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Power, gas prices go up again

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CONSUMERS for power and gas at household, industry and transportation will have to count extra as the prices went up once again.

The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission on Thursday increased the average price of electricity by 2.93 per cent and natural gas by 26.29 per cent at consumer level with effect from September 1, apparently under pressure from the government.

The energy commissioner's announcement came one day after a meeting between the prime minister's energy adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury and state minister for power and energy and mineral resources Nasrul Hamid, although it had held the public hearings on the proposals of price hike in January and February.

The commission chairman Abdur Rab Khan, accompanied by the other members, announced the new tariff of power and natural gas at a press briefing.

This time, the energy commission made the power tariff equal for all categories of consumers living in rural and urban areas, which were earlier higher in the rural areas.

Irrigation pumps under Power Development Board saw a 50 per cent hike in electricity price, while price of electricity for irrigation pumps driven by low-voltage electricity went up by 12.68 per cent.

Other categories of power consumers will experience a hike ranging between Continued on page 2 Col. 5

Gas price increase

Categories	Price in Tk/ cubic metre Aug 1, 2009	Price in Tk/ cubic metre Sept 1, 2015
Domestic		
Metre based	Tk 5.16	Tk 7.00
Single burner	Tk 4.00	Tk 6.00
Double burner	Tk 4.50	Tk 6.50
Others		
Industrial boilers	Tk 5.86	Tk 6.74
Caplve generators	Tk 4.18	Tk 8.36
Commercial	Tk 9.47	Tk 11.36
CNG stations	Tk 30	Tk 35

Power price Increase

Categories	Price in Tk/ unit Before Mar 1, 2010	Price in Tk/ unit Mar 1, 2014	Price in Tk/ unit Sept 1, 2015
Domestic units/month			
1-75	Tk 2.50	Tk 3.53, Tk 3.87*	Tk 3.80
76-200	(1-100 units)		
201-300	Tk 3.15	Tk 5.01	Tk 5.14
301-400	(101-400 units)	Tk 5.19	Tk 5.36
401-600	Tk 5.25	Tk 5.42	Tk 5.63
600+	(401 units and above)	Tk 8.51	Tk 8.70
Irrigation pumps	Tk 1.93	Tk 9.93	Tk 9.98
Fiat rate		Tk 2.51, Tk 3.39-Tk 3.96*	Tk 3.82
Small industries	Tk 4.02	Tk 7.42	Tk 7.66
Commercial & offices	Tk 5.30	Tk 9.58	Tk 9.80
Large industries			
Medium voltage 11kV	Tk 3.80	Tk 7.32	Tk 7.57
High voltage 33kV	Tk 2.39-Tk 2.53	Tk 7.20	Tk 7.49
Very high voltage 132kV	Tk 2.34	Tk 6.96	Tk 7.35
Very high voltage 230kV	No consumers	No consumers	Tk 7.25

New power tariff for PDS, WZPDC, DPOC and DISCO consumers: *REB consumers