



FAIR TRADING COMMISSION

BARBADOS

FTC/01/2021 BL&P-RRR-IRRDEC

IN THE MATTER of the Fair Trading Commission Act, Cap.326B of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation Act, CAP.282 of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) Rules, 2003 as amended by the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) (Amendment) Rules, 2009;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Application by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited for a Review of Electricity Rates.

AND IN THE MATTER of a Request by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited for Interim Rate Relief.

BEFORE:

Dr. Donley Carrington

Mr. John Griffith

Ms. Ruan Martinez

Mr. Samuel Wallerson

Chairman

Commissioner

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Commissioner

ORDER

UPON READING the Application filed by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited (“BLPC” or the “Applicant”) on October 04, 2021 for the Review of Electricity Rates pursuant to Section 16 of the Utilities Regulation Act Cap 282 of the Laws of Barbados (the “URA”) and the Applicant’s request for interim rate relief therein;

AND UPON READING AND CONSIDERING the written submissions of the Applicant; the Intervenors - Barbados Renewable Energy Association, Kenneth Went, Public Counsel, the Energy Division in the Ministry of Energy and Business Development and Tricia Watson and David Simpson jointly, and the Commission’s own research;

AND UPON HEARING AND CONSIDERING oral submissions and evidence of the Applicant and oral submissions of the Intervenors - Barbados Renewable Energy Association and the Division of Energy in the Ministry of Energy and Business Development at an Interim Rate Relief Hearing convened by the Commission on the 1st day of July, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: -

1. The Applicant’s request for Interim Rates is approved at a cap of 50% of the requested rates for all customers with the exception to the rates to be charged to the employees of the Applicant for whom 100% of the rate requested is approved. These approved interim rates are outlined in the table below:

Table 1 - Interim Rates Approved

TARIFFS	COMPONENTS	PARAMETERS	CURRENT RATES Monthly	INTERIM RATES Monthly	\$ CHANGE	% Inc
Domestic Service						
	Customer Charge (\$/month)	0-150kWh	\$6.00	\$7.00	\$1.00	17%
		151-500kWh	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$2.00	20%
		Over 500 kWh	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$3.00	21%
	Demand Charge (\$/kVA)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

TARIFFS	COMPONENTS	PARAMETERS	CURRENT RATES Monthly	INTERIM RATES Monthly	\$ CHANGE	% Inc
	Base Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	0-150 kWh, per kWh	\$0.150	\$0.160	\$0.01	7%
		Next 350 kWh, per kWh	\$0.176	\$0.196	\$0.02	11%
		Next 1,000 kWh, per kWh	\$0.200	\$0.225	\$0.025	13%
		Over 1,500 kWh, per kWh.	\$0.224	\$0.254	\$0.03	13%
Employee						
	Customer Charge (\$/month)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Demand Charge (\$/kVA)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Base Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	0-150 kWh, per kWh	\$0.108	\$0.133	\$0.025	23%
		Next 350 kWh, per kWh	\$0.127	\$0.157	\$0.03	24%
		Next 1,000 kWh, per kWh	\$0.180	\$0.227	\$0.047	26%
		Over 1,500 kWh, per kWh.	\$0.202	\$0.255	\$0.053	26%
General Service						
	Customer Charge (\$/month)	0-150kWh	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	25%
		151-500kWh	\$11.00	\$13.00	\$2.00	18%
		Over 500 kWh	\$14.00	\$19.00	\$5.00	36%
	Demand Charge (\$/kVA)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
	Base Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	0-100 kWh, per kWh	\$0.184	\$0.194	\$0.01	5%
		Next 400 kWh, per kWh	\$0.217	\$0.237	\$0.02	9%
		Next 1,000 kWh, per kWh	\$0.259	\$0.284	\$0.025	10%
		Over 1,500 kWh, per kWh.	\$0.290	\$0.320	\$0.03	10%
Secondary Voltage Power						
	Customer Charge (\$/month)	Each service	\$20.00	\$94.50	\$74.50	373%
	Demand Charge (\$/kVA)	Per kVA	\$24.00	\$26.41	\$2.41	10%
	Base Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	All kWh, per kWh	\$0.1380	\$0.1380	\$0.00	0%
Large Power						

TARIFFS	COMPONENTS	PARAMETERS	CURRENT RATES Monthly	INTERIM RATES Monthly	\$ CHANGE	% Inc
	Customer Charge (\$/month)	Each service	\$300.00	\$943.50	\$643.50	215%
	Demand Charge (\$/kVA)	Per kVA	\$22.00	\$27.65	\$5.65	26%
	Base Energy Charge (\$/kWh)	All kWh, per kWh	\$0.1170	\$0.1170	\$0.00	0%

2. These interim rates shall be effective from the date of this Order until the Commission issues a final determination on the Applicant’s substantive Rate Review Application.

3. If these rates are found to be excessive after the full Rate Review, the Applicant shall refund all customers the difference between these rates and the final approved rates, with an interest rate equivalent to the return on equity to be approved in the substantive rate review hearing.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2022

Original signed by

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Donley Carrington
Chairman

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Commissioner

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