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NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Sikkim is pleased to revise the tariff rate for consumption of Electricity- as per the Tariff Schedule annexed hereto. The Revised Schedule of Rates will come into force w.e.f. 1.4.2006. It will be applicable for reading taken on or after 1.4.2006.

The rates of charges, conditions of supply and other matters specified in the schedule annexed hereto shall replace the existing rates and charges and corresponding provisions in the existing schedule and in the existing agreement, if any, with the Energy & Power Department, Government of Sikkim with effect from 1.4.2006.

This supersedes all the earlier notifications on Electricity Tariff.

**D.D. PRADHAN ,
Secretary to the Government of Sikkim,
Energy & Power Department**

TARIFF SCHEDULE

DOMESTIC SUPPLY (DS):

Type of consumer:

Power supply to private house, residential flats and Government residential buildings for lights, Heating/ electrical appliances, fans etc for domestic purpose. This schedule can also be made applicable to the charitable organization after verifying the genuineness of their non-commercial aspects by the concerned divisional office.

(a) Nature of service:

Low Tension AC 400/230 volts, 50 cycles/sec (HZ)

(b) Rates

Consumption	Paisa per KWH (unit)
(i) Up to 50 units	60
(ii) 51 to 100 units	175
(iii) 101 to 200 unit	315
(iv) 201 to 400 unit	375
(v) Consumption exceeding 400 units	400

(c) Monthly minimum charge

(I) Single phase supply	Rs.20.00
(II) Three phase supply	Rs.170.00

(d) Monthly rebate (if paid

within the specified due date) 10% on gross amount

(e) Annual surcharge (Charge on

the gross arrear outstanding every March end 10%

If electricity supplied in domestic premises is used for commercial purpose, the entire supply shall be charged under commercial supply.

II. COMMERCIAL SUPPLY (CS):

Type of consumer

Supply of energy for light, fan, heating and power appliances in commercial and non-domestic establishments such as shops, business houses, hotel, restaurants, petrol pumps, service stations, garages, auditoriums, cinema houses, nursing homes, dispensaries, doctors clinic which are used for privates gains, telephone exchange, nurseries, show rooms, x-ray plants, libraries banks, video parlours, saloons, beauty parlours, health clubs or any house of profit as identified by the Assistant Engineer/Executive Engineer concerned of the Department

(a) **Nature of supply:**
Low tension AC 400/230 volts, 50 cycles/Sec (Hz).

b) Rate Unit	Paisa per KWH (Unit)
Consumption	
(i) Up to 50 units	175
(ii) 51 to 200 units	400
(iii) 201 to 400 units	430
(iv) Consumption exceeding 400 units	460

(c) **Monthly minimum charge:**

(i) Single phase supply	Rs. 70.00
(ii) Three phase supply	Rs. 300.00

(d) **Monthly rebate (If paid within the due date)** 10% on gross amount

(e) **Annual Surcharge (on the gross arrear outstanding every March end)** 10%

III. L/T INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY (LTIS):

Type of consumer

Power supply to the industries like poultry, Agriculture load or any other units of such kind under small scale industries having connected load not exceeding 25 KVA in total.

(a) **Nature of service:**

Low Tension AC, 400/230 volts, 3 phase/single phase, 50 cycles/Sec (Hz).

Rate

Unit

Consumption	Villages	Paisa per KWH (Unit)
(b) Rate		Cities/T owns/Bazaar
(1) Up to 500 units	200	405
(ii) 501 to 1000 units	350	460
(iii) 1001 and above	450	515

Note: Executive Engineer concerned should certify the connections to be of a village or city/town/bazaar before the connection is granted and should bill accordingly. In case of dispute the case may be referred to the District Collector of the District for Judgment.

(c) **Monthly minimum charge:**
a) Rural Rs.30.00/KVA/Month
b) Urban Rs.60.00/KVA/Month

(d) **Monthly rebate (If paid within due date)** 10% on gross amount

(e) **Annual surcharge (on the gross arrear Outstanding every March end)** 10%

IV. HIGH TENSION INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY (HTIS):

Type of consumer

All types of supply with contract demand at single point having supply voltage above 3.3 KV , 3 Phase.

(a) Nature of Supply:

High tension AC, above 3.3 KV, 3 phase, 50 C/S(Hz).

Executive Engineer should sanction the demand in the Requisition and Agreement form of the Department before the service connection is issued

(b) Rate

(i)	Up to 100KV A Demand Charge Plus Energy Charge	115.00/KV A/Month 230 Paise /KWH
(ii)	Above 100 to 250 KVA: Demand Charge Plus Energy Charge:	140/KVA/Month 260 Paisa/KWH
(iii)	Above 250KV A: Demand Charge: Plus Energy Charge	175/KVA/Month 300 paisa/KWH

(c) **Monthly minimum charge:** Demand charge

(d) **Monthly rebate (on gross bill amount if paid within the due date) .** 10%

(e) **Annual surcharge (on gross arrear outstanding every March end)** 15%

V. Bulk Supply (BS):

(Non-commercial supply)

Type of consumer.

Available for general mixed loads to M.E.S. and other Military Establishments, Borders roads, SAP, All Government Non residential buildings, Hospitals, aerodromes and other similar establishments as identified as such supply by the concerned Executive Engineer. .

(a) Nature of service:

Low tension 400/230 volts or High tension above 3.3KV

Executive Engineer should sanction the demand in the Requisition and Agreement form of the Department before the service connection is issued.

(b) Rate

All consumptions 450 paisa/unit

(c) Monthly minimum charges

(i) For L.T. supply (430 /230 volts) 120.00/KV A of sanction load

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| (ii) | For H.T. Supply (11 KV or 66 KV) | 100.00/KVA of sanction load. |
| (d) | Monthly rebate(if paid within the due date) | 10% on gross amount |
| (e) | Annual surcharge(Cross arrear outstanding every March end) | 15% |

VI SUPPLY TO ARMY PENSIONERS:

Type of consumer

Provided to the army pensioners or their surviving widows based on the list provided by Sikkim Rajya Sainik Board.

- (a) **Nature of service:**
Low tension AC 230/400 volt, 50 cycles per second (HZ)

(b) **Rate**

Domestic supply rate is applicable

- (i) up to 100 units To be billed to Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board
(ii) 101 and above To be billed to the Consumer

Minimum charges, surcharges, and rebate etc will be applicable as per domestic supply category.

VII. SUPPLY TO BLIND:

Type of consumer

Service connection provided to a house of a family whose head of the family is blind and the same is certified by the National Association for Blinds.

- (a) **Nature of service:** Low tension AC 230/400 volt, 50 cycles per second (HZ)

(b) **Rate**

Domestic supply rate is applicable

- (i) Up to 100 unit to be billed to Secretary, Social Welfare Department
(ii) 101 and above to be billed to the consumer

Minimum charges, surcharges and rebate etc will be applicable as per domestic supply category.

VIII. SUPPLY TO THE PLACES OF WORSHIP (SPW).

Type of consumer:

Supply of power to Gumpas, Manilakhangs, Tsamkhangs, Mandirs, Churches and Mosques as identified by the State Ecclesiastical Department.

- (a) **Nature of service:**
Low tension 400/230 volts, 50 cycles/sec (Hz).

(b) **Rate**

Domestic rate is applicable.

Places of worship having:

- (i) Having 3 lights points:
A) Up to 100 units
B) Above 101 units
- (ii) Having 4 to 6 lights points.

- A) Up to 150 units
 - B) Above 151 units
 - (iii) Having 7 to 12 points
 - A) Up to 300 units
 - B) Above 301 units
 - (iv) Having 13 and more light points
 - A) Up to 500 units
 - B) Above 501 units
 - A) To be billed to Secretary, Ecclesiastical Department and to be submitted to the head of Department in the District.
 - B) To be billed to Head of the Place of worship.
- Minimum charges, surcharges, and rebate etc will be applicable as per domestic supply category.

IX. PUBLIC LIGHTNING ENERGY CONSUMPTION CHARGES:

It has been decided that the electrical energy consumption charges of public lightning street light etc in urban area shall be paid by the Urban Dev & Housing Department. Similarly the consumption of electrical energy for street light etc in rural areas shall be paid by the concerned Panchayat / Rural Management & Development department. The necessary meter/metering equipments shall be provided by the Energy & Power Department and for which the standard (Tariff Schedule) charges is also applicable in accordance with rules and regulations of the department.

Rate

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| (I) Rural Areas | 195 paisa/KWH (Unit) |
| (ii) Urban Areas | 350 paisa/KWH (Unit) |

X. TEMPORARY SUPPLY:

Type of consumer:

Available for temporary purposes and for the period not exceeding two months in the first instance but can be extended for the further period not exceeding one month on each occasion.

Approval of the Temporary Supply and its duration will be the discretion of the Assistant Engineer of the Department.

If the temporary connection is more than approved period, such use of electricity will be treated as theft of power.

(a) Nature of Service:

Low tension AC 400/230 volts, 50 Hz /H.T.AC 11 KV whichever is applicable and possible at the discretion of the department: .

(b) Rate

Tariff under schedule DS/CS/L TIS/HT for corresponding permanent supply plus 25 percent additional charges on the total bill.

XI: SCHEDULE FOR MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES:

Service connection:

Following procedures should be strictly followed while giving the new service connection

On receipt of written application with requisite Revenue Stamp from any intending consumer addressed to the Assistant Engineer (Commercial/Revenue) the department will issue the Requisition and Agreement form of the Department. This form will be issued on production of SR for Rs. 5/(Rupees Five) only. He/ She will complete the form in all respect and submit to the office of the Assistant Engineer. Assistant Engineer will issue the service connection estimate with the approval of the Executive Engineer. If the Sub station of the area or any other connected Electrical network is under capacity, the department can decline the service connection till the capacity is increased as required. If the demand is more than 25 KVA the Department reserves the right to ask the applicant to provide suitable sub station at his/her cost.

The Department also reserves the right to disconnect the service connection of any consumer if he/she increases the load above sanctioned load without written approval of the Department and will treat such cases as theft of power.

Single connection will be provided to the legal landlord of the building

However, in case Government / Semi Government/Government Undertakings offices in the rented buildings/ flats, separate service connection in the name of the head of the office can be provided with the approval of the concerned Executive Engineer.

XII METER RENT / Month

(i) Energy Meter	
(a) Single Phase	Rs. 20.00
(b) Three Phase	Rs. 60.00
(ii) Maximum demand indicator	Rs. 175.00
(iii) Time switch	Rs. 120.00

XIII. TESTING OF METERS.

(i) Energy Meters:	1 Ph	Rs. 100.00
(ii) Other metering instruments	3Ph	Rs.200.00

XIV. DISCONNETION & RECONNECTION:

(i) OS and CS category:	Rs. 100.00
(ii) L TIS, HTIS & Bulk category:	Rs. 200.00

Unless otherwise demanded by the department replacement of meters or shifting the position of meter boards etc, can be entertained exclusively on the specific written request of the consumer against a payment of As. 100.00 each time which does not include the cost of requirement and labor and the same will be extra.

XV. REPLACEMENT OF FUSES:

Service for replacement of fuses in the main cut-outs available against the following payments:

(1) Low tension	: Single phase	Rs. 10.00
	Three phase	Rs. 15.00
		Rs. 30.00
(ii) High tension		

XVI. RESEALING OF METERS:

If by any reason the seal affixed in the meter or cutouts installed and secured by the department are found tampered with, the department reserves the right to disconnect the service connection immediately and impose penalty as applicable under The Electricity Act, 2003. In addition, the consumer is liable for payment for resealing charge @ Rs.20.00 per call of such services.

XVII. SECURITY DEPOSIT

Security deposit shall be deposited, by the depositor, by the consumer, in the following rates for the meters provided by the Department.

1. Electronic Meter	3 Ph	Rs. 500.00
	1 Ph	Rs. 200.00
2. Electromagnetic Meters	3 Ph	Rs. 150.00
	1 Ph	Rs. 75.00

The Security deposit will be forfeited and the line will be disconnected if the consumer tampers the meter. The line will be reconnected only after the fresh security deposit is deposited and other applicable charges are paid.

XVIII. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY:

a. Meter found out of order:

In the event of meter being found out of order (which includes meter ceasing to record, running fast or slow, creeping or running reverse direction) and where the actual errors on reading cannot be ascertained the meter will be declared faulty and the correct quantum of energy consumption shall be determined by taking the average consumption for the previous three months.

If the average consumption for the three months cannot be taken due to the meter ceasing to record the consumption or any other reason, then the correct consumption will be determined based on the average consumption for succeeding three months (after installation of meter) where any differences or dispute arise as to the correctness of meter reading or bill amount etc then the matter shall be decided by the concerned Chief Engineer of the department upon the written intimation either from the concerned Executive Engineer or from concerned consumer. However, the bill should be paid on or before the due date. The amount so paid will be considered as advance to the credit of the consumer's account until such time as the billed amounts in dispute are fully settled. After determining the correct consumption due billing will be made and necessary adjustment shall be done in the next bill issued. This method shall be applicable to all categories of consumers.

(b) Procurement energy meter at the consumer's expenses:

Consumers in future will be allowed to purchase energy meters for replacement of old meter/ for new connection as per the specification given by the Department. The Department reserves the right to test such meter and reject if found sub standard. The meter must be of standard make and must have ISI mark. The Department will provide energy meter for Government Residential buildings and the public lighting

In case of LTIS/ HTIS / BS the consumer will purchase meter before the service connection is granted. The defective meters should be replaced within ten days by such consumers, failing which the Department can disconnect the line.

(c) Defaulting consumer

The Department shall not give any type of service connection to a defaulting consumer

(d) Fixing the position of meter/metering equipments:

During the inspection of Assistant Engineer of the Department the point of entry of supply of mains and position of meter, cut-out/metering equipments etc will be decided and should not be changed later on without written permission from department.

The department will in no case fix the meter, main cut-out metering equipments nor allow the same to remain in any position where the employees are prohibited from entering or where there is difficulty of access for employees.

(e) Notification /application before connection:

The consumer must give not less than 2 months notice before the supply or additional supply is required. In the case of HTIS/L TIS/BS consumers, longer notice which may extend to six months or more may be .required to enable the department to make necessary arrangement for such supply, which will subject to its availability in the system and seven Clear days notice shall be given by the Assistant Engineer of the area to the applicant for the purpose of inspecting the premises and investigating the feasibility of power supply. If service can be effected by extending service line alone, the consumer will be given a written permission from the office of the Assistant Engineer about providing the service connection to his premises.

(f) Sketch of the premises:

- (i) A neat sketch of the premises should also submit the proposed internal electrification of the building showing the light points, light plug points, power plug points, fan/exhaust fan points, main isolator position, distribution control system location and other fittings etc.
- (ii) In the case of industrial/workshop etc the consumer should submit a neat sketch showing the location of all E&M equipments and its motor capacity if any etc in addition to the above. .

(g) Load sanction

Depending on the availability of the quantum of electrical energy in the system, the load shall be sanctioned for all categories of consumers by the authorized officer of the department.

XIX. LAND - FREE OF COST FOR SERVICE CONNECTION AND OTHER ASSOCIATION FACILITIES:

The consumer shall provide the necessary land to the department belonging to his/her on free of cost basis and afford all reasonable facilities for bringing in the direct cables or over head lines from the department's T&D system for servicing the consumers but also cables or overhead lines connecting the department's other consumers and shall permit the department to provide all requisite switch gear thereto on the above premises and furnish supply to such other consumers through cables/ overhead lines and terminals situated on the consumer's premises.

XX. ACCESS TO PREMISES AND APPARATUS:

- (a) If any consumer obstructs or prevents departments authorised officers/employees in any manner from inspecting his/her premises at any time to which the supply is afforded or where the electrical installations or equipments belonging to the department or the consumers situated in such premises and if there is scope of suspecting any malpractice, the authorised officer; employees of the department may disconnect the power supply forthwith_ without notice and keep such power supply disconnected till the consumer affords due facilities for inspection. If such inspection reveals nothing to undertake any malpractice or pilferage, the department then restores the power supply to his/her premises.
- (b) If such inspection reveals any commission of malpractice as specified in the "Malpractice, clauses mentioned below, this may be dealt as per the relevant clauses which are indicated in malpractice.
- (c) The department shall not responsible for any loss or damage or inconvenience caused to the consumer on account of such disconnection of supply.

XXI. INTERFERENCE WITH SUPPLY MAINS AND APPARATUS

- (a) A consumer shall not interfere with the supply main or apparatus including the metering arrangement, which may have been installed in his/her premises.
- (b) The consumer shall not keep connected to the department supply system if any apparatus to which the department has taken reasonable objection or which the department may consider likely to interfere or affect injudiciously the department's equipments installed in his/her premises or the Department's supply to other consumer.
- (c) The consumer shall not keep the unbalanced loading of three phase of supply taken by him/her form Department.
- (d) The consumer shall not make such use of supply given to him/her by the department as to act prejudicially to the department's supply system in any manner whatsoever,

XXII. MALPRACTICE:

- (i) Contravention of any provision of the terms conditions of supply the Indian electricity Act 1910, the Indian Electricity Rules 1956 or any other law/rule governing the supply and use of electricity regulating order shall be treated as malpractice and the consumer indulging in any such malpractice shall be liable at law/rule/order. Subject to generality as above.
- ii) Cases mentioned hereunder, shall be generally treated as malpractice: -
 - (a) Exceeding the sanctioned/contract load authorised by the department without the permission of the department.
 - (b) Addition, alteration and extension of electrical installation in the consumer's premises without permission of the department or extension to any premises other than the one for which supply is sanctioned/contracted for.
 - (c) Unauthorized supply of electricity to any service which is including the service line disconnected by the department against electricity revenue arrear or any other offended clauses and the same service line reconnected without permission of the department.
 - (d) Non-compliance of orders in force imposing restriction of use of energy for rational and equitable distribution thereof.

- (e) Use of electricity for any purpose other than. that for which supply is contracted/sanctioned
- for (f) Resale of energy without the permission of the department,
- (g) Theft of energy .
- (h) Obstruction to lawful entry of authorised officer/employee of the department into consumer's premises.
- (I) Interfering and tampering with the meter and metering system.

XXIII. PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR MALPRACTICES

Where a consumer is found to be indulging in malpractice with regard to use of electricity and use of device to commit theft of energy etc the Chief Engineer/ Electrical Inspector of the department will decide about the payment of compensation amount to be imposed against such consumer as per the relevant rules and regulations.

XXIV. INSTITUTION OF PROSECUTION

Any officer employee authorised to inspect and deal with cases of malpractice and theft of energy may launch prosecution as an aggrieved person as mentioned in section 50 of the Indian' Electricity Act 1910.

XXV. READING OF METER AND PREPARATION OF BILL

- (a) The meter reading will be taken once in a month. The reading of meter will be recorded by meter reader in a card provided near the meter and open to inspection by consumer.
Bill for energy consumption charges will be prepared based on the reading noted in the card.
- (b) Any complaint with regard to the accuracy of the bill the same shall be intimated immediately by the consumer to the Assistant Engineer, who has issued the bill quoting the bill number/ account number date etc
- (c) If the consumer does not receive the electricity bill he shall inform the Assistant Engineer concerned about the non-receipt of his bill and on such representation, a copy will be supplied to him.

XXVI. DISCONNECTION OF SUPPLY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ELECTRICITY BILL AND LEGAL ACTION.

If the consumer fail to pay any bill presented to him/her the department shall be at liberty to take action under sub- section (1) of section 24 of Indian Electricity Act 191 afar disconnection of supply. The disconnection notice is printed in the bill form and further notice will not be issued by the department for disconnection.

XXVII. FAILURE OF POWER SUPPLY.

The Department shall not be responsible for loss, damage or compensation what so ever out of failure of supply.

XXVIII. RESTRICTION OF POWER SUPPLY.

The supply of electricity is liable to the curtailed or staggered or cut off all together as may be ordered by the state government or any other enactment as amended from time to time governing the supply and use of electricity. .

XXIX. CONSUMER NUMBER

Consumer no. is given to all the consumers. The same is written in the Meter reading can also. Consumer must know his/her consumer no. and should quote the consumer no. while corresponding with the department for prompt attention by the department.

XXIX. FUSE CALL:

In case the department's main fuse or fuses fail, the consumer or his representative may give the intimation in the adjacent control room either in person or through phone. Employees bearing the identity cards of the department are allowed to replace those fuses. Consumers are not allowed to replace those fuses and they will render themselves liable to pay heavy penalty if the department's seals are been found broken.

In attending the fuse - off calls.

Top most priority will be given to cases of fire due to short circuit, accident, arcing in .consumer's main etc.

XXX. THEFT OF POWER

Theft of power is a criminal offence under electricity act. Whoever commit the theft of power shall be punishable in accordance with I.E. Act.

XXXI. SUPPLY WITHOUT METER.

Where a supply to the consumer is given without meter the consumption of Electrical Energy in KWH will be computed in the manner indicated below.

1. Government office building

Sanctioned load (KW) x 6 hrs x 30 days x $\frac{60}{100}$

2. Other Consumers

Sanctioned load (KW) x 8 hrs x 30 days x $\frac{60}{100}$

XXXIII. IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTE WHICH CANNOT BE SOLVED UNDER THIS NOTIFICATION, THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT IS FINAL AND BINDING.