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### Press Note

Sub: TNERC releases the electricity tariff order

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board submitted a petition for revision of tariff on 18-1-2010 after a gap of 7 years. The last tariff order came into effect from 16-3-2003. After rectification of deficiencies, the Commission took the petition on file on 9-2-2010. The TNEB issued a public notice of the tariff proposal in leading newspapers on 26-2-2010. The tariff petition was hosted in the website of the TNEB as well as the TNERC. Comments and suggestions from all stakeholders were received upto 25-3-2010.

2. The State Advisory Committee of TNERC considered the tariff proposal on 11-3-2010. The tariff petition was subjected to public hearing at Chennai on 30-3-2010, at Madurai on 8-4-2010, at Coimbatore on 13-4-2010 and at Tiruchirapalli on 15-4-2010. A wide cross section of the public participated in the public hearing and offered their views.

3. Subsequently, the Commission held a meeting with important stakeholders such as the Southern Railway on 23-6-2010 and the Secretaries to the Government of Tamil Nadu in Energy, Finance and Information Technology Departments and the Chairman of the TNEB on 29-6-2010.

4. The tariff proposals have, now, been firmed up which will come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010. Although the tariff petition of the TNEB is limited to redrawing the retail tariff, the Commission has gone a step ahead and determined the tariff for generation, intra state transmission and distribution.

5. Domestic consumers with bi-monthly consumption of less than 600 units, hut dwellers, powerloom consumers, handloom consumers, places of public worship and agriculture consumers have been spared of tariff hike.

6. Domestic consumers with bi-monthly consumption exceeding 600 units will have to fork out additionally Re.1.00 per unit. Industrial consumers will face an increase of 50 paise per unit in the HT category and 30 paise per unit in the LT category. Cottage Industries and Tiny Industries consuming more than 1500 units bi-monthly will be subjected to a tariff hike of 40 paise per unit. Industrial consumers in the LT category with consumption less than 1500 units bi-monthly are spared of tariff hike.

7. Commercial consumers in the HT category will pay an additional 80 paise per unit. Commercial consumers in the LT category will pay 70 paise per unit additionally. Cinema theatres (HT category) are subjected to tariff increase of Re.1 per unit, whereas in LT category they will face an increase of Rs.1.10 per unit. Commercial consumers (LT category) with consumption less than 200 units bi-monthly have been exempted from tariff hike. Petty shopkeepers with consumption less than 100 units bi-monthly will enjoy a tariff reduction of Re.1/- per unit.

8. Private educational institutions (HT category) will face an increase of Re.1/- per unit, whereas Government and aided educational institutions (HT category) will be subjected to an increase of 50 paise per unit. Private educational institutions (LT category) will have to shell out Rs.1.10 per unit additionally. Government and aided educational institutions (LT category) will face an increase of 40 paise per unit.

9. Currently, the Government offers a subsidy ranging from 35 paise per unit to Rs.1.70 per unit for domestic consumers, Rs.1.10 to Rs.1.30 for handloom weavers, Rs.1.40 for powerloom weavers and Rs.250/- per HP for agriculture consumers. The total subsidy bill of the Government for the current year is Rs.1652 crores.

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