

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

BPC 2026-27 ELECTRICITY TARIFF APPLICATION

15 December 2025

1. Background

Pursuant to Section 57 of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority (BERA) Act, the Authority on the 3rd December 2025, received an application to adjust electricity tariffs from Botswana Power Corporation (BPC). In its application, BPC requests tariff adjustments for the financial years 2026/27, 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30.

2. Proposed Tariff Adjustment

BPC is proposing tariff adjustments for the next four (4) years as follows:

- 46% average increase for the year 2026/27 and a subsidy of P0 million;
- 0% for the year 2027/28 and a subsidy of P0 million;
- 0% for the year 2028/29 and a subsidy of P0 million; and
- 0% and for the year 2029/30 and a subsidy of P0 million.

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)	Tariff Increase
Domestic	0.90	1.57	68%
Government	3.56	5.01	41%
Commercial	1.78	2.50	40%
Mining	1.60	2.24	40%
Weighted Average	1.56	2.28	46%

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 general public are hereby invited to review and comment on the BPC tariff application proposing an upward adjustment through written submissions, by the **30 January 2025**.

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

The public hearing is scheduled for the beginning of February 2026 and will be communicated in advance as soon as the date has been decided upon.