



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

298, Church Street, Queenstown, Georgetown

*Regulating Utilities for efficient services
and protecting Consumers' interests.*

ORDER NO: PUC 1/2008

Chief Executive Officer
Guyana Power & Light, Inc.
40 Main Street
Georgetown.

Sir,

Application for Increase in Electricity Rates and Changes to Tariff Categories.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 28th December 2007, on the 31st December 2007, and wish to say as follows:

- a) We have noted that from your Audited Statement, Guyana Power & Light (GPL) may be entitled to an increase of 25% if the increases to which it was entitled, under the licence, for the years 2003 to 2006, were not foregone.

We also note that you are now seeking an overall increase substantially less than that figure to which you are entitled.

In terms of paragraph 12 of the First Schedule of the Electricity Sector Reform Act No. 11 of 1999 we hereby grant approval for the rates as specified in Appendix iv of your letter (attached).

The increases are to take effect for consumption of electricity from January 01, 2008; that is to say, to be reflected in ***bills produced from February 2008.***

We direct that you publish immediately, the new tariff increases, along with the relevant billing period.

We are also not unmindful of the consequences the increases will have on indigent consumers, and the increases in certain goods and services. We urge accordingly that strenuous, vigorous and concerted efforts be made by GPL to ensure the reduction of losses which may lead to a review and reduction of the tariff.

We note your commitment to reduce cost and to improve efficiency without burdening the tariff base. Your target is to reduce system losses by seven percent in 2008 and we trust that this goal/ target will be achieved.

We consider it unfair and unreasonable for GPL to announce an increase without giving due and adequate notice to consumers. The Commission recommends that three months is not an unreasonable period of time for consumers to be notified in order that they make the necessary adjustments in the use of electricity, and that you will in future give such adequate notice.

By the Commission: this 2nd day of January, 2008

Justice Prem Persaud - Chairman(Sgd.)

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John Caesar - Commissioner(Sgd.)

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GUYANA POWER & LIGHT INC.

Appendix iv

TARIFF	<i>Basic Rates Nov 2007 G\$</i>	<i>Increase %</i>	<i>Basic Rates Dec 2007 G\$</i>
Tariff A – Domestic			
Fixed charge per month-lifeline	339.01	6%	359.35
Charge per kWh (75 kWh or less per month)	45.68	6%	48.42
Fixed charge per mth - others	339.01	9%	369.52
Charge per kWh (over 75 kWh per month)	49.34	9%	53.78
Tariff B – Commercial			
Fixed charge per month	2,258.12	15%	2,596.84
Charge per kWh	60.71	15%	69.82
Tariff C – Industrial			
Demand charge per kVA per month	1,611.18	15%	1,852.86
Energy Charge (for monthly consumption up to the sum of 4,000 kWh plus 120 kWh per kVA of billing)	54.84	15%	63.07
For additional kWh	49.50	15%	56.93
Minimum KVA per month	80,559.00	15%	92,642.85
Tariff D – Industrial			
Demand charge per kVA per month	1,611.18	15%	1,852.86
Energy Charge (for monthly consumption up to the sum of 4,000 kWh plus 120 kWh per kVA of billing)	52.53	15%	60.41
For additional kWh	47.17	15%	54.25
Minimum KVA per month	161,118.00	15%	185,285.70
Tariff E - Street Lighting			
Energy Charge per kWh	46.39	15%	53.35

Tariff G – Government			
Fixed Charge - residential	339.01	20%	406.81
Fixed Charge-non residential	2,258.12	20%	2,709.74
Demand Charge – per kVA	1,611.18	20%	1,933.41
Energy Charge – per kWh	50.65	20%	60.78