

Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

UPCL's Petition for approval of MYT for the Control Period from FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28, True-up for FY 2023-24 and Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25.

AND

In the matter of:

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited
Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun

...Petitioner

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Shri M.L. Prasad

Chairman

Shri Anurag Sharma

Member (Law)

Date of Order : January 08, 2025

This order relates to the Petition for approval of MYT for the Control Period from FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28, True-up for FY 2023-24 and Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25 filed by Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), hereinafter referred to as the Petitioner, on 26.12.2024.

2. The Petition filed by UPCL had certain critical infirmities/ deficiencies. The Commission vide its letter dated 30.12.2024 informed the same to UPCL asking it to rectify the said infirmities so that the Petition could be admitted. UPCL submitted its replies rectifying the deficiencies pointed by the Commission on 06.01.2025.
3. Based on the submissions of UPCL, the Commission decides to admit the Petition provisionally for further processing subject to the condition that UPCL shall furnish any information/ clarifications as deemed necessary by the Commission during the processing of the Petition and provide such information and clarifications to the satisfaction of the Commission within the time frame as may be stipulated by the Commission failing which the Commission would proceed to dispose off the matter as it deems fit based on the information

available with it.

4. The Commission further directs the Petitioner to publish a public notice within 3 days from the date of this Order detailing the salient information and facts of the Petition filed by it in the format given at **Annexure 1** in at least two daily newspapers (one Hindi and one English) widely circulated in the area of its operation both in Hindi and English languages for comments by all stakeholders and public at large. The Petitioner is also directed to place the Petition on its website and its headquarters/other offices for inspection or making relevant extracts available to the public.
5. Further, during the previous Tariff proceedings, the Commission had directed UPCL to ensure that suggestion boxes are made available at all the sub-stations of UPCL to ensure maximum participation of people during the Tariff proceedings. The concerned SDO of the sub-stations should ensure sending all the comments/suggestions on the MYT Petition received in the drop boxes to the Commission's office every week.

(Anurag Sharma)
Member (Law)

(M. L. Prasad)
Chairman

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting Comments on the Petition for MYT for the Control Period from FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28, True-up for FY 2023-24 and Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25 and determination of Tariff for FY 2025-26 filed by UPCL before the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

Salient Points of the ARR/Tariff 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) for approval of its Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28 and determination of tariff for FY 2025-26 and has sought revision in Retail Tariffs to be charged from different category of electricity consumers in the State for FY 2025-26.
2. Through the above Petition, UPCL has also sought truing up of expenses for FY 2023-24 (based on audited accounts). The summary of the revised ARR and the revised revenue Gap for FY 2025-26 and projected ARR from FY 2025-25 to FY 2027-28 & projected Revenue gap for FY 2025-26 are given in the following Table:

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25		Projected by UPCL		
		Approved by the Commission	Final truing up claimed by UPCL	Approved by the Commission	Revised Estimates submitted by UPCL	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
A.	Expenditure							
1	Power Purchase Expenses#	7352.92	7,309.42	7609.36	7,121.01	7,727.70	8,084.94	8,839.59
2	UJVN Ltd. Arrears Gap / (Surplus)	(25.60)	-	(126.14)	-	-	-	-
3	SLDC charges	369.75	373.92	380.60	380.60	392.02	403.78	415.89
4	Transmission Charges- PTCUL							
5	Transmission Charges- PGCIL	598.40	686.30	765.82	710.62	782.97	787.26	810.93
6	O&M expenses	741.04	790.91	791.80	874.66	1089.09	1249.83	1574.50
7	Smart Metering OPEX Expenses				107.53	240.57	177.96	177.96
8	Interest charges (including interest on consumer security deposit)	149.88	128.58	153.05	265.48	321.22	383.61	435.28
9	Guarantee Fee	0.24						
10	Depreciation	244.41	193.55	252.95	211.24	240.75	280.14	317.28
11	Return on Equity	176.91	225.32	197.80	252.33	297.38	357.53	414.23
12	Interest on Working Capital	139.41	157.65	142.26	170.09	151.14	152.37	179.33
13	Provisions for Bad and Doubtful Debt				105.03	111.71	117.06	122.32
14	Net Impact of Loss/(Gain) Sharing		(56.32)					
15	Additional Claim of Pending Certificates till last year		252.10					
16	Gross Expenditure	9747.35	10061.44	10167.51	10198.61	11354.54	11994.48	13287.31

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		Approved by the Commission	Final truing up claimed by UPCL	Approved by the Commission	Revised Estimates submitted by UPCL	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28
B.	Less: Non-tariff income	429.57	253.10	374.86	302.74	302.74	302.74	302.74
	True up impact of previous year Gap/(Surplus)	582.76	582.76	897.38	897.38	1460.58*	0.00	0.00
C.	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	9900.54	10391.09	10690.03	10793.25	12512.38	11691.75	12984.57
D.	Revenues from Existing/ Approved Tariffs	9029.69	9235.84	9997.69	-	11170.42	-	-
E.	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (C -D)	870.85	1155.25	692.34	-	1341.96	-	-

#including Water tax & RPO

*including Carrying Cost of Rs. 84.75 Crore

3. UPCL has, accordingly, projected a total revenue gap of Rs. 1341.96 Crore for FY 2025-26 including truing up impact of FY 2023-24.
4. For FY 2025-26, UPCL has projected the distribution loss level of 13.50% based on the loss trajectory proposed in business plan.
5. For projecting the power purchase cost for FY 2025-26 from UJVN Ltd. stations (Except large hydro), and Central Sector Generating Stations, UPCL has considered the Fixed Cost as per FY 2023-24 with no escalation. Further, the variable cost and other cost has been considered as per current year's actual charges with no escalation. Inter-state transmission charges (PGCIL charges) have been projected on "per unit basis", i.e. power projected to be procured from outside based on the actual per unit cost paid (excluding arrears) for FY 2023-24 escalated by 3%. For Intra-state transmission charges (PTCUL charges) and SLDC charges, UPCL has considered the ARR approved by the Commission for FY 2024-25 in its Tariff Order dated 31.03.2024 and escalated the same by 3% on previous year to arrive at the PTCUL and SLDC charges for the control period, i.e., FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28.
6. UPCL has proposed to recover the revenue gap of Rs. 1341.96 Crore relating to true up for FY 2023-24 and projected ARR & tariff for FY 2025-26 through tariff hike in the FY 2025-26.
7. UPCL has, accordingly, proposed an average tariff hike of 12.01% in the existing retail tariffs of consumers.
8. Further, PTCUL, SLDC and UJVN Ltd. have also submitted their ARR and Tariff Petition for the FY 2025-26 including truing up for FY 2023-24 before the Commission. If all the claims as proposed are accepted by the Commission, it would necessitate a hike of 29.23% in consumer tariffs for FY 2025-26.
9. UPCL has proposed to revise the applicable tariffs for FY 2025-26 to meet the revenue gap of Rs. 1341.96 Crore.

The tariff proposal to recover revenue gap without subsidy support is as below:

Proposal:

Consumer Category	Existing Tariff (Rs./kWh)		Proposed Tariff (Rs./kWh)	
	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges
RTS 1: Domestic Consumer				
1.1 BPL / Lifeline Consumers	18.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.75 Rs/kWh	18.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.84 Rs/kWh
1.2 Other Domestic Consumers				
Upto 1 kW				
(i) upto 100 Units/month	75 Rs/kW/Month	3.40 Rs/kWh	84 Rs/kW/Month	3.81 Rs/kWh
(ii) 101-200 Units/month	75 Rs/kW/Month	4.90 Rs/kWh	84 Rs/kW/Month	5.48 Rs/kWh
(iii) 201-400 Units/month	75 Rs/kW/Month	6.70 Rs/kWh	84 Rs/kW/Month	7.50 Rs/kWh
(iv) Above 400 Units/month	75 Rs/kW/Month	7.35 Rs/kWh	84 Rs/kW/Month	8.23 Rs/kWh
Above 1 kW and upto 4 kW				
(i) upto 100 Units/month	85 Rs/kW/Month	3.40 Rs/kWh	95 Rs/kW/Month	3.81 Rs/kWh
(ii) 101-200 Units/month	85 Rs/kW/Month	4.90 Rs/kWh	95 Rs/kW/Month	5.48 Rs/kWh
(iii) 201-400 Units/month	85 Rs/kW/Month	6.70 Rs/kWh	95 Rs/kW/Month	7.50 Rs/kWh
(iv) Above 400 Units/month	85 Rs/kW/Month	7.35 Rs/kWh	95 Rs/kW/Month	8.23 Rs/kWh
Above 4 kW				
(i) upto 100 Units/month	100 Rs/kW/Month	3.40 Rs/kWh	112 Rs/kW/Month	3.81 Rs/kWh
(ii) 101-200 Units/month	100 Rs/kW/Month	4.90 Rs/kWh	112 Rs/kW/Month	5.48 Rs/kWh
(iii) 201-400 Units/month	100 Rs/kW/Month	6.70 Rs/kWh	112 Rs/kW/Month	7.50 Rs/kWh
(iv) Above 400 Units/month	100 Rs/kW/Month	7.35 Rs/kWh	112 Rs/kW/Month	8.23 Rs/kWh
2. Single Point Bulk Supply	120 Rs/kVA/Month	7.00 Rs/kVAh	135 Rs/kVA/Month	7.88 Rs/kVAh
RTS-1A: Snowbound				
1. Domestic	18.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.75 Rs/kWh	20.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.97 Rs/kWh
2. Non-Domestic upto 1 kW	18.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.75 Rs/kWh	20.00 Rs/Con/Month	1.97 Rs/kWh
3. Non-Domestic above 1 kW & upto 4 kW	18.00 Rs/Con/Month	2.60 Rs/kWh	20.00 Rs/Con/Month	2.93 Rs/kWh
4. Non-Domestic above 4 kW	30.00 Rs/Con/Month	3.80 Rs/kWh	34.00 Rs/Con/Month	4.28 Rs/kWh
RTS 2: Non-Domestic Consumer				
Government, Educational Institutions and Hospitals etc.				
1.1 Upto 25 kW	90 Rs/kW/Month	5.70 Rs/kWh	101 Rs/kW/Month	6.42 Rs/kWh
1.2 Above 25 kW	100 Rs/kVA/Month	5.50 Rs/kVAh	113 Rs/kVA/Month	6.19 Rs/kVAh
2. Other non-Domestic Users				
2.1 Upto 4 kW and consumption upto 50 units per month	90 Rs/kW/Month*	5.40 Rs/kWh*	107 Rs/kW/Month	6.08 Rs/kWh
2.2 Others upto 25 kW not covered in 2.1 above	110 Rs/kW/Month	7.35 Rs/kWh	124 Rs/kW/Month	8.27 Rs/kWh
2.3 Above 25 kW	115 Rs/kVA/Month	7.35 Rs/kVAh	130 Rs/kVA/Month	8.27 Rs/kVAh
3. Single Point Bulk Supply above 75 kW	130 Rs/kVA/Month	7.35 Rs/kVAh	154 Rs/kVA/Month	8.27 Rs/kVAh

Consumer Category	Existing Tariff (Rs./kWh)		Proposed Tariff (Rs./kWh)	
	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges
4. Independent Advertisement Hoardings	140 Rs/kW/Month	8.20 Rs/kWh	158 Rs/kW/Month	9.23 Rs/kWh
RTS 3: Government Public Utilities				
1. Urban	130 Rs/kVA/Month	7.45 Rs/kVAh	146 Rs/kVA/Month	8.39 Rs/kVAh
2. Rural	120 Rs/kVA/Month	7.45 Rs/kVAh	135 Rs/kVA/Month	8.39 Rs/kVAh
RTS 4: Private Tubewells/Pumping Sets				
1. Metered		2.55 Rs/kWh		2.68 Rs/kWh
RTS- 4A: Agriculture Allied Services				
1. Metered		3.60 Rs/kWh		3.78 Rs/kWh
RTS 5: HT & LT Industry				
Total LT				
1. LT Industries (upto 75 kW)-Normal Hours	185 Rs/kVA ofcontracted load/Month	5.40 Rs/kVAh	185 Rs/kVA/Month	6.08 Rs/kVAh
1.1 Normal Hour Charges		5.40 Rs/kVAh		6.08 Rs/kVAh
1.2 Peak Hour Charges		7.02 Rs/kVAh		7.90 Rs/kVAh
1.3 Off Peak Hour Charges		4.05 Rs/kVAh		4.56 Rs/kVAh
5. Revenue from MCG				
Total HT				
1. HT Industries (contracted load upto 1000 KVA)				
1.1 Load factor upto 40% -Normal Hours	410 Rs./KVA of billable demand/Month	6.00 Rs/kVAh	461 Rs./KVA of billable demand/Month	6.75 Rs/kVAh
1.2 Load factor above 40%- Normal Hours	410 Rs./KVA of billable demand/Month	6.40 Rs/kVAh	461 Rs./KVA of billable demand/Month	7.20 Rs/kVAh
1.3 Peak Hour Charges(Load Factor upto 40%)		8.32 Rs/kVAh		9.36 Rs/kVAh
1.4 Peak Hour Charges(Load Factor above 40%)		8.32 Rs/kVAh		9.36 Rs/kVAh
1.5 Off Peak Charges- Load Factor upto 40%		4.50 Rs/kVAh		5.06 Rs/kVAh
1.6 Off Peak Charges- Load Factor above 40%		4.80 Rs/kVAh		5.40 Rs/kVAh
2. HT Industries (above 1000 KVA)				
2.1 Load factor upto 40% -Normal Hours	480 Rs./KVA of billable demand	6.00 Rs/kVAh	540 Rs./KVA of billable demand	6.75 Rs/kVAh
2.2 Load factor above 40%- Normal Hours	480 Rs./KVA of billable demand	6.40 Rs/kVAh	540 Rs./KVA of billable demand	7.20 Rs/kVAh
3.1 Peak Hour Charges(Load Factor upto 40%)		8.32 Rs/kVAh		9.36 Rs/kVAh
3.2 Peak Hour Charges(Load Factor above 40%)		8.32 Rs/kVAh		9.36 Rs/kVAh
3.3 Off Peak Charges- Load Factor upto 40%		4.50 Rs/kVAh		5.06 Rs/kVAh
3.4 Off Peak Charges- Load Factor above 40%		4.80 Rs/kVAh		5.40 Rs/kVAh
RTS 6: Mixed Load				
Mixed Load Single Point Bulk Supply above 75 kW including MES as deemed licensee	150 Rs/kVA/Month	6.90 Rs/kVAh	169 Rs/kVA/Month	7.77 Rs/kVAh

Consumer Category	Existing Tariff (Rs./kWh)		Proposed Tariff (Rs./kWh)	
	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges	Energy Charges
RTS 7: Railway Traction				
Railway Traction	330 Rs/kVA/Month	6.60 Rs/kVAh	392 Rs/kVA/Month	7.43 Rs/kVAh
RTS 8: Electric Vehicle and Charging Station				
Electric Vehicle and Charging Station		7.00 Rs/kWh		7.35 Rs/kWh

* Upto 4 kW and consumption upto 60 units per month vide Tariff Order dated 28.03.2024

ToD charges proposed for the industries:

Industries	Rate of charge during		
	Normal hours	Peak hours	Off-peak hours
LT Industries	Rs. 6.08/kVAh	Rs. 7.90/kVAh	Rs. 4.56/kVAh
HT Industries with Load Factor			
Upto 40%	Rs. 6.75/kVAh	Rs. 9.36/kVAh	Rs. 5.06/kVAh
Above 40%	Rs. 7.20/kVAh	Rs. 9.36/kVAh	Rs. 5.40/kVAh

10. In addition, UPCL has also proposed following:

- Continuation of prepaid metering scheme.
- Green Power Tariff for all consumer categories.
- Time of Day Tariffs for all consumer categories other than Industrial consumers tentatively from FY 2026-27 based on smart meter deployment plan under RDSS
- Continuation of existing rebate on online payment of electricity bills.
- Energy charge hike is limited to 5% for BPL/Lifeline consumers, with no increase in fixed charges.
- Average hike of 11.92% is proposed for all slabs of the domestic category other than BPL.
- Average hike of 12.66% is proposed for Non-Domestic category.
- Average 13.14% % hike is proposed for the single point bulk supply category.
- Average hike of 12.54 % is proposed for Government Public utilities.
- Average hike of only 5% is proposed for the private tube well.
- Average hike of 11.91% is proposed for Industrial category.
- No hike proposed for LT industrial consumers.

- (m) Average hike of 12.56% is proposed for the mixed load category.
 - (n) Average hike of 13.54% is proposed for the railway traction category.
 - (o) A hike of 5% is proposed for energy charges for the electric vehicle and charging station category.
 - (p) 5% escalation is proposed in Miscellaneous charges.
 - (q) Applicability of rate schedule of HT Industry on LT Industrial consumers having load upto 75 kW where demand exceeds 100 kVA in a month.
11. Detailed Petition 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.
12. The Petition is also available at the website of the Commission (www.uerc.gov.in) and at the Petitioner's website (www.upcl.org).
13. Responses/suggestions, if any, are sought from consumers and other stakeholders on the Petition. 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 **15.02.2025**. Responses/suggestions, if any, may also be dropped at the drop boxes installed at every sub-stations of UPCL in an envelope addressed to Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission by **15.02.2025**.