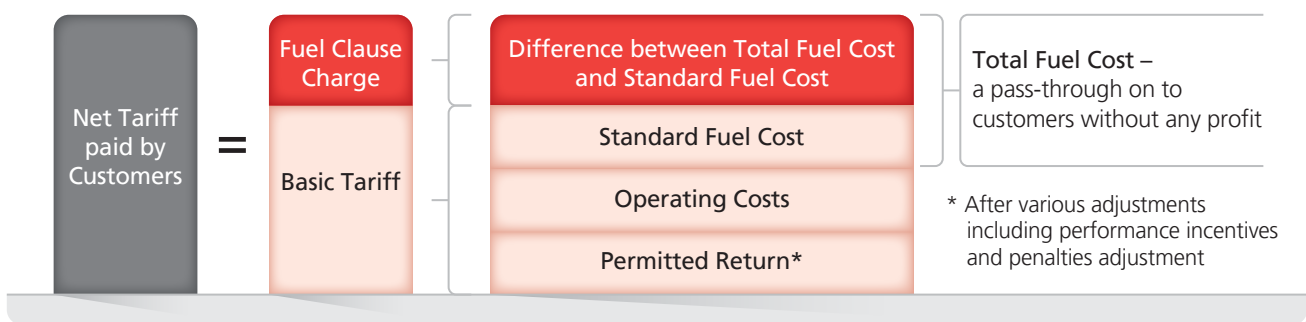


3. Tariff Information

3.1. Tariff Components

The Net Tariff charged to customers is mainly made up of Basic Tariff and Fuel Clause Charge (Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Tariff Components



Basic Tariff

Basic Tariff is calculated by dividing the annual forecast total of the standard cost of fuels, operating costs and the Permitted Return by the forecast volume of electricity sales.

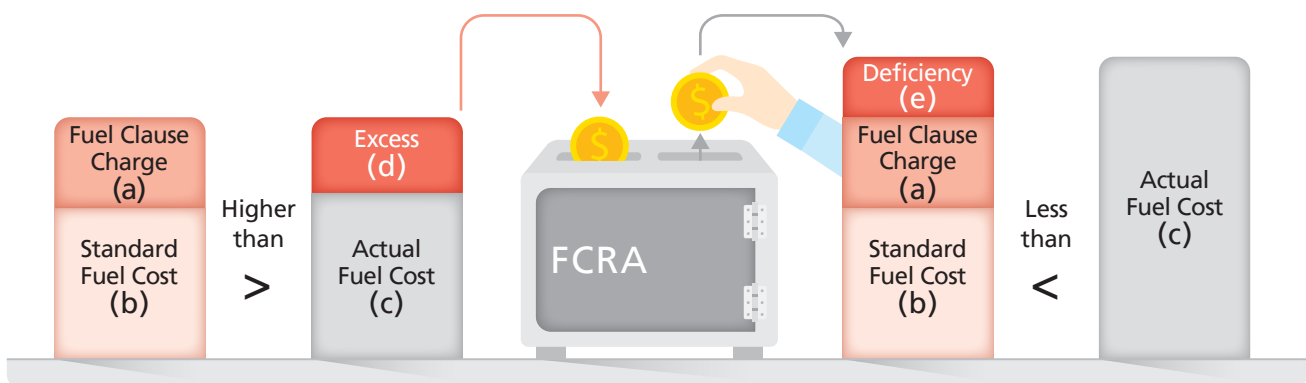
Fuel Clause Charge

Fuel cost is passed through to customers without any profits incurred as stipulated by the SCA.

A Fuel Clause Recovery Account (“FCRA”) is established under the SCA to capture the difference between actual cost of fuels and standard cost of fuels, which is to be recovered from or returned to customers by means of Fuel Clause Charge (“FCC”) or Rebate. Standard cost of fuels is recovered from the customers through the Basic Tariff (Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Fuel Clause Recovery Account (FCRA)

As illustrated below, the FCRA is used to capture the differences between the Fuel Clause Charge (a) and Standard Fuel Cost (b) and the actual fuel cost (c) incurred. If (a) + (b) is higher than the actual fuel cost (c), the amount of such excess (d) is transferred to the FCRA. Conversely, when there is a deficiency (e), the amount is transferred from the FCRA.



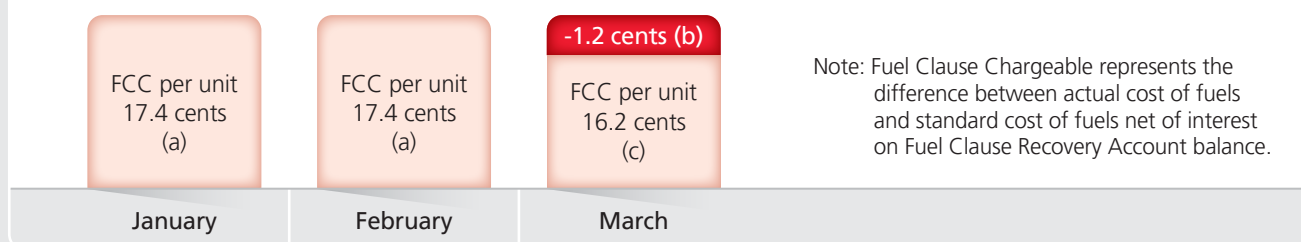
Under the SCA, HK Electric's fuel procurement policy and procedures are monitored by the Government through the annual Auditing Review. Our long-term fuel contracts are also scrutinised by the Government to ensure that their terms and conditions are in line with international fuel market trends and practices.

Fuel prices however are subject to fluctuations caused by changes in market supply and demand attributable to a host of factors including geopolitical forces and economic climate which are beyond the control of the power companies. From 2019, to reflect the changes in fuel costs more promptly, the FCC is adjusted monthly based on the previous three-month average actual cost of fuels in accordance with the more frequent FCC adjustment mechanism (Figure 3).

Figure 3 – More Frequent Fuel Clause Charge (FCC) Adjustment Mechanism

To allow time to collect and calculate the actual fuel costs, the January and February Fuel Clause Charges ("FCC") are fixed at the annual FCC rate as determined in the annual Tariff Review ("TR"). The FCC adjustment will start from March each year.

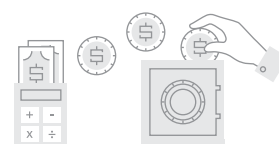
Take 2021 as an example. The January and February FCC follows the rate determined in the TR which was 17.4 cents per unit of electricity (a). The March FCC was adjusted by the difference between the previous three-month average Fuel Clause Chargeable per unit of electricity (calculated at 20.5 cents per unit) and that projected in the TR (21.7 cents per unit), which resulted in a reduction of 1.2 cent per unit (b). Therefore, the March FCC was 16.2 cents per unit (c). The same formula applies to subsequent months. For information on the monthly FCC for 2021, please visit HK Electric's website at www.hkelectric.com/fcc-en.



3.2. Tariff Approval

Under the SCA, HK Electric has to submit a Development Plan ("DP"), which sets out the projected basic tariff rate and sales as well as required operating and capital expenditures for the period covered by the DP, to the Government for approval by the Executive Council.

The actual tariff is set every year through the Tariff Review ("TR"). HK Electric will submit a proposal to the Government taking into account factors including the current and projected electricity sales, operating costs and fuel costs. If the proposed Basic Tariff Rate exceeds the projected Basic Tariff Rate approved in the DP for the year by more than 5%, further approval by the Executive Council is required. The outcome of the TR will be announced at the meeting of the Legislative Council ("LegCo")'s Panel on Economic Development, with presentations from the power companies to explain their tariff adjustments. Relevant information is available on the [LegCo website](#).



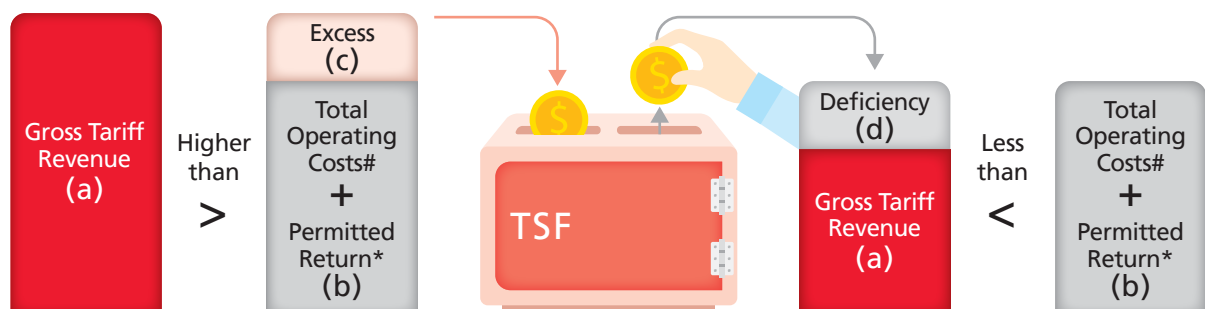
3.3. Tariff Stabilisation Fund

The SCA requires HK Electric to maintain a Tariff Stabilisation Fund ("TSF"), the main purpose of which is to accumulate and provide funds to ameliorate tariff increases or facilitate tariff reductions where appropriate. Every year, where the Gross Tariff Revenue exceeds the aggregate of the Total Operating Costs, Permitted Return (after various adjustments) and Scheme of Control taxation charges, the amount of such excess is transferred to the TSF for future use when required.

On the other hand, if there is a deficiency, the amount of such deficiency is transferred from the TSF to the statement of profit and loss for that year, but the amount transferred may not exceed the balance of the TSF, meaning that the TSF should not go into deficit (Figure 4).

Figure 4 – Tariff Stabilisation Fund (TSF)

As illustrated below, each year, where the Gross Tariff Revenue (a) exceeds the aggregate of the Total Operating Costs and Permitted Return (b), the amount of such excess (c) is transferred to the TSF. And if there is a deficiency (d), the amount is transferred from the TSF to the statement of profit and loss for that year.



Includes fuel cost, operating costs, etc.; plus the Scheme of Control taxation charges.

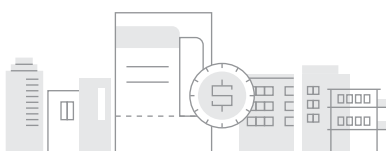
* After various adjustments including performance incentives and penalties adjustment.

3.4. Types of Tariff

HK Electric offers three types of tariffs for different categories of customers, namely [Residential Tariff](#), [Non-Residential Tariff](#) and [Maximum Demand Tariff](#). There are seven consumption blocks for Residential Tariff and four for Non-Residential Tariff. Progressive block tariff structures have been in place for both tariff types.

3.5. Net Tariff Freeze for 2021

Higher capital expenditure caused by the substantial increase in the use of natural gas for power generation and the significant drop in electricity sales brought about by COVID-19 and the prevailing economic downturn have put pressure on tariff. The basic tariff for 2021 was adjusted to 109.0 cents per unit of electricity, 7.0 cents higher than the 102.0 cents in 2020 while the Fuel Clause Charge was reduced to 17.4 cents per unit of electricity to mainly reflect movements in fuel market prices.



The "Special Rent and Rates Rebate", offered in the past several years will be discontinued in 2021, as refunds received from Government in respect of the rent and rates overcharged have been fully returned to customers. Taking into account all the adjustments, net tariff for 2021 was maintained at 126.4 cents per unit of electricity, same level as of 2020.

In view of the challenges faced by the community and different business sectors under the current economic downturn, HK Electric continues to provide relief measures and energy-saving programmes. They include the distribution of dining coupons to underprivileged households, as well as programmes like NGO Catering Subsidy, SDU Electricity Charges Relief and other energy conservation initiatives. (See Section 9.1. – Smart Power Services)

3.6. Tariff Comparison with Other Cities

Dedicated to providing our customers with long-term, stable and reasonable tariffs, HK Electric's tariff for typical households is lower than many major cities in the world including Tokyo, New York, London, Seoul and Singapore (Figure 5).

Net Tariff Freeze for 2021

Tariff Components	2020 (cents/unit)	2021 (cents/unit)	Adjustment (cents/unit)
Basic Tariff	102.0	109.0	+7.0
Fuel Clause Charge*	24.8	17.4	-7.4
Net Tariff before Special Rebates	126.8	126.4	-0.4
Special Rent & Rates Rebate	-0.4	-	+0.4
Net Tariff after Special Rebates	126.4	126.4	Unchanged

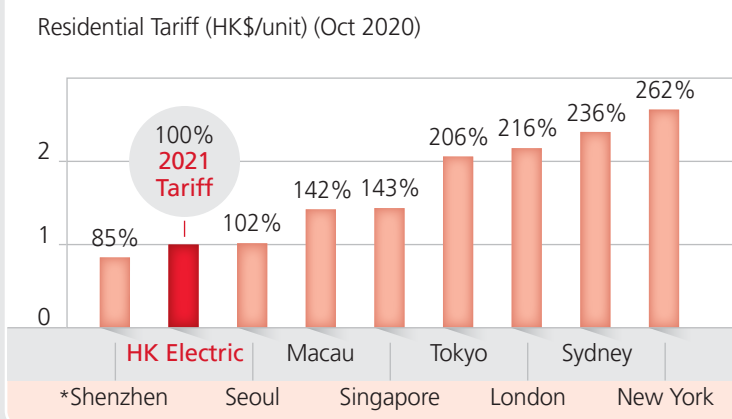
* Fuel Clause Charge

- Starting 2019, the FCC is adjusted on a monthly basis to reflect changes in the cost of fuels consumed for generation of electricity in a timely manner.

2021 Residential Tariff

Consumption (in blocks)	Basic Charge (cents/unit)
For each of the first 150 units	67.4
For each of the next 150 units (151 - 300)	81.3
200 units (301 - 500)	95.2
200 units (501 - 700)	118.8
300 units (701 - 1,000)	132.7
500 units (1,001 - 1,500)	146.6
From 1,501 units and above	160.5

Figure 5 – Comparison of Residential Tariffs



Remarks:

- (1) Comparison based on monthly residential customer consumption of 275 units (3,300 units p.a.); overseas tariffs and exchange rates are as at Oct 2020.
- (2) HK Electric 2021 tariff (excluding subsidies and relief measures)
- (3) *Government-owned

Sources:

1. Shenzhen: Shenzhen Power Supply Bureau
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6. Tokyo: Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc.
7. London: EDF Energy
8. Sydney: EnergyAustralia
9. New York: Consolidated Edison, Inc.

3.7. Household Expenditure on Electricity

According to the household expenditure survey carried out by the Census and Statistics Department in 2014/15, households in Hong Kong spend on average only 1.6% of their expenditure on electricity supply which is much lower than other expenses such as information and communications services (2.3%) and transportation (7.5%).

