

Electricity Department, Government of Puducherry

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Press Note

Electricity Billing Method of Low Tension Consumers:

- In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, there has been lock down since 24.03.2020 midnight and hence spot billing based on meter readings was withheld. Monthly average billing has been made for the consumers since the announcement of lockdown and billing details is made available in the department portal <https://pedservices.py.gov.in/> and at the cash counters.
- As lockdown is being unlocked step by step, the billing based on consumption has again been commenced from 10/07/2020. The total average consumption claimed during the lock down period has been divided with appropriate number of months. The amount for each month is arrived based on the tariff applicable for the year 2019-2020 and the total bill amount arrived for the pending months. Payment made by the consumer during the average billing period is deducted from the total bill amount.
- As approved by the Hon'ble JERC, the new tariff for the year 2020-2021 for the billing period from 01-06-2020 will be claimed in the subsequent months after quantifying the consumption.
- An illustration for Bill Payment is given for the domestic consumers for reference (Average Claim for 4 months)

Billing Calculation during Lock Down Period as follows			
		example 1	example 2
Average Amount claimed period	A	4 Months	4 Months
Average Amount paid by the Consumer		Rs.200	Rs.500
Total Consumption (Present Reading - Previous Reading)(As per meter reading)	B	800 Units	2000 Units
Consumption per month (B /A)		200 Units	500 Units
Slab wise Rate for consumption per month for domestic Consumer as per the Tariff Order 2019-20			
1-100 (Rs.1.50/unit)	C	Rs.150	Rs.150
101-200 (Rs.2.50/unit)	D	Rs.250	Rs.250
201-300 (Rs.4.35/unit)	E	-	Rs.435
> 300 (Rs.5.60/unit)	F	-	Rs.1120
Fixed Charges	G	Rs.40	Rs.40
Total Unit Charge for one month (C+D+E+F+G)	H	Rs.440	Rs.1995
Surcharge at 4% of previous month bill	I	Rs.18	Rs.80
Total Unit Charge for one month (H+I)	J	Rs.458	Rs.2075
Actual Unit Charge for the average claim period (J X 4 month)	K	Rs.1832	Rs.8300
Payments if any made by Consumer for the average claim period	L	Rs.800	Rs.2000
Balance to be paid (K - L)		Rs.1032	Rs.6300

- By the above method of billing, the consumers are not levied any excess charges. But in general, the Domestic consumption is found to be high as the usage of AC, Fan etc during summer lock down period is more. The bill amount of most of the consumers is comparatively more during the lock down period due to high consumption and the tariff slab rate for the consumption more than 300 units is Rs.5.60/unit.
- All Consumers shall prefer digital payment through department website <https://pedservices.py.gov.in/> and through mobile apps BHIM, Paytm, Google Pay, Amazon Pay, PhonePe, Mobikwik, to avoid coming to bill collection centre and spread of Covid-19.

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