



Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

PRESS NOTE

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Tariff Order UPCL for FY 2026-27- Highlights

1. UPCL filed the Petitions for approval of True Up of FY 2024-25, Annual Performance Review for FY 2025-26 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement and Tariff for FY 2026-27 before the Commission on December 10, 2025.

 - UPCL had initially proposed a tariff increase of 16.23% for FY 2026-27 in its Petition, however, during the course of the proceedings, UPCL revised the required tariff hike to 17.40%. Therefore, the comparison of ARR claimed by UPCL vis-à-vis that approved by the Commission is based on the revised submissions.
 - UPCL had projected a total ARR of Rs. 14731.98 Crore for FY 2026-27, considering distribution loss of 13.69%, and projecting a total revenue gap of Rs. 2183.94 Crore including truing up for FY 2024-25 with carrying cost. For recovery of this revenue gap, UPCL had requested for a tariff hike of about 17.40%. Further, considering the hike claimed by PTCUL/SLDC & UJVN Ltd, the total hike claimed by Utilities is 18.86%, which includes the hike claimed by UPCL 17.40%, PTCUL 58.83% and UJVN Ltd. 11.64% in their respective tariff Petitions.
 - The Commission in compliance with Hon'ble APTEL judgement in the matter of UJVN Ltd. to allow RoE on equity invested from PDF has allowed the RoE for the past period to be recovered in three years from FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28. The impact of same on FY 2026-27 works out to Rs. 248.73 Crore. Consequently, the Commission has also allowed the RoE on equity invested from PDF in PTCUL for past period to be recovered in aforesaid three years. The impact of same on FY 2026-27 works out to Rs. 78.56 Crore.
 - **In the present Order, the Commission has, accordingly, scrutinised and approved the following:**
 - a) Truing-Up for FY 2024-25 based on the audited accounts,
 - b) ARR for FY 2026-27,
 - c) Tariff Determination for FY 2026-27.

- Based on the scrutiny of data submitted by UPCL, the Commission has determined the ARR for the FY 2026-27 as Rs. 12489.54 Crore. The ARR takes into account the impact of final truing-up for FY 2024-25. The Commission further estimated the revenues at existing tariffs on projected sale of 16444 MU for FY 2026-27 as Rs. 12590.41 Crore, which left a revenue surplus of Rs. 100.87 Crore.
- Based on the claimed ARR of Rs. 14731.99 Crore and projected Sales of 16761 MU for FY 2026-27, the average cost of supply projected by UPCL works out to Rs. 8.79/kWh as against which the approved Average Cost of Supply is Rs. 7.60/kWh (Computed based on approved ARR of Rs. 12489.54 Crore and projected sales of 16444 MU).
- The Commission has approved the distribution loss of 12.25% for FY 2026-27. Considering the approved sales and distribution loss, the total energy requirement for FY 2026-27 works out to 19524 MU which includes the pumping energy requirement of THDC-PSP.
- The break-up of approved Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2026-27 are as below:-

Table 1 : ARR approved for FY 2026-27 (Rs. Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	UPCL	Approved
1	Power Purchase Cost including RPO & Water Tax	9105.64	9340.23
2	Transmission Charges		
	PGCIL	753.61	595.00
	PTCUL & SLDC	615.13	651.85
3	Interest on Loan and finance charges	258.24	94.13
4	Interest on consumer security deposit	146.25	146.25
5	Depreciation	259.23	144.19
6	O&M expenses	1221.50	967.40
7	Smart Meter OPEX Expenses	327.72	215.79
8	Interest on Working Capital	210.62	193.58
9	Return on Equity	329.19	129.36
10	Provisions for bad debts	125.48	113.30
11	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	13352.61	12591.09
12	Less: Non-Tariff Income	338.69	473.60
13	True up impact Gap/(Surplus)	1718.06	343.07
14	Additional Claim - Past ARR (EI Certificate)*	-	28.98
15	Net Revenue Requirement	14731.98	12489.54

* From FY 2016-17 to FY 2023-24

- **Salient Points of Retail Tariff for the FY 2026-27**

- a) The Commission has approved **no tariff hike** as against the tariff hike proposed by UPCL of about 17.40% and overall tariff hike proposed of 18.86%, considering the claims of UJVNL and PTCUL. In order to rationalise the tariff structure, the Commission has modified the tariff of some of the categories.
- b) While approving the tariffs for different category of consumers, the Commission has ensured to retain the cross-subsidy levels within the range of +/- 20% for almost all of the consumer categories as specified in the National Tariff Policy.
- c) The Commission has not changed the existing fixed/demand charges across all the consumer categories.
- d) The Commission has retained the existing tariff approved for FY 2025-26 with certain tariff rationalisation measures as discussed below:
 - i. RTS-1: Single Point Bulk Supply - The existing energy charge applicable to RTS-1: Single Point Bulk Supply have been reduced from Rs. 7.50/kVAh to Rs. 6.25/kVAh, to align their ABR with the overall ABR of other domestic consumers.
 - ii. RTS-5: Industrial Consumers – Considering the improvement in power supply situation in the State and in order to encourage consumption of cross-subsidising consumers, the Commission has recategorized the Load Factor (LF) slab for HT Industrial Consumers from existing 40% to 50%.
 - iii. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to incentivise consumption exceeding LF of 50%, by reducing the tariff from Rs. 6.85/kVAh to Rs. 6.60/kVAh, while consumption at lower LF of up to 50% shall attract higher tariff of Rs. 6.85/kVAh vis-à-vis existing tariff of Rs. 6.45/kVAh.
 - iv. In line with Electricity (rights of consumer) Rules notified by Ministry of Power, the Commission has introduced Solar hours rebate, which for the current financial year has been approved at 22.5% for consumption during the solar hours i.e., from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. for industrial consumers (LT and HT) with load more than 25 kW instead of off peak hours rebate during night hours.
 - v. Rate of Continuous Supply Surcharge has been reduced from existing 15% to 7.5% considering the improvement in power supply situation in the State.

- vi. Voltage rebate in case of supply at 33 kV has been increased to 4.5% on the Energy Charge as against the existing rebate of 3.5% and in case of supply at 132 kV and above, the voltage rebate has been increased to 8% on the Energy Charge as against the existing rebate of 7.5%;
 - vii. Introduction of “**Seasonal Consumer – Hotel & Restaurant**”: In cases where the maximum demand recorded during any off-season month is less than 10% of the Contracted Demand (CD), the fixed charges for off season month shall be computed on 10% of the Contracted Demand on the fixed rate of charge, as applicable during the normal period. In case where the maximum demand recorded during an off-season month exceeds 10% of the CD, the same shall not be treated as off-season month and, accordingly, all the charges shall be applicable as per the Rate Schedule.
 - viii. Introduction of quarterly billing for PTW consumers instead of half yearly billing, while retaining the existing payment cycle.
- e) The Board of Directors of UPCL has been directed to monitor the compliance of all directives issued by the Commission and ensure their timely implementation. The Managing Director of UPCL has been directed to submit the status of actions taken on the directive issued by the Commission to the Board on a monthly basis within 15 days of the end of each month, with a copy to the Commission. The Board shall atleast quarterly review the status of compliance and a report incorporating the recommendations of the Board shall be submitted to the Commission within 30 days of the quarter’s end.
- f) In order to provide the benefits of the smart metering to the consumers, the Commission directed the Petitioner to roll-out smart prepaid metering scheme in a time bound manner ensuring that the time frame mentioned in the Tariff Petition is met and also submit a quarterly report within 15 days of the end of each quarter to the Commission. With respect to accessing smart meter data and use of Mobile Application (Smart Meter APP), the Petitioner has been directed to organise orientation sessions for the consumers and inform them as to how through Mobile APP all the relevant data can be accessed by them.
- g) In order to analyse the benefit of the capital works incurred, the Commission has directed UPCL to conduct a study analysing the impact of capital expenditure on the performance improvement of each division, with an aim to achieve consequential improvement in the division-wise billing efficiency, collection of

revenue and the recovery of the ABR in line with the tariff approved by the Commission.

- h) In order to reduce the losses and consequential improvement in efficiency, the Commission has directed UPCL to constitute a standing committee for monitoring of the high loss feeders which shall identify 10 highest loss feeders and devise an action plan for monitoring and improvement of their performance. The list of identified feeders and the action plan will be submitted to the Commission, and post approval by the Commission, the committee shall commence its work as per the action plan on the identified feeders and submit its report along with recommendations and action taken for efficiency improvement within the timelines specified by the Commission in the approval.
- i) For the effective application and utilization of resources, the Commission has directed UPCL to identify each Electricity Distribution Circle (EDC) as a separate **Strategic Business Unit** for monitoring financial and operational performance on a periodic basis. Further, all the Electricity Distribution Divisions within each EDC shall be treated as a **Profit Centre**. Each Division shall prepare and submit its monthly budget requirement for capital and operational expenses for each month of the FY 2026-27 and submit the same to its respective EDC. The EDC shall analyse the requirements of its divisions and forward a consolidated budget to the Head Office of UPCL. This budget will be analysed and approved in line with the ARR approved by the Commission for the respective FY and a copy of the approved monthly budget will be forwarded to the Commission within one month of the date of this Order.

Subsequently, EDCs shall regularly monitor the operational and financial performance of their divisions against the approved budget and submit a report of the same on a quarterly basis to the Commission within one month of the end of the respective quarter.

- j) The Commission has retained the solar water heater rebate to Rs. 75 for each 50 litre of capacity.
- k) The Commission has retained the prompt payment rebate to 1.5% for payment of electricity bills through digital mode and 1% for payment of electricity bills through any other mode subject to maximum rebate of Rs 10,000/- per month for LT consumers and Rs 1,00,000/- per month for HT consumers. Further, no rebate shall be applicable on part payment made against the bill.

- l) The Commission has retained the Peak Hour Surcharge equivalent to 30% of normal tariff.
- m) In order to remove the ambiguity and the difficulty in implementation, the Commission has shifted the sub-category of "Government/Government Aided Educational Institutions" to "Other Non-Domestic" consumers in rate schedule RTS-2 and has retained the existing subsidised tariff to Government/Government Aided Educational Institutions with load upto 10 kW while merging the tariffs of Government/Government Aided Educational Institutions with load above 10 kW with "Other Non-Domestic" consumers in rate schedule RTS-2.
- n) The Commission has approved a rebate of 4% of Energy Charges for Domestic Category and 3% of Energy Charges for other category of consumers availing Pre-paid metering Scheme and the rebate shall only be applicable after installation and operationalization of Prepaid meters.

No Security deposit (either Material Security deposit or Consumption Security deposit) shall be applicable, in case the electricity is supplied through pre-paid meters except for temporary connections where Material Security Deposit shall be applicable as specified in the Supply Code. For existing pre-paid consumers the security amount already deposited shall be adjusted in the pre-paid recharge.

- o) For facilitating the consumers to avail the entire power generated through renewable energy sources, the Commission has approved the Green Tariff of Rs. 0.39/kWh which shall be payable over and above the normative approved tariff.
- p) The summary of retail tariffs as applicable to different categories of consumers w.e.f. 01.04.2026 are as below:-

Existing Tariff (Tariff approved in Order dated 11th April, 2025), UPCL Proposed Tariff and Approved Tariffs for different category of Consumers

Category Wise Tariff

RTS-1: Domestic

Table 2: Tariff for Domestic Consumers

S. No.	Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
		Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges
	RTS-1: Domestic						
1.1	Life Line Consumers	Rs. 18/Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh	Rs. 18/Connection	Rs. 1.94/kWh	Rs. 18/Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh
1.2	Other Domestic Consumers						
(i)	0-100 Units/Month	Upto 1 kW-Rs. 75/kW/Month	Rs. 3.65/kWh	Upto 1 kW-Rs. 87/kW/Month	Rs. 4.23/kWh	Upto 1 kW-Rs. 75/kW/Month	Rs. 3.65/kWh
(ii)	101-200 Units/Month	Above 1 kW and upto 4 kW-Rs. 85/ kW/ month	Rs. 5.25/kWh	Above 1 kW and upto 4 kW-Rs. 99 /kW/month	Rs. 6.09/kWh	Above 1 kW and upto 4 kW-Rs. 85/ kW/ month	Rs. 5.25/kWh
(iii)	201-400 Units/Month	Above 4 kW-Rs. 100/kW/ month	Rs. 7.15 /kWh	Above 4 kW-Rs. 116/kW/ month	Rs. 8.29/ kWh	Above 4 kW-Rs. 100/kW/ month	Rs. 7.15 /kWh
(iv)	Above 400 Units/Month		Rs. 7.80/kWh		Rs. 9.04/ kWh		Rs. 7.80/kWh
2	Single point bulk supply	Rs. 120/kVA	Rs. 7.50/kVAh	Rs.135/kVA	Rs. 7.88/ kWh	Rs. 120/kVA	Rs. 6.25/kVAh

RTS-1A: Snowbound

Table 3: Concessional Tariff for Snowbound Areas

S. No.	Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
		Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charge (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-1A: Snowbound							
1.	Domestic	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh	Rs. 21/ Connection	Rs. 2.16/kWh	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh
2.	Non-Domestic upto 1 kW	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh	Rs. 21/ Connection	Rs. 2.16/kWh	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 1.85/kWh
3.	Non-Domestic above 1 kW & upto 4 kW	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 2.75/kWh	Rs. 21/ Connection	Rs. 3.21/kWh	Rs. 18/ Connection	Rs. 2.75/kWh
4.	Non-Domestic above 4 kW	Rs. 30/ Connection	Rs. 4.00/kWh	Rs. 35/ Connection	Rs. 4.67/kWh	Rs. 30/ Connection	Rs. 4.00/kWh

RTS-2: Non-Domestic

Table 4: Tariff for Non-Domestic

S. No.	Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
		Fixed/ Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
1	Government, Hospitals and Charitable Institutions etc.						
1.1	Upto 25 kW	Rs. 90/ kW	Rs. 6.00/ kWh	Rs. 105/kW	Rs. 7.01/ kWh	Rs. 90/ kW	Rs. 6.00/kWh
1.2	Above 25 kW	Rs. 100/ kVA	Rs. 5.85/ kWh	Rs. 117/kVA	Rs. 6.83/kVAh	Rs. 100/ kVA	Rs. 5.85/kVAh

Table 4: Tariff for Non-Domestic

S. No.	Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
		Fixed/ Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
2	Other Non-Domestic Users						
2.1	Upto 4 kW and consumption upto 60 units per month	Rs. 90 / kW	Rs. 5.75/ kWh	Rs. 113 /kW	Rs.6.71 / kWh	Rs. 90 / kW	Rs. 5.75/ kWh
2.2	Government/Government Aided Educational Institutions up to 10 kW	-	-	-	-	Rs. 90/ kW	Rs. 6.00/ kWh
2.3	Others upto 25 kW not covered in 2.1 and 2.2 above	Rs. 110 / kW	Rs. 7.75/ kWh	Rs. 129 /kW	Rs. 9.05 / kWh	Rs. 110 / kW	Rs. 7.75/ kWh
2.4	Above 25 kW	Rs. 115 / kVA	Rs. 7.80/ kVAh	Rs. 135 /kVA	Rs. 9.11/kVAh	Rs. 115 / kVA	Rs. 7.80/kVAh
3	Single Point Bulk Supply above 75 kW	Rs. 130 / kVA	Rs. 7.80/ kVAh	Rs. 163/ kVA	Rs. 9.11/kVAh	Rs. 130 / kVA	Rs. 7.80/kVAh
4	Independent Advertisement Hoardings	Rs. 140/ kW	Rs. 8.60/kWh	Rs. 163/ kW	Rs. 10.04/kWh	Rs. 140/ kW	Rs. 8.60/ kWh

RTS-3: Government Public Utilities**Table 5: Tariff for Government Public Utilities**

Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
Urban (Metered)	Rs. 130/kVA	Rs. 7.85/ kVAh	Rs. 152/kVA	Rs. 9.17/ kVAh	Rs. 130/kVA	Rs. 7.85/ kVAh
Rural (Metered)	Rs. 120/kVA	Rs. 7.85/ kVAh	Rs. 140/kVA	Rs. 9.17/ kVAh	Rs. 120/kVA	Rs. 7.85/ kVAh

RTS-4/4A: Private Tube Wells / Pump Sets & Agricultural Allied Activities**Table 6: Tariff for Private tube Wells/ Pump Sets**

Category	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-4: Private Tube-wells / Pumping sets						
Metered	Nil	Rs. 2.70/ kWh	Nil	Rs. 2.84/ kWh	Nil	Rs. 2.70/kWh
RTS-: 4A: Agriculture Allied Activities						
Metered (Upto 25 kW)	Nil	Rs. 3.80/kWh	Nil	Rs. 3.99/kWh	Nil	Rs. 3.80/kWh
Metered (25 kW - 75 kW)	Rs. 75/kVA	Rs. 3.80/kVAh	Rs. 88/kVA	Rs. 3.99/kVAh	Rs. 75/kVA	Rs. 3.80/kVAh
Metered (Above 75 kW)	Rs. 100/kVA	Rs. 4.00/kVAh	Rs. 1117/kVA	Rs. 4.20/kVAh	Rs. 100/kVA	Rs. 4.00/kVAh

RTS-5: LT and HT Industry

Table 7: Tariff for LT Industry

Category	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved	
	Fixed Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-5: Industry						
LT Industry						
Contracted Load upto 75 kW	Rs. 185/ kVA	Rs. 5.75/ kVAh	Rs. 185/ kVA	Rs. 6.71/ kVAh	Rs. 185/ kVA	Rs. 5.75/ kVAh

Table 8: Existing and Proposed Tariff for HT Industries

S. No.	Category	Load Factor	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff	
			Energy Charges (Rs./kVAh)	Fixed/Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	Energy Charges (Rs./kVAh)	Fixed/Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)
1	HT Industry having contracted load above 88kVA/75 kW (100 BHP)					
1.1	Contracted Load up to 1000 kVA	Upto 40%	6.45	Rs. 410/ kVA of the billable demand	7.53	Rs. 479/kVA of the billable demand
		Above 40%	6.85		8.00	
1.2	Contracted Load More than 1000 kVA	Upto 40%	6.45	Rs. 480/ kVA of the billable demand	7.53	Rs. 560/kVA of the billable demand
		Above 40%	6.85		8.00	

Table 9: Approved Tariff for HT Industries

S. No.	Category	Load Factor	Approved Tariff	
			Energy Charges (Rs./kVAh)	Fixed/Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)
1	HT Industry having contracted load above 88kVA/75 kW (100 BHP)			
1.1	Contracted Load up to 1000 kVA	Upto 50%	6.85	Rs. 410/ kVA of the billable demand
		Above 50%	6.60	
1.2	Contracted Load More than 1000 kVA	Upto 50%	6.85	Rs. 480/ kVA of the billable demand
		Above 50%	6.60	

RTS-6: Mixed Load

Table 10: Tariff for Mixed Load

Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Fixed/ Demand Charges Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed/ Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-6: Mixed Load						
Mixed Load Single Point Bulk Supply above 75 kW including MES as deemed licensee	Rs. 150/kVA	Rs. 7.30/ kVAh	Rs. 175/kVA	Rs. 8.52/ kVAh	Rs. 150/kVA	Rs. 7.30/ kVAh

RTS-7: Railway Traction

Table 11: Tariff for Railway Traction

Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-7: Railway Traction	Rs. 330/kVA	Rs. 7.05/kVAh	Rs. 413/kVA	Rs. 8.23/kVAh	Rs. 330/kVA	Rs. 7.05/kVAh

RTS-8: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Table 12: Tariff for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Description	Existing Tariff		UPCL Proposed Tariff		Approved Tariff	
	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges	Fixed / Demand Charges (Per Month)	Energy Charges
RTS-8: Electric Vehicle	--	Rs. 7.65/kWh	--	Rs. 8.03/kWh	--	Rs. 7.65/kWh
