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2026 SECOND QUARTER TARIFF REVIEW DECISION FOR ELECTRICITY AND WATER

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1.0 Background

The Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) wishes to inform consumers of electricity and water that the existing electricity and water tariffs have been reviewed downwards to take effect from April 01, 2026. These adjustments have been carried out in line with the Commission's mandate to review tariffs on a quarterly basis to reflect developments within the Quarter. The Quarterly reviews track and incorporate movements in key factors for which their variability affects the operations of Utility Service Providers (USPs). These factors are the exchange rate between the Ghana Cedi and the US\$, domestic inflation rate, electricity generation mix, and the cost of fuel mainly natural gas to power the thermal plants. These Quarterly adjustments are undertaken by the Commission to maintain the real value of the tariffs, which would enable the utility service providers to be financially viable to deliver on their services to consumers, while bearing in mind the impact of these tariffs on consumers in general. Having carefully analysed the aforementioned existing parameters, the Commission wishes to announce a downward adjustment in electricity tariffs of an average reduction of 4.81% and a 3.06% reduction in water tariffs. To promote green energy transition, the Commission, for the first time, has introduced a commercial Electric Vehicle (EV) charging tariff.

2.0 Factors under Consideration

The Commission in its analysis, considered the following:

- **Ghana Cedi-US Dollar Exchange Rate**

The Commission applied a projected Weighted Average Ghana Cedi-US Dollar Exchange Rate of GHS11.1931/US\$1.0000 for the second Quarter of 2026. This projected exchange rate is based on a 3-month Actual Inter-Bank Average Ghana Cedi-US Dollar Selling Exchange Rate for the period December 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026. This indicates a 6.78% reduction from the last Quarter rate of GHS12.0067/ US\$1.0000.

- **Inflation Rate**

The Commission also used a 3-month (December 01, 2025 to February 28, 2026) average inflation rate of 4.17% for the second quarter of 2026, which indicates a downward review of 47.87% from the previous quarter.

- **Price of Natural Gas**

The Commission applied a Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) price of USD8.0988/MMBtu indicating an upward adjustment of 2.84% from the previous rate of USD7.8749/MMBtu.

- **Electricity Generation Mix (Hydro:Thermal Mix)**

The projected hydro-thermal generation mix for the quarter under review remained the same at 20.90% from Hydro generation and 79.10% from Thermal generation as applied in the Multi Year Tariff Order (MYTO) of 2025.

Summary of the applicable indicators are presented in Table-1.

Table 1: Summary of Applicable Indicators

Item Description	Unit	MYTO Assumptions January 01, 2026	Q2 2026 Assumptions April 01, 2026
Generation Mix:			
Hydro	%	20.90	20.90
Thermal	%	79.10	79.10
Exchange Rate:	GHS/USD	12.0067	11.1931
Inflation:			
Projected Annual Average	%	8.00	4.17
Fuel Price:			
Natural Gas (WACoG)	US\$/MMBtu	7.8749	8.0988

Table 2: Percentage Change in Tariffs for Different Customer Classes

Electricity

Customer Category	Percentage Adjustment
Residential	-1.66%
Non-Residential	
0-300	-1.66%
301+	-3.63%
SLT	
LV	-13.96%
MV	-6.38%
MV-2	-1.66%
HV	-15.43%
Water	-3.06%

3.0 Electricity Tariff Results

In view of the overall impact of the Hydro-Thermal Generation Mix, Ghana Cedi-US Dollar Exchange Rate, Inflation Rate, and Natural Gas Price, the Commission has taken the decision to adjust Electricity Tariffs by varying rates based on a weighted average for all customer categories for the first quarter of 2026.

Table 3: Summary of Approved Electricity Rates Payable by Consumers Effective April 01, 2026

Customer Category	Measure	Existing Tariff	New Tariff
			Effective April 01, 2026
Residential Customer Group:			
Lifeline Customers:			
0 - 30 kWh (Exclusive)	GHp/kWh	88.3713	86.9000
Service Charge	GHp/Month	213.0000	213.0000
All Other Residential Customers:			
0-300 kWh	GHp/kWh	200.2159	196.8825
301+ kWh	GHp/kWh	264.5527	260.1481
Service Charge	GHp/Month	1073.0886	1073.0886
Non-Residential Customers:			
0-300 kWh	GHp/kWh	180.7634	177.7539
301+ kWh	GHp/kWh	224.6455	216.4873
Service Charge	GHp/Month	1242.8245	1242.8245
Special Load Tariff (SLT) Customers:			
Low Voltage - LV			
Energy Charge per kWh	GHp/kWh	269.7753	232.1130
Service Charge	GHp/Month	50000.00	50000.00
Medium Voltage - MV			
Energy Charge per kWh	GHp/kWh	215.3414	201.6000
Service Charge	GHp/Month	50000.00	50000.00
Medium Voltage - MV-2			
Energy Charge per kWh	GHp/kWh	134.2804	132.0448
Service Charge	GHp/Month	50000.00	50000.00
High Voltage - HV			
Energy Charge per kWh	GHp/kWh	215.3414	182.1228
Service Charge	GHp/Month	50000.00	50000.00
EV Charging			
Energy Charge per kWh	GHp/kWh		201.6000
Service Charge	GHp/Month		50000.00

4.0 Water Tariff Results

Water Tariffs have been reviewed downwards by 3.06% for the second quarter of 2026. Results from analyses of the indicators above and their impact on water tariffs to be paid by consumers are presented in Table 4.

Table 4: Summary of Approved Water Rates Payable by Consumers Effective April 01, 2026

Customer Class	Measure	Existing Tariff	New Tariff Effective April 01, 2026
Residential			
0-5M ³ (Lifeline)	GHp/m ³	612.25	593.49
5M ³ +	GHp/m ³	1,083.20	1,050.01
Service Charge	GHp/Month	1,000.00	1,000.00
Non-Residential			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	2,000.00	2,000.00
Commercial			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sachet Water Producers			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bottled Water and Drinks			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	25,000.00	25,000.00
Industrial			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	25,000.00	25,000.00
Public Institutions/Gov't Departments			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	2,000.00	2,000.00
Public Stand Pipes			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	2,000.00	2,000.00
Ports and Harbours			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	50,000.00	50,000.00
Bulk Supply			
Service Charge	GHp/Month	5,000.00	5,000.00

The Commission is grateful to all stakeholders for their support as it continues to implement the Quarterly Tariff Reviews per its Rate Setting Guidelines to address changes in operational conditions of the service providers. The Commission will continue to monitor operations of the regulated service providers and to hold them accountable to its regulatory standards and benchmarks to ensure value for money and improved quality of service delivery.

The Commission's decision will be published in the gazette in due course and will be available on the Commission's website: www.purc.com.gh. For further clarification, please call Dr. Eric Obutey; Director, Research and Corporate Affairs of the PURC on 0242264081.

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