

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing on the Petition filed by Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited for seeking approval of the Commission on the Deviation in Power Purchase Costs and Removal of Difficulty for allowing Recovery of Incremental Power Purchase Cost and compliance thereof to directives issued under Multi Year Tariff Order.

Salient Points of the Petition

1. Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), the sole Distribution and Retail Supply Licensee in the State, has filed a Petition before Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC or Commission) seeking approval of the Commission on the Deviation in Power Purchase Costs and Removal of Difficulty for allowing Recovery of Incremental Power Purchase Cost and compliance thereof to directives issued under Multi Year Tariff Order.
2. UPCL through its letter dated 26.07.2022 made an additional submission to rectify certain typographical and formula error in the Petition filed by it.
3. Through the above Petition, UPCL has assessed an additional cost of Rs. 1355.41 Crore for securing reliable power for the consumers of the State for FY 2022-23. The revised projection of power purchase cost for FY 2022-23 as proposed by the Petitioner is summarized below.

Particulars	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Revised Power Purchase Cost (Rs. Crore)	2,339.55	1,246.30	1707.94	1,754.47	7,048.26
Approved Power Purchase Cost (Rs. Crore)	1,402.16	1,502.03	1,425.07	1,363.59	5,692.85
Variation (Rs. Crore)	937.39	-255.73	282.87	390.88	1,355.41
Variation (%)	67%	-17%	20%	29%	

4. UPCL has proposed to recover the incremental charges from the consumers under FAC mechanism (without any ceiling) or as a separate "Additional Charge" or "Surcharge" in the remaining months of FY 2022-23 as deemed appropriate.
5. UPCL has proposed to levy a surcharge on the consumers for all the three quarters of FY 2022-23 starting from August 2022, and proposed to exclude BPL consumers, domestic consumers that consume less than 100 units on a monthly basis, snow bound and PTW consumers from the same. The proposed surcharge over existing approved tariff based on 8 months recovery period as proposed by UPCL is summarized below:

Category	Number of Consumers (as submitted in MYT)	Balance 8 months Sales (MU)	Proposed Surcharge (Rs.kWh)	Revenue from Proposed Surcharge (Rs. Cr.)
RTS -1 Domestic	25,40,569	2,681.41	0.11	30.79
1.1 BPL / Lifeline Consumers	5,08,114	196.17	NIL	-
1.2 Other Domestic Consumers	20,32,455	2,437.94		24.87
(i) upto 100 Units/month	11,43,256	1,206.64	NIL	-
(ii) 101-200 Units/month	4,57,302	536.28	0.15	8.04
(iii) 201-400 Units/month	3,04,868	402.21	0.20	8.04
(iv) Above 400 Units/month	1,27,028	292.81	0.30	8.78
2. Single Point Bulk Supply	150	47.30	1.25	5.91
RTS-1A: Snowbound				
1. Domestic	-	-	NIL	-
2. Non-Domestic upto 1 kW	-	-	NIL	-
3. Non-Domestic above 1 kW & upto 4 kW	-	-	NIL	-
4. Non-Domestic above 4 kW	-	-	NIL	-
RTS 2: Non-Domestic Consumer	3,22,104	897.14	2.39	214.20
RTS 3: Government Public Utilities (RTS 3: Public Lamps)	8,485	596.35	2.37	141.24
RTS 4: Private Tubewells/Pumping Sets	46,786	206.14	NIL	-
RTS- 4A: Agriculture Allied Services	290	14.14	0.15	0.21
RTS 5: LT Industry	16,050	222.94	2.19	48.77
RTS 5: HT Industry	2,455	3,933.42	2.25	885.47
RTS 6: Mixed Load	80	133.88	2.15	28.78
RTS 7: Railway Traction	2	12.97	2.24	2.91
RTS 8: Electric Vehicle and Charging Station	100	14.65	2.10	3.08
Total	29,37,071	8,713.05	1.56	1,355.45

6. UPCL submitted that with the proposed surcharge, the revenue to be collected over a period of 8 months (starting from 1st August, 2022) will be Rs. 1,355.41 Crore, at an additional ACoS of Rs. 1.56/kWh.
7. The request made by the Petitioner through the aforesaid Petition is as summarized below:
- Replace gas-based power with power from DEEP/short term arrangements.
 - Approve the rate of procurement of short-term power to atleast Rs 6.50/kWh to ensure supply of consistent power to the consumers.
 - Permit the Petitioner to enter into an arrangement for procurement of short-term power for ensuing quarters based on such revised approved rate.
 - Allow inclusion of short-term power purchases in the FAC mechanism/Power Purchase surcharge to ensure steady cash flows for procuring the power.
 - Allow recovery of such charges from the consumers as proposed in this petition without the restriction of 10% from August, 2022 under FAC mechanism.

8. Responses/suggestions, if any, are sought from consumers and other stakeholders on the Petition filed by UPCL. Responses may be sent to the Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission, either in person, or by post at 'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near ISBT, PO-Majra, Dehradun-248171 or through e-mail to secy.uerc@gov.in by **19.08.2022**.
9. The Commission has also decided to hold an online/offline Public Hearing in the matter on **22.08.2022 at 11:30 AM** in the Commission's office on the above-mentioned address. Any person, who wishes to put his views on the subject before the Commission, is invited to appear before the Commission and make the submission in the above public hearing.
10. Detailed Petition alongwith additional submission can be seen free of cost on any working day at the Commission's office or at the offices of General Manager (Regulatory Management) at Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun/General Manager (Distribution), Garhwal Zone, UPCL, 120-Haridwar Road, Dehradun/General Manager (Distribution), Kumaon Zone, UPCL, 132-KV Substation, Kathgodam, Haldwani. Relevant extracts can also be obtained from the above-mentioned offices of the Petitioner.
11. The Petition alongwith additional submission is also available at the website of the Commission (www.uerc.gov.in) and at the Petitioner's website (www.upcl.org).