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**First Electricity Tariff Review of 2026**

Reference is made to;

- [1] Section 30 of Sri Lanka Electricity Act (SLEA) No. 20 of 2009,
- [2] General Policy Guideline for the Electricity Industry (Amended),
- [3] Commission letter (Ref: PUC/E/Tariff/01) dated October 22, 2025, informing the submission day for 2026 quarter 1 tariff proposal,
- [4] 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 (Received on December 29, 2025), and
- [5] Commission letter (Ref: PUC/E/Tariff/01) dated January 05, 2026, directing CEB to re-submit the proposal,
- [6] Chief Engineer (Tariff), CS & RA, CEB, email dated January 08, 2026, informing on the delay in re-submission of the tariff proposal.

As provided in the General Policy Guidelines for the Electricity industry, the electricity tariffs are to be reviewed quarterly. In line with this requirement, CEB was directed to submit the proposal for the first quarter tariff review of 2026, by November 14, 2025 (Reference No. 3). However, the submission of CEB for the above tariff review was received on December 29, 2025 (Reference No. 4), with a considerable delay. Due to the mismatches existed in the submission, subsequently, the CEB was directed to re-submit the tariff proposal by January 08, 2026 (Reference No. 5). This re-submission is yet to be received and CEB has informed about further delays for the re-submission (Reference No. 6).

The first quarter tariff review considers the period of January to March 2026. Given the present status of the tariff proposal, the review process is practically possible to be completed only by the latter part of the first quarter of 2026. Consequently, any revenue deficit/surplus discovered in the review process will have to be recovered/discounted within a shorter period, as against the whole quarter. This inevitably results in a significant tariff change.

Considering the above variation and its potential negative impacts to the national economy, and due to the absence of valid proposal for review from CEB, the Commission has decided to forego the first quarter tariff revision for 2026. Accordingly, you are hereby directed to submit the proposal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter tariff review of 2026, by February 13, 2026.



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