



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## CALL FOR COMMENTS ON BPC’S 2026-27 ELECTRICITY TARIFF APPLICATION

### 1. Background

Pursuant to Section 57 of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) Act, the Authority received an application to adjust electricity tariffs from Botswana Power Corporation (BPC) on 3rd December 2025. In its application, BPC requests tariff adjustment for the financial year 2026/27 effective 1 April 2026.

### 2. Proposed Tariff Adjustment

BPC is proposing an upward average tariff adjustment of 46% and a subsidy of P0 million for the financial year 2026/27. BPC submitted that it undertook an assessment of its **Required Revenue** for the financial year 2026/27 in line with the BERA prescribed methodology which translated into P9.039 billion.

### 3. Current Tariffs and Proposed Tariffs in Monetary Terms

The table below shows a breakdown of the current BPC average tariff per kilowatt-hour and the new tariff with the proposed 46% upward average tariff adjustment which is yet to be reviewed.

Table 1: Current BPC Tariff and the Proposed Weighted Average 46% Increment

Customer Category	Current Tariff (Pula/kWh)	New Proposed Tariff (Pula/kWh)
Domestic	0.90	1.57
Government	3.56	5.01
Commercial	1.78	2.50
Mining	1.60	2.24
Weighted Average	1.56	2.28

### 4. Reasons for the Proposed Tariff Adjustment

The reasons for the proposed 46% upward average tariff adjustment as submitted by BPC are summarized as follows: -

- a) BPC’s recurring financial losses due to non-cost reflective tariffs;
- b) Unreliable local generation and heavy reliance on imported power;
- c) Escalating input costs, including fuel, maintenance and financing expenses
- d) Prolonged non adjustment of tariffs, prior to the 2025/26 financial year;

### 5. Areas Where The Proposed Tariffs will be Applied

Generally, the main source of revenue for National Utility is the sale of electricity at a cost-reflective and recovery tariff. The proposed tariff for the year under review is to be applied to all the undertakings of the power supply value chain which runs from generation, transmission, distribution and supply of power to end-users.

The activities in the value chain include capital projects for infrastructure upgrades, refurbishment; operations and maintenance; procurement of electricity from own generation, Independent Power Producers (IPPs) within and outside Botswana, and financing commitments.

### 6. Invitation For Written Public Comments On The Proposed Tariff Adjustment

Stakeholders, interested parties and the public are hereby invited to review and comment on the BPC tariff application proposing an upward adjustment through written submissions, by 30th January 2026.

Written comments on the BPC application can be sent to [tumelo.ledibogo@bera.co.bw](mailto:tumelo.ledibogo@bera.co.bw) and [info@bera.co.bw](mailto:info@bera.co.bw). The Public Consultation Paper requesting comments is available at the BERA website ([www.bera.co.bw/electricity/downloads](http://www.bera.co.bw/electricity/downloads)).

The public hearing will be on Tuesday **10th February 2026** at Grand Area Hotel West Gate Mall (near BTV), Gaborone.

