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Press Release

- Electricity Tariff will be reduced by 21.9 percent from midnight today
- Electricity unit price of consumers in the category less than 30 units will be reduced by 33 percent
- 28 percent decrease of an electricity bill for consumers in the category between 31 to 60 units
- 30 percent electricity bill deduction for consumers in the category between 60 to 90 units
- 24 percent bill reduction for the category between 90 to 180 units
- 18 percent tariff reduction for consumers who uses more than 180 units
- 33 percent tariff reduction for religious place
- 18 percent tariff reduction for hotels and industrial sector
- A 23 percent tariff decrease in the general-purpose category
- 22 percent electricity tariff reduction in the public sector
- 20 percent deduction for Street lamps

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) has approved the revision of electricity tariffs with effect from midnight today. The overall tariff reduction is 21.9 percent. The Final decision was reached after studying and reviewed the proposals and cost data submitted by the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) in this tariff revision, in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act No. 20 of 2009 and the provisions of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka.

The CEB had proposed to reduce tariffs by 3.4 percent last January and then by 16 percent in a revised proposal presented on February 22. The commission decided to reduce the electricity tariffs by 21.9 percent, considering suggestions made during the public consultation and reviews that carried out by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka of the cost data submitted by the Ceylon Electricity Board.

According to this tariff revision which will be effective from midnight today, maximum relief has been provided to all consumer categories. Tariffs have been reduced by 33 percent for consumers who consume less than 30 units of electricity in the domestic sector.

The bills of electricity consumers with monthly consumption between 61 and 90 units will be reduced by 30 percent. Those who belong to the category between more than 90 units and less than 180 units will get a 24 percent reduction while 18 percent reduction is given for those who belong to the category of more than 180 units. The PUCSL has decided to reduce the tariffs by 33 percent for religious places.

The tariff for the general-purpose consumer category will be reduced by 23 percent and by 22 percent for government institutions. Also, the tariffs have been reduced by 18 percent for hotel and industry sectors and by 20 percent for street lamps.

According to the new tariff revision, the monthly fixed charge of consumers who use less than 30 units will be reduced from 180 to 150 rupees. The unit price they pay has been reduced from Rs 12 to Rs 8. The monthly charged of 360 rupees has been reduced to 300 rupees for the consumers who are between 31 and 60 units, and the unit price for that category has been reduced from 30 to 20 rupees.

The manner in which the monthly fee and unit fee have been reduced for domestic categories is given below.

Domestic Sector Customer Category	Current Unit Price	Approved New Unit Price	Current Monthly Charge	Approved New Monthly Charge
less than 30 units	12	8	180	150
between 31-60 units	30	20	360	300
Categories over 60 units				
First 60 units	38	25		
Units Above 60 and below 90	41	30	480	400
More than 90 units Less than 120 units	59	50	1,180	1,000
Above 120 units Below 180 units	59	50	1,770	1,500
More than 180 units	89	75	2,360	2,000

The condition has also imposed on CEB to pay the due payments and arrears of interest to owners of renewable power plants, including roof-mounted solar power plants, before the 31st of this month. The PUCSL has also imposed conditions on the CEB to prepare plans to achieve the target renewable electricity generation by 2030 and submit them before June 30.

Along with the implementation of this tariff revision, the PUCSL has also imposed 13 of other conditions to be implemented by the CEB.

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Tariff Table for a 30 Day Billing Cycle

	Currently Effective Tariff		Approved Tariff, Effective from 4th March 2024									
	Energy Charge (LKR/kWh)	Fixed Charge (LKR/month)	Energy Charge (LKR/kWh)		Fixed Charge (LKR/month)							
Domestic												
Consumption 0-60 kWh per month												
Block 1 : 0-30 kWh	12.00	180.00	8.00		150.00							
Block 2 : 31-60 kWh	30.00	360.00	20.00		300.00							
Consumption above 60kWh per month												
Block 1 : 0-60 kWh	38.00	-	25.00		-							
Block 2 : 61-90 kWh	41.00	480.00	30.00		400.00							
Block 3 : 91-120 kWh	59.00	1,180.00	50.00		1,000.00							
Block 4 : 121-180 kWh	59.00	1,770.00	50.00		1,500.00							
Block 5 : Above 180 kWh	89.00	2,360.00	75.00		2,000.00							
Domestic Time Of Use												
Peak [18:30 to 22:30]	106.00		90.00									
Day [05:30 to 18:30]	83.00	2,360.00	70.00		2,000.00							
Off Peak [22:30 to 05:30]	35.00		30.00									
Religious												
Block 1 : 0-30 kWh	12.00	180.00	8.00		150.00							
Block 2 : 31-90 kWh	24.00	300.00	9.00		250.00							
Block 3 : 91-120 kWh	41.00	710.00	18.00		600.00							
Block 4 : 121-180 kWh	53.00	1,770.00	32.00		1,500.00							
Block 5 : Above 180 kWh	59.00	2,360.00	43.00		2,000.00							
Other Consumers												
Volume Differentiated Monthly Consumption (kWh/month)	Industrial/Hotel		General Purpose/Government		Industrial		Hotel		General Purpose		Government	
	<300	>300	<180	>180	<300	>300	<300	>300	<180	>180	<180	>180
Supply at 400/230V & Contract Demand <42kVA (1)	Energy Charge (LKR/kWh) 20.00	28.00	43.00	56.00	13.50	21.50	13.50	21.50	33.00	43.00	33.00	43.00
	Fixed Charge (LKR/month) 340.00	1,120.00	750.00	1,860.00	300.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,000.00	600.00	1,500.00	600.00	1,500.00
Optional Time Of Use	Peak [18:30 to 22:30] (LKR/kWh)	41.00				37.00						
	Day [05:30 to 18:30] (LKR/kWh)	38.00				33.00						
	Off Peak [22:30 to 05:30] (LKR/kWh)	32.00				28.00						
	Fixed Charge (LKR/month)	1,120.00				1,000.00						
Supply at 400/230V & Contract Demand >42kVA (2)	Peak [18:30 to 22:30] (LKR/kWh)	41.00		68.00		37.00		37.00		55.00		55.00
	Day [05:30 to 18:30] (LKR/kWh)	38.00		58.00		30.50		30.50		45.00		45.00
	Off Peak [22:30 to 05:30] (LKR/kWh)	32.00		48.00		25.50		25.50		37.00		37.00
	Demand Charge (LKR/kVA)	1,800.00		2,000.00		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00
	Fixed Charge (LKR/month)	5,600.00		6,200.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Supply at 11kV & above (3)	Peak [18:30 to 22:30] (LKR/kWh)	40.00		67.00		36.00		36.00		54.00		54.00
	Day [05:30 to 18:30] (LKR/kWh)	37.00		57.00		30.00		30.00		44.00		44.00
	Off Peak [22:30 to 05:30] (LKR/kWh)	31.00		47.00		24.50		24.50		36.00		36.00
	Demand Charge (LKR/kVA)	1,680.00		1,860.00		1,400.00		1,400.00		1,400.00		1,400.00
	Fixed Charge (LKR/month)	5,600.00		6,200.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
Street Lighting												
Energy Charge (LKR/kWh)						56.00						45.00
EV Charging Stations												
	DC Fast Charging		AC Level 2 Charging		DC Fast Charging		AC Level 2 Charging					
Peak (LKR/kWh)	139.00		112.00		139.00		112.00					
Day (LKR/kWh)	109.00		87.00		109.00		87.00					
Off Peak (LKR/kWh)	66.00		50.00		66.00		50.00					



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Tariff Revision Percentages

Category		% Change in Revenue
Domestic Overall		-24.1%
Domestic	0-30	-23.7%
	31-60	-28.2%
	61-90	-30.4%
	91-180	-24.0%
	180<	-18.3%
	D-TOU	-15.2%
General Purpose		-22.7%
Government		-22.4%
Hotel Purpose		-17.5%
Industrial Purpose		-18.1%
Religious Purpose		-32.8%
Street Lamp		-19.6%
Overall		-21.9%