed to the consumer by revising the tariff.
 - d) The Average Cost of Supply (ACoS) for FY 2020-21 works out to Rs. 7.85 per kWh, as against APDCL's proposal of Rs. 9.17 per kWh.
 - e) (i) The Energy Charges have been reduced by 15 to 40 paise per unit across all categories.
(ii) On analysis, it was seen that around 61% of the ARR of APDCL comprises fixed costs. However, only 15% of the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) is recovered through Fixed/Demand Charges. Hence, the Commission has increased the Fixed/Demand Charges for most categories, except 2-3 categories where the Fixed/Demand Charges are already higher than that of other categories. With the revision in Fixed/Demand Charges, APDCL will be able to recover only around 18% of the ARR through the Fixed/Demand Charges. The revised tariffs will help recover 32% of fixed cost portion of the ARR, as compared to 27% presently.
(iii) The increase in Fixed Charges has been compensated by decreasing the Energy Charges.
(iv) This has resulted in an overall decrease of 2% (~15.5 paise/unit) as compared to the existing tariff.
 - f) Night off-peak rebate has been increased from Rs. 1.50 per kWh to Rs. 2.00 per kWh, in order to incentivise HT industrial consumer categories to shift more of their consumption to night off-peak hours, thereby increasing the utilisation of power within the State.



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- g) The existing and revised category-wise tariffs applicable for APDCL for FY 2020-21 with effect from April 1, 2020, have been given in the Annexure enclosed.
- h) APDCL shall levy category-wise tariffs after adjusting the amount of category-wise subsidy, if provided by the Government of Assam, as at present.



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Annexure: Category-wise tariff for APDCL's consumers applicable with effect from April 1, 2020

Sl. No.	Consumer Category	Existing Tariff		Increase/(Decrease) in Tariff		Revised tariff	
		Fixed Charges (Rs/kW/mth or Rs/kVA/mth)	Energy Charges (paise per kWh)	Fixed Charges (Rs/kW/mth or Rs/kVA/mth)	Energy Charges (paise per kWh)	Fixed Charges (Rs/kW/mth or Rs/kVA/mth)	Energy Charges (paise per kWh)
	LT Category						
LT-I	Jeevan Dhara 0.5 kW and 1 kWh/day	20*	4.55	No Change	(30)	20	425
LT-II	Domestic A- below 5 kW						
	0 to 120 units per month	40	5.40	10.00	(30)	50	510
	121 to 240 units per month	40	6.65	10.00	(30)	50	635
	Balance units	40	7.65	10.00	(30)	50	735
LT-III	Domestic-B 5 kW and above up to 25 kW	40	7.25	10.00	(30)	50	695
LT-IV	Commercial Load above 0.5 kW and up to 25 kW	120	7.60	10.00	(20)	130	740
LT-V	General Purpose Supply						
A	Non-commercial and Non-domestic users	135	6.50	10.00	(20)	145	630
B	Government Primary and Secondary / Higher Secondary Schools			70	630		
LT-VI	Public Lighting	120	6.60	No Change	(20)	120	640
LT-VII	Agriculture upto 25 kW	40	4.60	5.00	(15)	45	445
LT-	Small Industries Rural	40	5.15	10.00	(25)	50	490



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VIII(i)	up to 25 kW						
LT-VIII(ii)	Small Industries Urban up to 25 kW	50	5.40	10.00	(25)	60	515
LT-IX	Temporary Supply						
	Domestic	80	9.39	5.00	(15)	85	924
	Non-Domestic Non-Agriculture	125	11.49	10.00	(15)	135	1134
	Agriculture	50	5.14	5.00	(15)	45	450
LT-X	LT Electric Vehicles Charging Stations	120	5.40	10	(15)	130	525
	HT Category						
HT-I	HT Domestic above 25 kW (30 kVA)	40	7.25	10.00	(30)	50	695
HT-II	HT commercial above 25 kW (30 kVA)	160	7.60	20.00	(35)	180	725
HT-III	Public Water Works	135	6.35	No Change	(15)	135	620
HT-IV	Bulk Supply above 25 kW (30 kVA)				(15)		
HT-IV(i)	Educational Institutions	130	6.75	No Change	(15)	130	660
HT-IV(ii)	Others	170	7.50	10.00	(15)	180	735
HT-V(A)	HT Small Industries above 25 kW (30 kVA) and upto 50 kVA	60	5.85	10.00	(25)	70	560
HT-	HT Industries-1 50 kVA	140	6.40	20.00	(40)	160	600



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V(B)	to 150 kVA						
HT-V(C)	HT Industries-II above 150 kVA (Option 1)	200	6.90	20.00	(40)	220	650
	HT Industries-II above 150 kVA (Option 2)	300	6.45	No Change	(35)	300	610
HT-VI	Tea, Coffee & Rubber	250	6.90	20.00	(40)	270	650
HT-VII	Oil & Coal	300	7.75	No Change	(20)	300	755
HT-VIII	HT Irrigation Load above 25 kW (30 kVA)	60	6.10	5.00	(15)	65	595
HT-IX	HT Temporary Supply	160	9.15	10.00	(15)	170	900
HT-X	HT Electric Crematorium	160	4.45	10.00	(15)	170	430
HT-XI	HT Railway Traction	300	6.45	No Change	(35)	300	610
HT-XII	Electric Vehicles Charging Station	160	6.90	No Change	(15)	160	675