



**ORDER  
OF THE  
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
IN CASE NO. OA-386/21-22**

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF  
APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR UNIVERSALIZATION OF MONTHLY  
BILLING CYCLE OR BILLING PERIOD FOR ALL CONSUMERS OF  
WBSEDCL

**PRESENT:**

**SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON  
SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER  
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

**DATE: 03.02.2022**





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### ORDER

- 1.0 The Department of Power, Government of West Bengal vide Memo No. I/142795/2021/5S-25/2016 dated 03.08.2021 in exercising its power conferred by Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 has issued direction to the Commission to define the billing cycle or billing period as one month for all consumers of WBSEDCL and to work out the transitional plan for WBSEDCL to roll over to the monthly billing cycle from the existing quarterly billing cycle.
- 2.0 The Commission observes that, billing period has been specified in regulation 3.1.3 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations 2013 [herein after referred as 'Supply Code'] notified under section 50 of the Electricity Act 2003. The provisions of monthly billing cycle as well as meter reading period, etc. has inter-alia been specified in regulation 3.1.3 of the Supply Code. Thus, to workout a transitional plan as per the government direction under section 108 above, the Commission vide letter dated 23.08.2021 directed WBSEDCL to submit its roll out plan along with required investment plan, if any.
- 3.0 In reply, WBSEDCL vide its submission dated 14.09.2021 prayed for implementation of monthly billing system on pilot basis in two divisions and after gaining experiences through such pilot projects considering consumers' feedback, etc. WBSEDCL will submit a roll out plan for universalization of monthly billing cycle to all consumers of WBSEDCL. The Commission admitted the application and registered it in Case No. OA – 386/21-22. WBSEDCL in their application prayed for following approvals:
  - (i) Implementation of monthly billing system on pilot basis in two divisions viz. Bidhannagar – I Division and New Town Division from consumption month of November, 2021. For this pilot plan WBSEDCL estimated annual additional expenditure of Rs. 1.50 Cr for meter reading, billing, collection, etc.
  - (ii) Approval of a different tariff code to differentiate between the L&MV consumers billing under existing quarter cycle and consumers proposed to be billed under monthly cycle in pilot basis (submitted in Annexure-A of the application).
  - (iii) Approval of the monthly tariff slab equivalent to one-third of quarterly slabs approved under the tariff order for implementation of monthly billing cycle (submitted in Annexure-B).
- 5.0 The Commission after considering the huge consumer base of WBSEDCL and related complexities agrees to the prayer of WBSEDCL regarding implementation of the monthly billing





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system on pilot basis for getting consumer feedback, etc. Accordingly, the Commission approves the following:

- (i) WBSEDCL shall implement monthly billing system on pilot basis in two divisions viz. Bidhannagar – I Division and New Town Division from the next month from the date of this order.
- (ii) The tariff code and the applicable monthly tariff slabs as proposed by WBSEDCL are approved and given in Annexure – A and Annexure – B of this order.  
Provided that the applicable monthly tariff will be revised as and when the tariff order will be issued by the Commission.  
Provided further that, all other conditions including rebate/ surcharges, MVCA, etc shall be as per the provisions of the tariff order.
- (iii) WBSEDCL shall ensure that, the additional cost of metering, billing, etc for this pilot project shall not exceed 10% of the estimated cost of Rs. 1.50 crore.
- (iv) WBSEDCL shall submit a detailed roll out plan for universalization of monthly billing cycle to all its consumers within three (3) months from the date of implementation of the pilot scheme.
- (v) WBSEDCL shall give wide publicity to create awareness in the concerned areas before implementation of the pilot project.

6.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.

7.0 WBSEDCL shall download the copy of the order from the website of the Commission and act on it. Certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of formalities laid down in the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013, as amended and on submission of necessary fees.

Sd/-  
(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)  
MEMBER

Sd/-  
(DURGADAS GOSWAMI)  
MEMBER

Sd/-  
(SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA)  
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 03.02.2022





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ANNEXURE – A

TARIFF CODE

| WBSEDCL-AREA |   |  |   |
|--------------|---|--|---|
| SL No        | Type of consumer  | Tariff Category under quarterly billing System | Modified Tariff Category for Monthly billing System |
| 1            | Life Line (Domestic)  | Rate A(DM-LL)                                  | Rate A(DM-LL)-M                                     |
| 2            | Domestic (Rural)  | Rate A(DM-R)                                   | Rate A(DM-R)-M                                      |
| 3            | Domestic (Urban)  | Rate A(DM-U)                                   | Rate A(DM-U)-M                                      |
| 4            | Commercial (Rural)  | Rate A(CM-R)                                   | Rate A(CM-R)-M                                      |
| 5            | Commercial (Urban)  | Rate A(CM-U)                                   | Rate A(CM-U)-M                                      |
| 6            | Public utility/ Specified Institution Public Bodies   | Rate A(CM-PU) (MUN)                            | Rate A(CM-PU) (MUN)-M                               |
|              | In Municipal Area   |  |   |
| 7            | Public utility/ Specified Institution Public Bodies   | Rate A(CM-PU) (NON-MUN)                        | Rate A(CM-PU) (NON-MUN)-M                           |
|              | In Non-Municipal Area   |  |   |
| 8            | Government School   | Rate A(CM-I)                                   | Rate A(CM-I)-M                                      |
| 9            | Cottage Industry / Artisan / Weavers / Small production-oriented establishment not run by electricity as motive power             | Rate A(CM-II)                                  | Rate A(CM-II)-M                                     |
| 10           | Poultry, Duckery, Horticulture, Tissue culture, Floriculture, Herbal – Medicinal – Bio-diesel Plant Farming, Food Processing Unit | Rate A(CM-III)                                 | Rate A(CM-III)-M                                    |





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ANNEXURE – B

APPLICABLE MONTHLY TARIFF

| Sl No | Type of Consumer  | Applicable Tariff Scheme |                           |                              |     |  |     |   |
|-------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----|--|-----|---|
|       |   | Consumer category        | Name of the Tariff Scheme | Quarterly consumption in kWh |     | Corresponding Monthly consumption in kWh |     | Energy Charge Paise / kWh (As per Tariff Order 2019 – 20) |
| 1.    | Life Line (Domestic )   | Rate A(DM-LL)            | Normal                    | 0 to 75                      |     | 0 to 25                                  |     | 379   |
| 2.    | Domestic (Rural)  | Rate A(DM-R)             | Normal                    | First                        | 102 | First                                    | 34  | 549   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 78  | Next                                     | 26  | 609   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 120 | Next                                     | 40  | 696   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 300 | Next                                     | 100 | 746   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 300 | Next                                     | 100 | 755   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Above                        | 900 | Above                                    | 300 | 922   |
| 3.    | Domestic (Urban)  | Rate A(DM-U)             | Normal                    | First                        | 102 | First                                    | 34  | 553   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 78  | Next                                     | 26  | 620   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 120 | Next                                     | 40  | 720   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 300 | Next                                     | 100 | 754   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 300 | Next                                     | 100 | 781   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Above                        | 900 | Above                                    | 300 | 922   |
| 4.    | Commercial (Rural)  | Rate A(CM-R)             | Normal                    | First                        | 180 | First                                    | 60  | 640   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 120 | Next                                     | 40  | 760   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 150 | Next                                     | 50  | 825   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 450 | Next                                     | 150 | 868   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Above                        | 900 | Above                                    | 300 | 917   |
| 5.    | Commercial (Urban)  | Rate A(CM-U)             | Normal                    | First                        | 180 | First                                    | 60  | 642   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 120 | Next                                     | 40  | 762   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 150 | Next                                     | 50  | 825   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 450 | Next                                     | 150 | 868   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Above                        | 900 | Above                                    | 300 | 917   |
| 6.    | Cottage Industry / Artisan / Weavers / Small production-oriented establishment not run by electricity as motive power | Rate A(CM-II)            | Normal                    | First                        | 300 | First                                    | 100 | 622   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Next                         | 300 | Next                                     | 100 | 765   |
|       |   |                          |                           | Above                        | 600 | Above                                    | 200 | 799   |