

GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR

PRESS NOTE

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The State Owned utilities and other Distribution Licensees of the State have filed the petitions for truing up of FY 2019-20 and determination of Tariff for FY 2021-22. All these utilities filed their petitions along with Annual Accounts on the principles and methodology prescribed under the GERC Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) Regulations, 2016 as directed by the Commission. These petitions were registered in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003 and the relevant Regulations to proceed with the Tariff Orders.

The licensees were directed to publish their applications in the newspapers to ensure public participation. Thus, an elaborate exercise was carried out for inviting comments/ suggestions from general public and stakeholders. The suggestions/ objections were examined and public hearings were held on 4th, 5th and 9th March 2021. Several stakeholders including individuals and organisations participated in the hearings.

The Commission determined the tariff and finalized all the orders on these petitions, however in view of the model code of conduct is in force due to Gandhinagar Municipal Elections, Orders for petitions from UGVCL and Torrent Power Limited (Ahmedabad- Gandhinagar areas) will be declared later on. Important highlights of these Tariff Orders are as under-

- ***No increase in power tariff for the consumers of State owned Discoms and Torrent Power Limited (Surat area).***
- ***GETCO transmission charges marginally increased from existing rate of Rs. 4176.44 per Day (35.03 paise per unit) to Rs. 4252.37 per MW per Day (36.42 paise per unit) for the FY 2021-22.***

The actual distribution losses as reported by utilities for FY 2019-20 except PGVCL are lower than the target given by the Commission. Target for FY 2019-20 as well as for FY 2021-22 is shown in the Table below;

(Transmission and Distribution Losses)

DISCOM	Target given for FY 2019-20	Target given for FY 2021-22
DGVCL	9.90%	6.50%
MGVCL	11.60%	9.00%
PGVCL	17.00%	16.00%
TPL Surat	3.64%	3.54%

For the FY 2020-21 the approved power purchase cost was Rs. 4.30 per unit and Base FPPPA charges was Rs. 1.59 per unit for State owned Distribution Licensees (DGVCL, MGVCL and PGVCL). Any increase in power purchase cost over Rs. 4.30 is considered as incremental FPPPA charges. For the FY 2021-22, the Commission has approved power purchase cost at Rs. 4.48 per unit and accordingly the Base FPPPA revised to Rs. 1.80 (1.59 +0.21). Incremental 0.21 works out as $(4.48 - 4.30)/(1 - T \& D \text{ Losses})$.

Base FPPPA charge is integral part in the computation of the total FPPPA charge being charged in electricity bill of consumers and as there is no change in recovery mechanism for FPPPA charge, there will not be any increase in the electricity bill of the consumers of State owned Discoms due to change in Base FPPPA charge for FY 2021-22.

For Torrent Power Limited (Surat area) for the FY 2020-21, the approved power purchase cost was Rs. 4.77 per unit and Base FPPPA charges was Rs. 1.38 per unit. For the FY 2021-22, the Commission has approved power purchase cost at Rs. 4.85 per unit and the Base FPPPA continued to Rs. 1.38 per unit.

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