

PRESS RELEASE

SALIENT FEATURES

ARR & Tariff related

1. The Commission has approved the Retail supply Tariff for the FY 2018-19.
2. The Commission has approved ARR of Rs. 5973.46 Cr against ARR proposed by JBVNL of Rs. 7385.40 Cr for the FY 2018-19.
3. The Commission has estimated the revenue gap for FY 2018-19 at existing tariffs of Rs 1785.68 Cr.
4. Revenue gap is on the basis on **NO SUBSIDY BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT**. The State Government shall provide subsidy directly to particular consumer categories through their energy bills.
5. The average cost of supply (ACOS) of JBVNL for FY 2018-19 has been approved as Rs 5.98 per unit (after not considering any inefficiency of JBVNL) while average billing rate (ABR) at existing tariffs work out to Rs 4.11 per unit. Presently, **cost recovery is 69% with JBVNL losing Rs 1.87 on every unit of energy sold.**
6. The Commission has determined the retail tariffs keeping in mind the provisions of the National Tariff Policy 2016 and ensuring reduction in cross subsidy gradually and also that the tariffs move towards reflecting the cost of supply within +/- 20% of the average cost of supply.
7. The Commission has approved a tariff hike in energy charges, fixed /demand charges in **some** categories to meet the revenue gap for the FY 2018-19. The tariff has been fixed **WITHOUT CONSIDERING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY**. As communicated by the State Government, **THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUBSIDY DIRECTLY TO PARTICULAR CONSUMER CATEGORIES THROUGH THEIR ENERGY BILLS.**
8. The Commission has also imposed a penalty of 2% reduction in ARR for non-compliance of directives of the Commission such as non-payment of interest on security deposit, non compliance of Standards of Performance, developing effective consumer grievance handling mechanism etc. This has resulted in decrease in tariffs by approximately 10 paise per unit.

Changes in Tariff Schedule

9. The Commission has approved new simplified tariff schedule with only 5 consumer categories- Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, Agriculture and Institutional. This simplified tariff schedule shall also eliminate the need of inspection of any load by JBVNL officials.

10. The Commission has approved kVAh based billing in the HTS, HTSS, RTS & MES categories as it would ensure grid discipline and stability.
11. The Commission has not accepted the Proposal of the Petitioner to remove installation based tariff for LTIS category, as the necessary MDI meters are not in place for all consumers. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to migrate all consumers to Demand Based tariff within 6 months.
12. The Commission has also introduced tariff for Electric Vehicles (EV) charging infrastructure. If a public EV charging infrastructure is setup for charging on payment basis, then the Commercial category tariff shall be applicable. If the EV is charged by a consumer himself, then the tariff for the particular consumer category shall be applicable.

Consumer Benefits

13. The Commission has retained the tariff of Kutir Jyothi separately.
14. The Commission has not accepted the proposal of the Petitioner to charge fixed charges on per KW basis in the domestic category. Instead the prevailing practice of fixed charges per connection basis shall continue.
15. The Commission has not accepted the Proposal of the Petitioner to merge HTS and HTSS categories as, presently, it would result in tariff shock for HTSS consumers.
16. The Commission has disallowed increase in Delayed Payment Surcharge from the existing 1.5% to 2% and is of the view that JBVNL should propose innovative mechanism such as one time settlements, fixed rate on DPS, etc. to ensure that long due arrears are recovered and improve revenue efficiency as well as benefit the consumers.
17. The Commission has disallowed the proposal for change in Power Factor Penalty as it would result in burdening the consumers.
18. The Commission has also disallowed the proposal for change in Load Factor Penalty and Rebate and Voltage Rebate as same are against principles of equity and would result in burdening consumers.
19. The Commission has not accepted the proposal for removal of Clause 13 of HT agreement keeping in mind the interest of the consumers. Instead it should be applicable for all category of consumers.
20. The Commission has not accepted the proposed changes of the Petitioner in clauses related to billing demand, which would have enhanced the minimum fixed charges, in the LTIS, HTS, RTS and MES categories.
21. The Commission, in order to facilitate Open Access, has determined the wheeling as well as cross subsidy surcharge.

Key Directives

22. The Commission has directed JBVNL to convert all unmetered connections to metered category by December 2018 failing which penalty may be imposed on JBVNL.
23. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to form a dedicated power purchase cell for optimization of power purchase cost which forms 80% of the cost of the Petitioner.
24. The Commission has directed JBVNL to take appropriate steps to strengthen its distribution network and submit a detailed plan with expected benefits with the next tariff Petition.
25. The Commission has also directed the Petitioner to ensure that interest on consumer security deposits is paid on time and all pending dues are cleared within 6 months failing which the fixed charges payable by the consumer shall be reduced by 5% every month (from the sixth month onwards) until such date payment has been made by JBVNL.
26. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to submit monthly report on Reliability Indices in MS-Excel format along with compliances of SOPs in true spirit in course of achieving 24x7 quality & reliable power.
27. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to ensure that they procure renewable energy both solar & non-solar in accordance with JSERC (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation and its compliance) Regulations, 2016. Failure to comply with RPO may attract penal action.
28. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to submit a report detailing the area-wise actual number of supply hours provided to rural areas for the FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19.
29. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to conduct division-wise Energy Audit & prepare circle-wise T&D Reduction Plan
30. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to carry out a detailed technical study on voltage wise losses on Distribution network and furnish a report within 6 months from the date of issuance of the order.
31. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to undertake extensive consumer awareness programmes with an aim to apprise the consumers on various facets of power distribution.
32. For reporting and controlling of theft, the Commission has directed JBVNL to create an online portal (or a dedicated section on its existing website) in which any consumer can report theft through uploading of photographs along with other details such as location etc. so that necessary action can be taken expeditiously.
33. The Commission has directed the Petitioner to strengthen and increase effectiveness of its consumer grievance handling mechanism and submit a report to the Commission along with the next Tariff Order indicating- total number of complaints received, nature of complaint, complaints resolved, average resolution time, complaints pending etc in addition to the periodic SOP compliance.

JBVNL RETAIL TARIFFS FOR FY 2018-19

(APPLICABLE FROM 1st May 2018)

NOTE: THESE TARIFFS ARE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY. THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUBSIDY DIRECTLY TO PARTICULAR CONSUMER CATEGORIES THROUGH THEIR ENERGY BILLS.

Category	Sub-Category		Existing Slabs	Existing Tariff (FY 16-17)		Proposed Tariff (FY 18-19)		Approved Tariff (FY 18-19)	
				Energy Charges (Rs.)	Fixed Charges (Rs.)	Energy Charges (Rs.)	Fixed Charges (Rs.)	Energy Charges (Rs.)	Fixed Charges (Rs.)
Domestic	Rural	Metered	DS- I (a), Kutir Jyoti (0-50 units)	1.25 / kWh	16 / Conn./ Month	6.25 / kWh	60 / kW / Month	4.40 / kWh	20 / Conn./ Month
			DS- I (a), Kutir Jyoti (51-100 units)	1.25 / kWh	16 / Conn./ Month				
			DS-I (b), (0-200 units)	1.60 / kWh	30 / Conn./ Month			4.75 / kWh	35 / Conn./ Month
			DS-I (b), (above 200 units)	1.70 / kWh	30 / Conn./ Month				
		Unmetered	DS-I (a),		60 / Conn./ Month	700 / kW / Month	250 / Conn./ Month		
			DS-I (b),		170 / Conn./ Month				
	Urban	0-200 units		3.00 / kWh	50 / Conn./ Month	7.00 / kWh	80 / kW / Month	5.50 / kWh	75 / Conn./ Month
		201 & above units		3.60 / kWh	80 / Conn./ Month				
		DS-III		4.00 / kWh	150 / Conn./ Month				
	HT	DS-HT		3.50 / kWh	110 / kVA / Month	5.25 / kWh	200 / kVA / Month	5.25 / kWh	200 / kVA / Month
Irrigation and Agriculture	Metered	IAS - I Metered		0.70 / kWh		5.25 / kWh	30.00 / HP / Month	5.00 / kWh	20.00 / HP / Month
		IAS - II Metered		1.20 / kWh		6.00 / kWh	100.00 / HP / Month		
	Unmetered	IAS - I Unmetered			100.00 / HP / Month		650.00 / HP / Month	0.00 / kWh	400.00 / HP / Month
		IAS - II Unmetered			375.00 / HP / Month		650.00 / HP / Month		
Commercial	Rural	0-100 Units		2.20 / kWh	45 / Conn./ Month	6.50 / kWh	100 / kW / Month	5.25 / kWh	60 / Conn./ Month
		Above 100 Units		2.25 / kWh	45 / Conn./ Month				
		Unmetered			250 / kW / Month		700 / kW / Month	300 / kW / Month	

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	Urban	NDS-II	6.00 / kWh	225 / kW / Month	6.50 / kWh	225 / kW / Month	6.00 / kWh	225 / Conn./ Month
		NDS-III	6.80 / kWh	200 / Conn./ Month				
Industrial	Low Tension Industrial Supply	Demand based	5.50 / kWh	275 / kVA / Month	5.50 / kvah	275 / kVA / Month	5.50 / kWh	160 / kVA / Month
		Installation based	5.50 / kWh	160.00 / HP / Month	6.50 / kWh	200.00 / HP / Month	6.50 / kWh	160.00 / HP / Month
	High Tension Supply	HTS - 11KV	6.25 / kWh	300 / kVA / Month	6.00 / kvah	300 / kVA / Month	5.75 / kvah	300 / kVA / Month
		HTS - 33KV						
		HTS - 132KV						
	High Tension Special Service	HTSS - 11KV	4.00 / kWh	490 / kVA / Month			4.00 / kvah	500 / kVA / Month
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Institutional	Street Light Service	Street Light- Metered	5.25 / kWh	55 / Conn./ Month	6.50 / kWh	100 / kW / Month	6.00 / kWh	100 / Conn./ Month
		Street Light- Un- metered				650.00 / 100 W / Month		Rs 500 per 100 watt/ month
	Railway Traction Services, Military Engineering Services and Other distribution licensees	RTS	6.00 / kWh	235 / kVA / Month	4.80 / kvah	400 / kVA / Month	4.60 / kvah	350 / kVA / Month
MES		4.60 / kWh	260 / kVA / Month					
Other distribution licensees		-	-	-	-			