DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION
DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata-54

Gist of Tariff order dated 03.03.2017 passed by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year 2016-17 in case no. TP-57/13-14

Tariff and Associated Terms and conditions as per the tariff Order dated 03.03.2017 of the Commission for different classes of consumers of DVC in the State of West Bengal for the year 2016-17

West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission has passed the tariff order in respect of DVC for the years 2016-17. The Hon’ble Commission determines the tariff schedule applicable to the consumers of DVC in West Bengal and also associated conditions of tariff for the year 2016-17. The tariff schedule as applicable to consumers of DVC in West Bengal are specified in Annexure -3A1 and Annexure -3A2 of the Tariff Order dated 03.03.2017 which is also available in DVC website at www.dvc.gov.in. Other associated conditions of Tariff for 2016-17 as per tariff order dated 03.03.2017 are as follows:

1) Load factor Rebate /Surcharge (Paise / Kwh):
   a. In order to reduce the overall system T&D loss and to flatten the load curve by improving the existing system load factor of DVC, the HT industrial consumers shall receive voltage wise graded load factor of DVC, rebate as per the Table 1:

   The above load factor rebate shall be applicable on quantum of energy consumed in the billing period. (For example a 33 kV industrial consumer at 85% load factor shall be eligible for a rebate @ 8 paise / kWh on the total quantum of energy consumed in the billing period).

   b. Load factor surcharge shall be levied on HV industrial and HV commercial consumers if the load factor falls below 30%. The surcharge for the load factor less than 30% but equal to or above 25% shall be 5 paise / kWh for the amount of energy by which consumption falls short of energy corresponding to a load factor of 30%. The surcharge for the load factor below 25% shall be 10 paise / kWh and shall be applicable only for the amount of energy by which the consumption falls short of energy corresponding to a load factor of 25% but not less than the amount of surcharge that would have been payable for load factor at 25% computed @ 5 paise / kWh.

   c. The load factor rebate and load factor surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the formula and associated principles given in regulations 3.9.2, 3.9.3 and 3.9.4 of the Tariff Regulations and at the rates as mentioned above.

2) Fixed / Demand Charge:
   a. The fixed charge shall be applicable to different categories of consumers as per rate as shown in the Table - 3A1 of the Tariff order dated 03.03.2017.

   b. The demand charge shall be applicable to different categories of consumers as per rate as shown in Table - 3A1 and Table – 3A2 of the tariff order dated 03.03.2017 on the basis of recorded demand as specified in regulation 4.3.3 of the Tariff Regulations.

   c. When a new consumer gets connected to the system, the computation of fixed charge or demand charge for that month shall be made pro-rata for the number of days of supply in that particular month.

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3) Subject to conditions as specified in regulation 4.3.5 in regulation of the Tariff Regulations, there will be no separate minimum charge for L&MV, HV & EHV consumers, excepting the consumers, for which the minimum charges will be as per Table 2.

4) For a pre-paid consumer who has purchased voucher prior to issue of this order, the existing tariff will continue till such voucher is exhausted.

5) For all consumers, excluding consumers having pre-paid meters, rebate shall be given @ 1% of the amount of the bill excluding meter rent, taxes, duties, levies and arrears (not being arrears due to revision of tariff) if the payment is made within the due date.

6) In addition to the rebate under paragraph (5) above, if the payment is made within due date, then an additional rebate of 1% of the amount of the bill excluding meter rent, taxes, duties, levies and arrears (not being arrears due to revision of tariff) would be allowed to the consumers who would pay their energy bills through e-payment facility (through web by using net banking, debit card, credit card, electronic clearing scheme) as introduced by DVC. The prepaid consumers purchasing prepaid voucher through e-payment facility will get 1% rebate in voucher amount. A rebate of Rs. 5.00 will be admissible prospectively if any consumer opt for e-bill following regulation 3.1.10 of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013. These rebates are applicable after giving effect under paragraphs (5) above.

7) **Power Factor Rebate / Surcharge:**

The power factor rebate and surcharge shall be applicable for the consumers at HV and EHV to whom those were applicable during the 2016-17. The rate of rebate and surcharge and the methods of calculation of such rebate and surcharge are given at Table 3. The rebate and surcharge against different time periods shall be reflected in the bill separately and shall be treated separately. The above rates of rebate and surcharge against different time period are applicable from the month of April, 2016.

8) For short term supply, emergency supply and for supply of construction power, there shall be no rebate or surcharge for load factor and power factor.

9) Delayed payment surcharge shall be applicable as per regulation 4.14 of the Tariff Regulations.

10) All existing charges relating to meter rent, meter testing, meter replacement, disconnection and reconnection etc. shall continue.

11) A consumer opting for pre-paid meter shall not be required to make any security deposit for the energy charge.
12) All statutory levies like electricity duty or any other taxes, duties etc. imposed by the State Govt. / Central Govt. or any other competent authority shall be extra and shall not be a part of the tariff determined under this tariff order.

13) All the rates and conditions of tariff are effective for the period from 01.04.2016 and onwards. This rate will continue till further order of the Commission. Adjustments, if any, for over recovery / under recovery for 2016 – 2017 from the energy recipient shall be made in 8 (eight) equal monthly installments through subsequent energy bills raised on or after 1st April 2017.

14) In addition to the tariff determined under this tariff order, DVC will be further entitled to additional sums towards enhanced cost of fuel and power purchase, if any, after the date from which this tariff order takes effect. Thus DVC shall compute the energy charge rate for their own generating stations as per formula given in CERC Tariff Regulations for any change in fuel price after the date of effect of this order and shall adjust the same in the adjustment to be made as per paragraph (13) above. The generation cost for own generating stations and power purchase cost shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the Tariff Regulations on the basis of tariff orders passed/to be passed by CERC for respective generating units for the period 2014-19.

15) Any variation in fixed charges for the generating units of DVC, both existing and new units and fixed cost for transmission and distribution systems of DVC cost of which have not yet been determined by CERC for the period 2014 – 2019 shall be adjusted in future tariff as per provisions of the Tariff Regulations of the Commission after determination of the same by CERC. Any variation in power purchase cost shall be adjusted in MVCA.

16) For any pre-paid and TOD tariff scheme, other charges shall be the charges applicable to consumers under respective category of non-TOD tariff.

17) An applicant for short term supplies through pre-paid meter shall have to comply with all necessary formalities for obtaining supply including payment in accordance with the Regulations made by the Commission. The same will be subject to the following conditions:
   a. Provision of requisite meter security deposit, to be kept with the licensee;
   b. Provision of space for installing weather-proof, safe and secure terminal services apparatus to protect sophisticated meter; and
   c. Availability of prepaid-meter of appropriate capacity

18) To avail Rate - D(1) for street lighting the supply should be metered and all the street lights under the same meter shall be illuminated with LED. For mixed type of street lights under one meter Rate – D(6) shall be applicable.

19) The existing time strata for TOD meter shall continue.

20) Any matter, which has not been explicitly mentioned in this order, shall be guided by regulations 2.9.8 and 2.9.9 of the Tariff Regulation.

21) It is open to the State Government to grant any subsidy to any consumer or any class of consumers in the tariff determined by the Commission for DVC. If at all any such subsidy under the provisions of the Act is intimated to DVC and to the Commission by the Government of West Bengal with clear indication of the consumer or class of consumers to be subsidized and the amount of the subsidy proposed to be given is paid in advance, the tariff of such consumer and / or the class of consumers shall be deemed to have been reduced accordingly as has been indicated by the State Government. However, such direction of the State Government shall not be operative till the payment is made by the State Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder, and the tariff as fixed by the Commission shall remain applicable. In accordance with the Tariff Regulations, the State Government is required to communicate within 15 days from the date of receipt of a tariff order, whether it shall give any subsidy to any group of consumers etc.

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22) For any further interpretation /clarification the order of the Hon’ble Commission dated 03.03.2017 may be referred to.
23) This gist has been published with the approval of the Commission.
24) If any difference from the original tariff order is found anywhere in this gist either due to misprinting or due to any other reasons, the versions found in the original tariff order will prevail.

Place:
Date:

Name and designation of the authorized signatory

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