

Island city residents to pay 30% more for electricity from June

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Island city residents will have to pay 30% more for electricity at an average tariff of Rs5.25 a unit from June 1. The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) issued the revised tariff on Thursday.

While non-residential and commercial consumers will have to pay 33% more every month, industries will pay 37% more than the existing tariff. The MERC has approved a hike between 21% and 38% in various categories except hospitals and educational institutes, which will have to pay 8% more.

However, hospitals and educational institutes that have high-tension connections will be charged 21% more. The MERC also hiked tariff of below-poverty-line consumers by 12 paise.

The MERC allowed the hike, as per the Supreme Court's directive, for power distributor Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) to recover losses incurred in its transport business from the 10 lakh power consumers in the island city.