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First Electricity Tariff Review of 2026

Reference is made to Section 30 of Sri Lanka Electricity Act (SLEA) No. 20 of 2009 and CEB letter (Ref: DGM(CS&RA)/TRF/Trf. 2026 Q1) dated December 24, 2025, with the proposal for the first quarter tariff review of 2026.

The tariffs set by the Licensee in accordance with the Section 30(2) of SLEA 2009, are given as the Annex II of the CEB submission (attached). However, these tariffs result in a revenue increase of 17.6%, contradicting with the tariff increase of 11.57% justified in the Licensee proposal. Therefore, you are hereby required to re-submit the tariff proposal, addressing the above discrepancy.

In addition to the above major discrepancy, the Commission requires further clarifications/revisions on the following.

1. Drastic increase in forecast 33kV sales by CEB to LECO (130 GWh/month from previous tariff review to 185 GWh/month), which also shows a greater deviation from the end user sales forecast submitted by the LECO for the first quarter of 2026, which is 145 GWh/month on average.
2. The hydro inflow for the first quarter of 2026 has been forecasted by CEB to be 771 GWh, which is considerably lower compared to the 1,051 GWh of actual inflow for the first quarter of 2025. It is also noted that the 'Consensus Seasonal Weather Outlook January, February and March (JFM) 2026', by the Meteorological Department forecasts slightly above normal rainfall for Sabaragamuwa and Central Provinces.
3. The submission includes MLKR 874 of cost pertaining to proposed voluntary retirement scheme (VRS). Accordingly, the reduction in salary related cost of each Licensee, resulting from the VRS should be deducted from the Allowed Revenue of each Licensee. Therefore, these salary cost reductions shall also be submitted separately.

The re-submission, accommodating the above, shall be received by the Commission, no later than January 08, 2026. The tariff review process will be commenced upon receipt of the re-submission

Sgd./ Damitha Kumarasinghe
Director General

Kanchana Siriwardena
Deputy Director General (Industry Services)

EFFECTIVE FROM (for each 30 - day billing period)		Existing Tariff		2026-01-01						
DOMESTIC										
		Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)	Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)					
<i>Consumption 0 - 60 kWh per month</i>										
Block 1 : 0 - 30 kWh		4.50	80.00	5.29	94.11					
Block 2 : 31 - 60 kWh		8.00	210.00	9.41	247.03					
<i>Consumption above 60 kWh per month</i>										
Block 1 : 0 - 60 kWh		12.75	N/A	15.00	N/A					
Block 2 : 61 - 90 kWh		18.50	400.00	21.76	470.54					
Block 3 : 91 - 120 kWh		24.00	1,000.00	28.23	1,176.35					
Block 4 : 121 - 180 kWh		41.00	1,500.00	48.23	1,764.53					
Block 5 : 181 and above		61.00	2,100.00	71.76	2,470.34					
<i>Optional Time of Use (ToU) Electricity Tariff for Dom. Consumers</i>										
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		35.00	2,100.00	41.17	2,470.34					
Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		67.00		78.82						
Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		21.00		24.70						
RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS										
<i>Consumption 0 - 180 kWh per month</i>										
Block 1 : 0 - 30 kWh		4.50	75.00	5.29	88.23					
Block 2 : 31 - 90 kWh		4.50	200.00	5.29	235.27					
Block 3 : 91 - 120 kWh		8.00	350.00	9.41	411.72					
Block 4 : 121 - 180 kWh		19.00	1,300.00	22.35	1,529.26					
Block 5 : 181 kWh and above		26.00	1,700.00	30.59	1,999.80					
OTHER CONSUMER CATEGORIES		Industrial / Hotel	General Purpose / Government	Industrial / Hotel	General Purpose / Government					
Volume differentiated monthly consumption		IP/H 1-1 (\leq 300 kWh/mth)	IP/H 1-2 ($>$ 300 kWh/mth)	GP/GV 1-1 (\leq 180 kWh/mth)	GP/GV 1-2 ($>$ 180 kWh/mth)					
Rate 1 Supply at 400/230 V Contract demand <= 42 kVA	Energy Charge (Rs. /kWh)		8.00	17.00	25.00	34.00	9.41	20.00	29.41	40.00
	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)		300.00	800.00	500.00	1,600.00	352.91	941.08	588.18	1,882.17
Rate 2 Supply at 400/230 V Contract demand > 42 kVA	Energy Charge (Rs./kW)	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		15.00	41.00	41.00	17.65	17.65	48.23	
		Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		28.00	47.00	47.00	32.94	32.94	55.29	
		Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		12.00	31.00	31.00	14.12	14.12	36.47	
	Demand Charge (Rs./kVA)		1,400.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,646.90	1,646.90	1,764.53		
	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,881.77	5,881.77	5,881.77		
Rate 3 Supply at 11 kV & above	Energy Charge (Rs./kW)	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		14.00	39.50	39.50	16.47	16.47	46.47	
		Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		27.00	46.00	46.00	31.76	31.76	54.11	
		Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		11.00	30.00	30.00	12.94	12.94	35.29	
	Demand Charge (Rs./kVA)		1,350.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,588.08	1,588.08	1,705.71		
	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,881.77	5,881.77	5,881.77		
STREET LIGHTING										
Street Lighting (Rs./kWh)		50.00		58.82						
EV CHARGING OF CEB CHARGING STATIONS		DC Fast Charging (Rs./kWh)	Level 2 AC Ch. (Rs./kWh)	DC Fast Charging (Rs./kWh)	Level 2 AC Ch. (Rs./kWh)					
Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		87.00	70.00	87.00	70.00					
Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		111.00	90.00	111.00	90.00					
Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		53.00	40.00	53.00	40.00					
AGRICULTURE - Optional Time of Use (ToU) Electricity Tariff		Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)	Energy Charge (Rs./kWh)	Fixed Charge (Rs./mth)					
Rate 1 Supply at 400/230V Contract demand <= 42 kVA	Day (05:30 - 18:30 hrs)		13.00	750.00	15.29	882.27				
	Peak (18:30 - 22:30 hrs)		23.00		27.06					
	Off Peak (22:30 - 05:30 hrs)		7.00		8.23					