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NEW ELECTRICITY CONNECTION FEES ADJUSTED

Thursday, 22 December 2022, Lusaka. ZESCO Limited will with effect from 1 January 2023 revise upwards the standard connection charges pursuant to the decision made by the Energy Regulation Board on 19 December 2022.

The adjustment is in respect of the Corporation's application to the regulator for a revision of the connection charges to attain cost reflectivity. The main motivating factor was the connection backlog which stood at 67,000 as at 31 December 2021 signaling the Corporation's financial constraints arising from the application of non- cost reflective connection charges.

Connection Charges are determined by the cost of materials, labour and transport used to connect a customer to the electricity grid. The charges were last revised in 2005.

Revised charges are tabulated as follows:

Table I. Approved charges for high density, demarcated and reticulated areas

No.	Description	Current Charge K	ZESCO proposed K	Approved Charge K
New Connection				
1.	Single phase overhead	769	4,655	3,510
2.	3 Phase overhead	1,430	15,266	9,583
3.	Single phase Underground	890	6,734	5,193
4.	3 phase underground	-	20,861	9,785
Upgrade of existing connection				
5.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase overhead	1,137	12,997	6,660
6.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase underground	1,844	20,861	9,785
7.	Single phase underground to 3 phase underground	1,844	15,076	8,348
8.	3 phase overhead to 3 phase underground	1,220	10,769	5,753

Table II. Approved charges for low density, demarcated and reticulated areas

No.	Description	Current Charge K	ZESCO proposed K	Approved Charge K
New Connection				
1.	Single phase overhead standard	2,873	13,248	4,846
2.	3 phase overhead	4,887	28,744	10,919
3.	Single phase underground	3,358	15,797	6,534
4.	3 Phase underground	5,342	34,339	11,120
Upgrade of existing connection				
5.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase	1,979	12,997	7,441
6.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase underground	2,686	20,861	9,785
7.	Single phase underground to 3 phase underground	2,686	15,076	9,785
8.	3 phase overhead to 3 phase underground	1,220	10,769	5,899

Table III Approved charges for high density, un-demarcated and reticulated areas

No.	Description	Current Charge K	ZESCO proposed K	Approved Charge K
New Connection				
1.	Single phase overhead	1, 709	6, 930	4, 846
2.	3 phase overhead	3, 159	20, 250	10, 919
3.	Single phase overhead	2, 124	9, 009	6, 534
4.	Single phase underground	3, 642	24, 557	11, 120
Upgrade of existing connection				
5.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase overhead	1, 558	15, 227	11, 120
6.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase underground	-	22, 875	11, 120
7.	Single phase overhead to 3 phase underground	2, 265	15, 076	9, 785
8.	3 phase overhead to 3 phase underground	1, 220	10, 769	5, 753

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