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Circular No. 1/2023-24

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TO : ALL MEMBER COMPANIES WITH INTEREST IN ASSAM

**AERC Tariff Order – FY 2023-24
Electricity Tariff Effective from 1st April, 2023**

This is further to the Association's Circular No.163/2021-22 dated 22nd March, 2022.

Members would be aware that the Electricity Tariff Proposals covering Truing up for FY 2021-22, APR for FY 2022-23 and Tariff for FY 2023-24 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 6.60/kWh	Rs 0.30/kWh	Rs 6.90/kWh	Rs 300 per KVA/Month
Proposed as per APDCL Petition	Rs 8.60/kWh			Rs 345 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 28th February, 2023 where the Association was represented by the undersigned along with the Consultant and Secretary, ABITA.

The AERC has now passed the Tariff Order dated 29th March, 2023 with regard to the revised Electricity Tariff for the FY 2023-24 to be effective from **1st April, 2023**. 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	6.60	0.30	6.90	7.00

REVISED FIXED CHARGES	
EXISTING	REVISED
(Rs.KVA/Month)	(Rs.KVA/Month)
300	310

In addition to the above Base Tariff, the following Time of Day (TOD) tariff has been made 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	OLD Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)	REVISED Energy Charge (Rs/kWh)
i)	0600-1700 hrs (normal)	6.90	7.00
ii)	1700-2200 hrs (peak)	8.90	7.00 + 2.00 = 9.00
iii)	2200-0600 hrs (night off-peak)	4.90	7.00 - 2.00 = 5.00

The effective increase in Tariff for F.Y. 2023-24 is summarized below :

HT Category VI – Tea, Coffee & Rubber	Energy Charges	FPPA	Total	Fixed Charges	Effective Monthly Tariff for 1 MW	% Tariff Increase		
						(Rs/kWh)	(Rs/kWh)	(Rs/kWh)
Existing	6.60	0.30	6.90	300	7.72			
APDCL Proposal	8.60	0.00	8.60	345	9.54	24.64%	15.00%	23.62%
AERC Order	7.00		7.00	310	7.84	6.06%	3.33%	1.65%

The detailed Tariff Order for 2023-24 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 16 under Chapter – 3 titled "Brief Summary of Stakeholders' Comments, Response of APDCL and Commission's View".



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Encl : As stated

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Option -2

	Energy Charge	Fixed Charge
For all consumption	Rs. 6.65/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. 7.00/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 8.05/kWh	Rs. 320/kVA/month