

PRESS RELEASE

ELECTRICITY TARIFF REDUCTION FROM 1 OCT 2003

1 Electricity tariff will be reduced from 1 Oct 2003 by an average of 4.6% or 0.75cts/kWh.

2 Electricity tariffs were last revised in July 03. In the subsequent tariff reviews for the months of August and September 2003, no revisions were made to the tariffs. In the first two weeks of September 03, oil prices have dropped to US \$ 24.70 per barrel. This has translated into lower cost of electricity purchase from the market which will be passed on to the consumers in the form of lower tariffs.

3 The tariff adjustments effective 1 Oct 2003 will be as follows:-

Low Tension (LT) tariff (comprising residential customers & commercial customers receiving 230V/400V supplies)	0.75¢ or \$0.0075 decrease per kWh
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High Tension (HT) tariff (22kV & 6.6 kV)	0.76¢ or \$0.0076 decrease per kWh for Peak period *
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	0.74¢ or \$0.0074 decrease per kWh for off- peak period **
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Extra High Tension (EHT) tariff (66kV and above)	0.76¢ or \$0.0076 decrease per kWh for peak period *
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	0.74¢ or \$0.0074 decrease per kWh for off- peak period **
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* *peak period* 7.00am to 11.00pm

** *off-peak period* 11.00pm to 7.00am

4 Domestic customers and small businesses that receive LT supplies will benefit from a reduction of 4.5% in electricity tariffs. Business and industrial customers similarly enjoy a decrease in electricity rates averaging 5.3 % for HT supplies and 5.8% for EHT supplies.

5 The tariff adjustments have been approved by the Energy Market Authority. The revised tariffs are shown in the attached table. (Appendix 1)

Appendix 1

REVISION OF ELECTRICITY TARIFFS (WITH EFFECT FROM 1 OCT 2003)

	Existing Tariff	Tariff Adjustment	New Tariff
LOW TENSION SUPPLIES, DOMESTIC All units, ¢ / kWh	16.56	-0.75	15.81
LOW TENSION SUPPLIES, NON- DOMESTIC All units, ¢ / kWh	16.56	-0.75	15.81
HIGH TENSION (HT) SUPPLIES			
Contracted Capacity Charge, \$ / kW / month	7.33	--	7.33
Uncontracted Capacity Charge, \$ / chargeable kW / month	10.99	--	10.99
kWh charge, ¢ / kWh			
Peak period (7.00am to 11.00pm)	13.36	-0.76	12.60
Off-peak period (11.00pm to 7.00am)	7.76	-0.74	7.02
Reactive power charge, ¢ / chargeable kVARh	0.61	--	0.61

EXTRA HIGH TENSION (EHT) SUPPLIES			
Contracted Capacity Charge, \$ / kW / month	7.02	--	7.02
Uncontracted Capacity Charge, \$ / chargeable kW / month	10.53	--	10.53
kWh charge, ¢ / kWh			
Peak period (7.00am to 11.00pm)	12.40	-0.76	11.64
Off-peak period (11.00pm to 7.00am)	7.64	-0.74	6.90
Reactive power charge, ¢ / chargeable kVARh	0.50	--	0.50