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Pakistan Consumers to Get Rs2.65 Per Unit Power Relief

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Electricity consumers across Pakistan are set to receive a relief of Rs 2.65 per unit in their August 2025 electricity bills, following adjustments announced by the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA).

The relief consists of two components: a Rs 1.88 per unit reduction for all XWDISCOs and K-Electric (KE) customers through quarterly tariff adjustments, and a Rs 0.77 per unit cut under the fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for June 2025. The FCA relief will not apply to KE consumers.

The FCA is based on electricity consumption in June 2025 and will be reflected in the August bills for all eligible consumers, except lifeline consumers, protected categories, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS), and prepaid meter users. If bills for August are issued before the formal notification, the adjustments will be applied in the following month.

According to NEPRA, the actual National Average Uniform Fuel Cost Component (FCC) for June was Rs 7.5569/kWh, compared to the reference FCC of Rs 8.3341/kWh, indicating a reduction of Rs 0.7772/kWh in fuel charges.

The quarterly adjustment is uniform across all DISCOs, amounting to Rs 55.874 billion for the fourth quarter of FY 2024-25. It will be applied over three months, August to October 2025, for all eligible consumers. KE customers will also receive the same quarterly adjustment, excluding lifeline and prepaid categories.

NEPRA has instructed DISCOs to display the FCA separately on consumer bills and to comply with any court orders during the implementation process. The decision has been forwarded to the federal government for notification in the official gazette under Section 31(7) of the NEPRA Act.

During the regulatory hearing, Rehan Javed of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) stated that a recent increase in industrial sales was due to captive power consumers shifting to the national grid, a short-term occurrence, not a sign of long-term industrial expansion. He warned that many industries are closing, with few new connections being requested.

NEPRA noted that approximately 128,000 new electricity connections, including 500 industrial connections with a total load of 1,070 MW, are pending across various DISCOs. Most pending cases are in the jurisdictions of FESCO, MEPCO, GEPCO, and IESCO. DISCOs have been directed to process these requests without delay.

The regulator also expressed concern over delays in the submission of quarterly adjustment requests by certain DISCOs, including HESCO and SEPC