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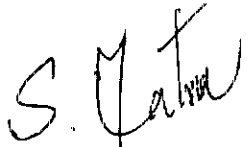
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Energy
(Power Division)

Islamabad, the April 11, 2025

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. 590 (I)/2025 - In pursuance of sub-section (7) of section 31 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (XL of 1997), the Federal Government is pleased to notify the determination of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority. issued vide its decision No. NEPRA/R/ADG(Tariff)TRF-100/5329-32 dated 10th day of April, 2025, by partial modification of S.R.O 1039 (I)/2024 dated July 14th, 2024, wherein GoP applicable rate of all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric (except lifeline consumers) for a period of April to June 2025 is reduced by Rs. 1.71/Unit through additional subsidy by the Federal Government.

[F.No. Tariff/PD1.-2025]


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No. NEPRA/R/ADG(Tariff)TRF-100/ 5329-32

April 10, 2025

Subject: Decision of the Authority in the matter of Motion filed by the Federal Government with respect to recommendation of Consumer end Tariff for XWDISCOs and K-Electric

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find herewith the subject Decision of the Authority (total 05 Pages).

2. The Decision is being intimated to the Federal Government for the purpose of notification in the official Gazette pursuant to Section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 within 30 days from the intimation of this Decision. In the event the Federal Government fails to notify the subject tariff Decision within the time period specified in Section 31(7), then the Authority shall notify the same in the official Gazette pursuant to Section 31(7) of NEPRA Act.

Enclosure: As above

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for recommendation of consumer end tariff of XWDISCOs and K-Electric*

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
(NEPRA)

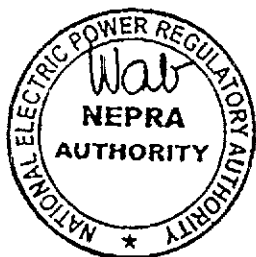
**DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF MOTION FILED BY THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO RECOMMENDATION OF CONSUMER
END TARIFF FOR XWDISCOS AND K-ELECTRIC**

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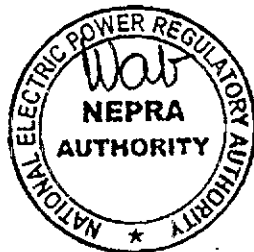


1. The Ministry of Energy (MoE), Power Division (PD) vide letter dated 27.03.2025, filed a Motion regarding recommendation of consumer end tariff for XWDISCOs and K-Electric, under section 7 and 31 of the Regulation, Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (the "Act") read with rule 17 of the NEPRA Tariff (Standards and Procedures) rules, 1998 (the "Rules").
2. The MoE (PD) in the Motion stated that the national average rate for FY 2024-25 determined by NEPRA is Rs. 35.50/kWh, against which the Government notified national average tariff is Rs. 32.99/kWh (October 2024 and onwards), bridging the gap through Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS). Further, the Government has also maintained a uniform consumer-end tariff for K-Electric through incorporation of TDS for K-Electric consumers.
3. The MoE further submitted that in line with the Government's efforts to reduce consumer-end tariffs and improve demand, the Federal Government has decided to increase the tariff differential subsidy for electricity consumers for April to June FY 2025. The per-unit additional TDS for all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric (except lifeline domestic), is estimated at Rs. 1.71/kWh for April – June 2025. The matter was considered and approved by the Cabinet in case No. 112/11/2025 dated March 26, 2025 and it was decided that the same be submitted to the Authority for consideration and approval in terms of Section 31 of the Act. Once considered and approved by NEPRA, the same will lead to notification by the Federal Government by modification, to the extent of the subsidy relief specified above, of existing rates notified via S.R.O 1039 (I)/2024 dated July 14, 2024, read in conformity with earlier issued applicable notifications.
4. In light of the above, the Ministry filed instant Motion of the Federal Government with respect to Consumer End Tariff Recommendations of XWDISCOs and K-Electric under Section 7 and 31 of the Act read with Rule 17 of the Rules, so as to consider and approve the above tariff rationalization for all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric (except lifeline) for the period of April – June 2025.
5. Since the impact of any such decision is to be made part of the consumer end tariff, therefore, the Authority, in order to provide an opportunity of hearing to all the concerned and in the interest of natural justice, decided to conduct a hearing in the matter.
6. The hearing was scheduled on 04.04.2025 at NEPRA tower and through ZOOM, for which notice of hearing / advertisement was published in newspapers on 28.03.2025 and also uploaded on NEPRA website. Individual notices were also served to the relevant stakeholders.



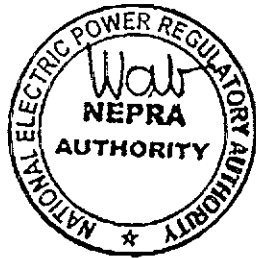
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7. During the hearing, the MoE was represented by Additional Secretary MoE along-with his technical and financial team. Other participants included representatives from Industrial Associations, Media and General Public.
8. The MoE reiterated its submissions during the hearing by stating that estimated collection of PDI for 3.5 months is around 58.6 billion, which shall be used to provide TDS for power sector consumers. The Federal Cabinet has approved this proposal and allowed to file the Motion before NEPRA so that benefit can be passed on to the consumers in the billing month of April 2025. Accordingly, the Motion has been filed before the Authority to allow passing on additional TDS for all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric (except lifeline domestic), at Rs. 1.71/kWh for the period from April to June 2025.
9. Different commentators raised their concerns during the hearing. A brief of comments relevant with the instant Motion is as under:
 - ✓ While responding to the queries of Mr. Tanvir Barri, the representative of the MoE responded that the relief announced by the Prime Minister is inclusive of this additional TDS of Rs.1.71/kWh and the quarterly adjustment approved by NEPRA for the 2nd quarter of FY 2024-25. It was further explained that for passing on any relief to the consumers, the available mechanism is either through monthly and quarterly adjustments or through annual rebasing. The 2nd quarterly adjustment, included impact to the extent of 05 IPPs, whose contracts were terminated as a result of negotiations, the benefit of which has been passed on to the consumers as part of 2nd quarterly adjustment. Additionally, negotiations with the Government Power Plants (GPPs) and 32 other IPPs have been completed, the impact of which is still to be passed on to the consumers. Hearing for reduction in tariff components of 07 Independent Power Plants (IPPs) has already been held in NEPRA. The request from other IPPs and GPPs for reduction in tariff is to be received. Thus, some additional relief would also be passed on to the consumers as part of 3rd quarterly adjustment. On the point of Circular Debt (CD) reduction plan, the MoE submitted negotiations are being finalized with the banks to handle the circular debt, so that it could be eliminated in a period of 05 years. Further, measures are being taken to control theft and improve efficiency, in order to minimize the flow of CD.
 - ✓ While responding to queries raised by Mr. Amir Sheikh and Mr. Asghar and Malik Saeed, being of similar nature, representative of the MoE explained that expected relief would be around Rs.5.98/kWh without taxes, once all decisions of NEPRA, which are under adjudication are issued. The impact includes Rs.0.90/kWh, on account of negative FCAs retained by DISCOs, 2nd quarterly adjustment of Rs.1.90/kWh, the instant Motion of Rs.1.71/kWh and expected 3rd quarterly adjustment. The hearing for 3rd quarterly adjustment would be held in April 2025.



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- ✓ Mr. Arif Bilvani and Mr. Asif requested for clarification and to issue a press release covering all the proposed reliefs announced by the Prime Minister and the period for which these reliefs shall remain applicable. Representative of the MoE stated that a press briefing will be given by the Minister for Power, to provide clarity on the relief announced by the Prime Minister. While responding to other queries raised by Mr. Bilvani, the MoE explained that expected PDL collection for the FY 2025-26, would be considered at the time of annual rebasing of Tariff for the FY 2025-26, after approval of the Cabinet. On the point of subsidy, the MoE explained that Federal Government allocated around Rs.266 billion for the FY 2024-25, which after inclusion of currently proposed relief of Rs.58.6 billion @ Rs.1.71/kWh, would become Rs.325 billion. Representative of CPPA-G explained that category wise relief would be different depending upon applicable taxes for the relevant category.
- ✓ Upon inquiry from Mr. Abubakar Ismail, the MoE explained that relief of RS.1.71/kWh shall be applicable to all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric except life line consumers.
- ✓ While responding to the query of Mr. Hannan, regarding B-4 tariff, the MoE explained that existing Peak rate for B-4 category is Rs.40.76/kWh, which after reduction would become Rs.34.78/kWh. Similarly, B-4 Off-Peak rate is Rs.36.38/kWh, which would reduce to Rs.30.40/kWh.
- ✓ Mr. Raza raised concerns about the burden being placed on grid-connected consumers due to increasing net-metering connections. It was explained that government was actively deliberating on the matter, and the issue may be discussed during the upcoming tariff rebasing.
- ✓ Mr. Aleem malik inquired about the total volume of circular debt, to which it was responded by the Ministry that it stands at Rs.2.4 trillion.
- ✓ Mr. Rahat Gul requested to address structural issues of billing e.g. removal of financing cost surcharge, instead of providing relief in tariff.
- ✓ Mr. Muhammad Asif requested for rationalization of fixed charges.
- ✓ Mr. Saif ur Rehman inquired about the break-up of relief announced by the Prime Minister, and the period to which this relief shall be applicable, which was accordingly explained by the Ministry of Energy.
- ✓ While responding to the query of Mr. Zeeshan Yousafzai regarding continuation of relief going forward, the Ministry explained that major portion of power sector cost is dependent on macro-economic conditions like international fuel prices, exchange rate parity etc. Therefore, any such relief would be dependent on macroeconomic stability.



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10. The Authority has carefully considered the submissions made by the Federal Government in the Motion & during hearing and comments from the stakeholders. The Authority noted that the Ministry has not requested for any change in the NEPRA's determined tariff/ Revenue Requirement of DISCOs, rather has decided to use the Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) to provide additional subsidy to electricity consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric except lifeline @Rs.1.71/kWh, from April 2025 to June 2025. Further, no objection was raised by any stakeholder.
11. In view thereof, the Authority has no objection on the instant Motion, as it does not impact NEPRA's determined tariff, since the GOP has decided to provide additional subsidy from the expected collection of PDL. Accordingly, the request of the Ministry to provide additional subsidy of Rs.1.71/kWh to all consumers of XWDISCOs and K-Electric (except lifeline consumers) for the period from April 2025 to June 2025 is hereby approved.
12. The instant decision is intimated to the Federal Government for notification in terms of Section 31(7) of the Act.

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