

Pricing of electricity tariff in Jordan – the nature and challenges

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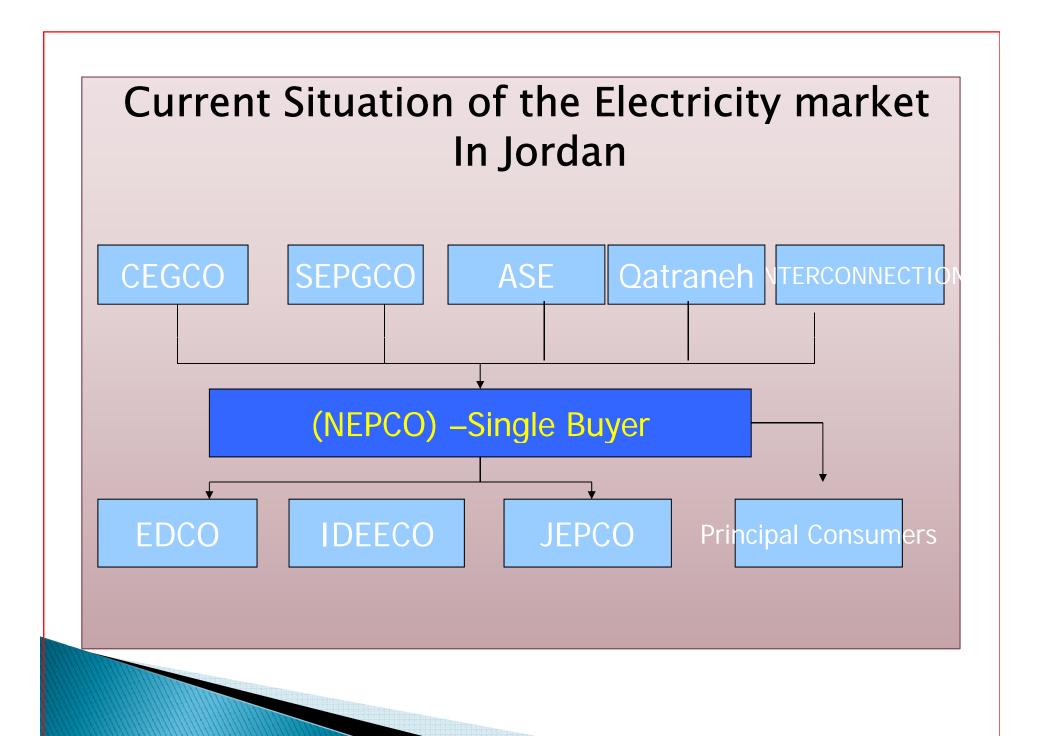
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Current Situation of the Electricity market In Jordan

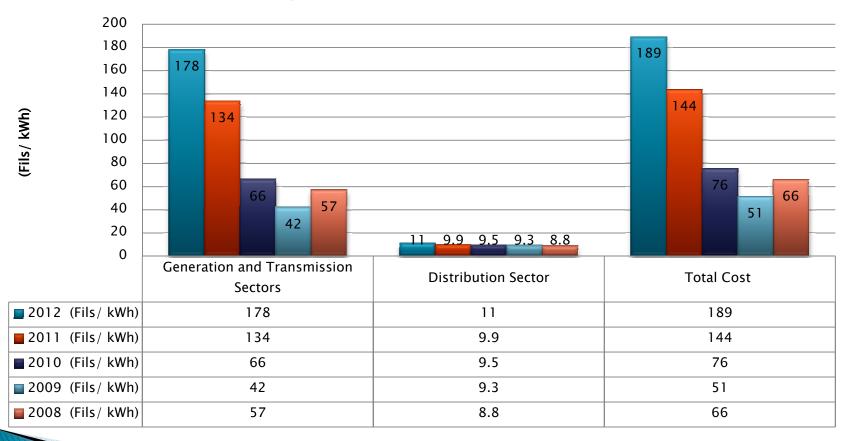
Cost of Electricity System

Challenges in the Electricity System



The Following chart represents the effect of fuel cost on the average cost of electricity System during the period from 2008-2012:

Average Cost of Electricity System



ERC increased the tariff many times during the period from 2008-2012 in order to cover the increasing cost in the electricity system:-

| Date | Average Selling Price Fils/kWh | Increase (%) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Before 14.0.3.2008 | 49 | 0 |
| 14.03.2008 | 61 | 25% |
| 2011 | 73 | 20% |
| 2012 | 88 | 20% |
| Average Increase (2008-2012) | | 81% |

ERC will not be able to cover all the cost to mitigate the effect on the final consumers, and this situation has led NEPCO to incur losses.

| The Financial Year | Total Cost (Fils/kWh) | Average Selling Price (Fils/kWh) | Difference (Fils/kWh) | Nepco's Net Income (Loss) (MJD) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2008 (Actual) | 66 | 57 | (9) | (58) |
| 2009 (Actual) | 51 | 60 | 9 | 23 |
| 2010 (Actual) | 76 | 61 | (14) | (160) |
| 2011 (Actual) | 144 | 67 | (77) | (1008) |
| 2012 (Expected) | 189 | 88 | (101) | (1180) |
| Total Loss during the period | | | | (2383) |

The following table represents the current retail tariff:-

| Category | Tariff Fils/kWh | Differences Fils/kWh |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Standard Tariff (1-Domistic 2-Employees, Discount 75% 3-Governmet 4- Customers , Discount 25%) | | |
| 1-160 KWh/Month | 33 | (156) |
| 161-300 KWh/Month | 72 | (117) |
| 301-500 KWh/Month | 86 | (103) |
| 501-600 KWh/Month | 114 | (75) |
| 601-750 KWh/Month | 141 | (48) |
| 751-1000 KWh/Month | 168 | (21) |
| >1000 KWh/Month | 235 | 46 |
| TV & Broadcasting | 122 | (67) |
| Commercial Sector | | |
| 1-2000 KWh/Month | 91 | (98) |
| >2000 KWh/Month | 127 | (62) |
| Banking Sector | | |
| 1-2000 KWh/Month | 227 | 38 |
| >2000 KWh/Month | 265 | 76 |
| Telecommunication Sector | | |
| 1-2000 KWh/Month | 227 | 38 |
| >2000 KWh/Month | | |
| Small Industries | | |
| Medium Industries | | |
| 1- Max. Demand | | |
| 2- Day Energy | | |
| 3- Night Energy | | |
| Agriculture Flat Tariff | | |
| Water Pumping | 66 | (123) |

| Category | Tariff Fils/kWh | Differences Fils/kWh |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Hotels Flat Tariff | 127 | (62) |
| Hotels (Three Part Tariff) | | |
| 1- Max. Demand | 3.790 | (185) |
| 2- Day Energy | 116 | (73) |
| 3- Night Energy | 102 | (87) |
| Streets lighting | 80 | (109) |
| Army Forces | 103 | (86) |
| Port Corporation | 112 | (77) |
| Large Industries | | |
| A- Large Industries Mining & Quarrying industry | | |
| 1- Max. Demand | 2.980 | |
| 2- Day Energy | 220 | 31 |
| 3- Night Energy | 164 | (25) |
| | | 189 |
| B- Large Industries - Others | | |
| 1- Max. Demand | 2.980 | |
| 2- Day Energy | 94 | (95) |
| 3- Night Energy | 76 | (113) |
| Agriculture/Commercial | 81 | (108) |
| Average | 88 | (101) |

Challenges

-In addition to secure the energy sources in Jordan and motivate renewable energy projects, ERC needs to modify the electricity tariff structure to address some distortion in the retail tariff as mentioned below :-

-The Electricity tariff dose not distinguish between non-profit and profit sector in many categories:-

| Type of Entity | Government Sector (kWh/Month) | Private Sector (kWh/Month) | Differences (kWh/Month) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| School | 6,600 | 59,000 | 52,400 |
| Hospital | 240,000 | 180,000 | 60,000 |

There are many customers receive a discount between 25% - 75% as follow:-

1 – Discount of 25%.

- Government school.
- Government college.
- Government Hospital.
- Private school (Only in Jepco's concession area).
- Private college (Only in Jepco's concession area).
- Private Hospital (Only in Jepco's concession area).
- Worship places.
- Charities.
- Armed Forces.

2 – Discount of 75%.

This discount only for the electricity companies employees.

The above mentioned discount cost the electricity tariff 22 MJD yearly.

- Fuel clause:-

This item was adopted in 2010, but this item is not used till now.

Thanks