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# **Tariff Review 2020**

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# **Tariff Review 2020 Highlights**

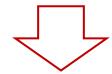


- In 2020, HK Electric will substantially increase natural gas generation to combat climate change and improve air quality
- Net Tariff will be 126.4 ¢/unit, which is
  - lower than 130.8 ¢/unit in the Development Plan, and
  - comparable to the tariff 10 years ago, i.e. 123.3 ¢/unit in 2011, against the
     cumulative inflation rate of around 30% for the same period
- In view of the uncertain economic condition, the Government and HK Electric will offer relief measures. With the measures in place:
  - almost all customers' annual electricity expenses will be lower than in 2019
  - over 30% residential customers will not need to pay for electricity on annual basis

# The Government's Subsidy Schemes



#### **Residential Customers**



**Electricity Charges Relief Scheme:** To alleviate the impact of tariff increase on households due to the increase use of natural gas, the Government provides each customer a monthly relief of HK\$50 for 5 years from 2019 to 2023

New Subsidy Scheme: To counter the challenging economic environment, the Government will additionally grant each customer a total subsidy of HK\$2,000 in 2020

#### **Non-residential Customers**



**New Electricity Charges Subsidy:** To counter the increasingly challenging external and local economic environment, the Government will subsidise 75% of electricity charges for 4 months in early 2020, capped at HK\$5,000 per month per eligible customer (not including "maximum demand tariff" customers)

#### **HK Electric's Relief Measures**



# Non-residential Customers (Primarily SMEs)



- Grace period: Around 70,000 non-residential customers will have the tariff increase for 2020 waived for 6 months in early 2020
- Energy-efficient equipment subsidy: non-residential customers are eligible for 50% subsidy of the equipment cost, capped at HK\$50,000 150,000 based on actual equipment type

### **Specially for SME Caterers**



- Electricity payment deferral: Eligible customers are invited to apply for 2-month payment deferral of electricity charges for December 2019 and January 2020
- Cash coupon scheme: Underprivileged families given HK\$500 worth of cash coupons for use at SME eateries, benefitting the families as well as the catering business
- Funding for NGO activities: NGOs to be granted HK\$60,000 each to organise catering activities for people in need, generating business for SME caterers

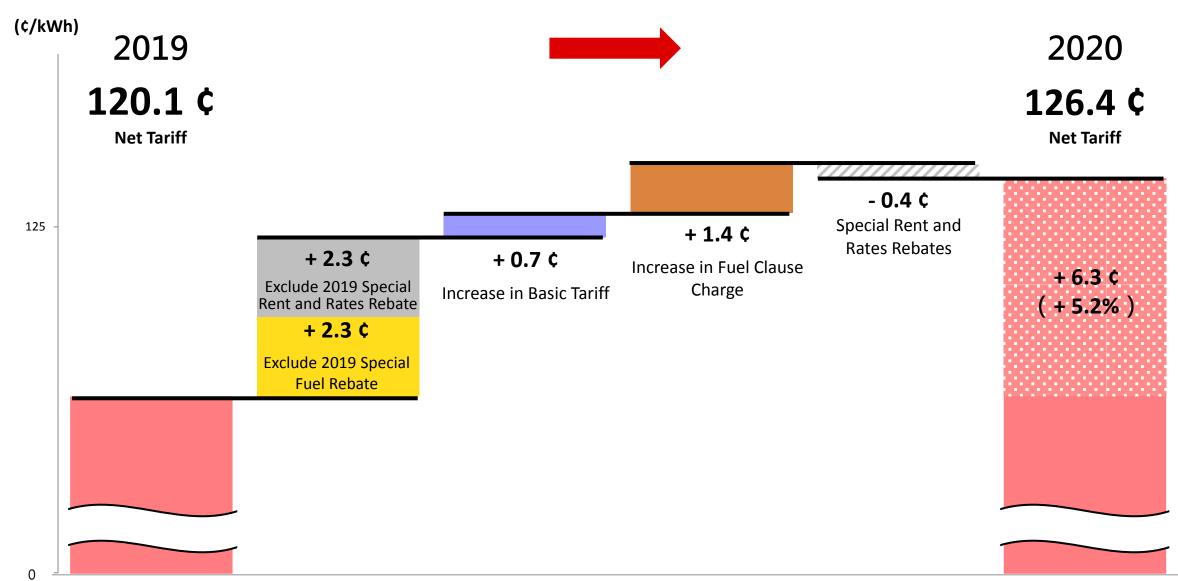




Net Tariff	<b>2019</b> (¢/unit)	<b>2020</b> (¢/unit)	Adjustment (¢/unit)	Reason
Basic Tariff	101.3	102.0	+ 0.7	<ul> <li>Increase in natural gas generation leading to</li> </ul>
Fuel Clause Charge	23.4	24.8	+ 1.4	<ul><li>higher capital expenditure</li><li>Increase in fuel cost</li></ul>
Net Tariff before Special Rebates	124.7	126.8	+ 2.1 (+ 1.7%)	
Special Rent & Rates Rebate	- 2.3	- 0.4	+ 1.9	<ul> <li>Following sizeable special rebates offered in the last</li> </ul>
Special Fuel Rebate	- 2.3	-	+ 2.3	3 years, only 0.4 ¢/unit can be provided in 2020
Net Tariff after Special Rebates	120.1	126.4	+ 6.3 (+ 5.2%)	

# Comparison of 2019 and 2020 Tariffs





#### **Residential Tariff**



Illustration for early 2020:

Monthly Electricity Consumption (kWh)	Cumulative Customers (%)	Tariff Charge before Relief Measures (HK\$)		Government's Relief Measures (HK\$)		Tariff Charge after Relief Measures (HK\$)								
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020								
100	> 10%	74.6	80.6	- 50									24.6	(No charge)
230	> 35%	191.7	206.2		- 210	141.7	(No charge)							
275	> 45%	233.2	250.6		- 30	(50 + 160)	183.2	40.6						
1,000	> 90%	1,160.2	1,223.2			1,110.2	1,013.2							

- Over 30% residential customers will not need to pay for electricity on annual basis
- Almost all residential customers' annual electricity expenses will be lower than in 2019

### **Non-residential Tariff**



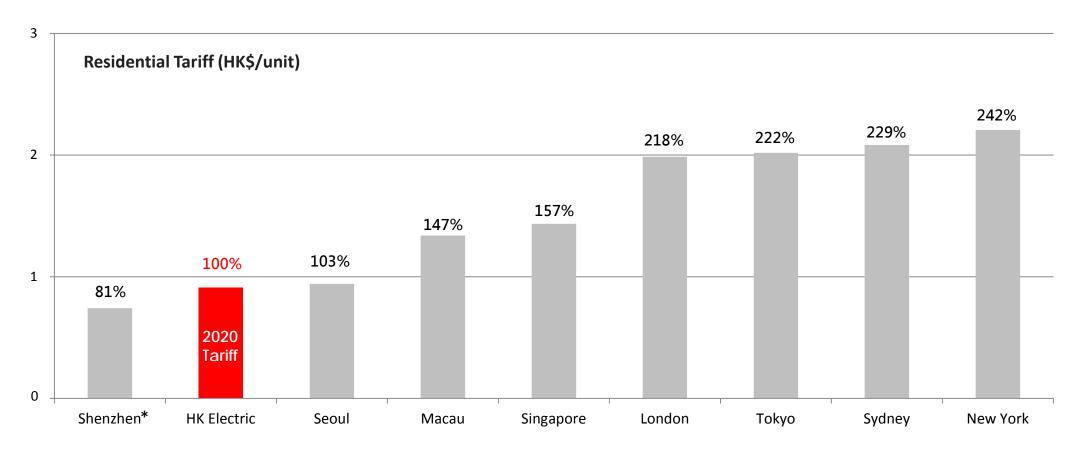
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Monthly	Cumulativa	Tariff Charge before Relief Measures (HK\$)		Relief Measures (HK\$)			Tariff Charge after Relief Measures (HK\$)	
Electricity Consumption	Cumulative Customers				2020			
(kWh)	(%)	2019	2020	2019	HK Electric's Grace Period	Government's Electricity Charges Subsidy	2019	2020
500	> 45%	584.0	615.5	Nil	- 31.5	- 438.0	584.0	146.0
1,500	> 60%	1,792.0	1,886.5		- 94.5	- 1,344.0	1,792.0	448.0
5,000	> 85%	6,408.5	6,723.5		-	- 5,000	6,408.5	1,723.5
15,000	> 95%	19,598.5	20,543.5		-	- 5,000	19,598.5	15,543.5

Almost all non-residential customers' annual electricity expenses will be lower than in 2019

#### **Residential Tariff Lower Than Other Cities**





Remarks:

- (1) Comparison based on monthly residential customer consumption of 275 units (3,300 units p.a.), overseas tariffs and exchange rates are as at Oct 2019
- (2) HK Electric's 2020 tariff (not including any of the subsidies and relief measures)
- (3) \* Government owned entity

#### Sources:

- 1. Shenzhen: Shenzhen Power Supply Bureau
- 2. HK Electric: The Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd.
- 3. Seoul: KEPCO

- 4. Macao: Companhia de Electricidade de Macau
- 5. Singapore: SP PTE Ltd.
- 6. London: EDF Energy

- 7. Tokyo: TEPCO
- 8. Sydney: EnergyAustralia
- 9. New York: Consolidated Edison, Inc.

#### **HK Electric's Emission Reduction Efforts**



• Increase in gas generation helps combat climate change and improve air quality

Year	2005 (Base Year)	2018	2020 Projections			
Proportion of Gas Generation	0%	32%	50%			
Reduction in Major Emissions						
Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	Base	↓ 16%	↓ 27%			
Sulphur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )		↓ 91%	↓ 94%			
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )		↓ 58%	↓ 68%			
Respirable Suspended Particulates (RSP)		↓ 80%	<b>↓</b> 87%			

#### **Promoting Community Energy Saving & Renewable Energy Development**



Feed-in-Tariff	RE Certificate		
Total Applications 127	Certificates sold 136		
<b>Total Capacity</b> 2,584 kW	RE sold over 949,000 units		
Feed-in-Tariff 2020 unchanged at \$3 to \$5 per unit	Purchase Price 2020 unchanged at \$0.5 per unit		

#### **Smart Power Services & Associated Programmes**

- Smart Power Energy Audit
- Smart Power Building Fund
- Smart Power Care Fund
  - o Energy-Efficient Appliances Subsidy
  - SDU Electricity Charges Relief / SDU Rewiring Subsidy
  - Energy-Efficient Community Subsidy
  - Smart to Care Subsidy
- Smart Power Education Fund
- Smart Power Gallery
- Smart Power Ambassadors for Elderly Training

#### **Conclusion**



- HK Electric will substantially increase natural gas generation in 2020. Tariff adjustment is required for the following reasons:
  - Increase in capital expenditure,
  - Expected increase in fuel cost of \$500 million, and
  - Substantial reduction of special rebates by 4.2 ¢/unit
- At 126.4 ¢/unit, the 2020 Net Tariff is comparable to that in 2011 and is lower than the 130.8 ¢/unit in the Development Plan. Tariff will increase by 5.2%. If the rebates are excluded, the adjustment will be 1.7% only
- With various relief measures in place, almost all customers' annual electricity expenses will be lower than in 2019. Over 30% residential customers will not need to pay for electricity on annual basis.



# Thank you