

The 2010/2011 Budget Tabled

The City of Windhoek approved a total budget of N\$2,026 billion for the 2010/2011

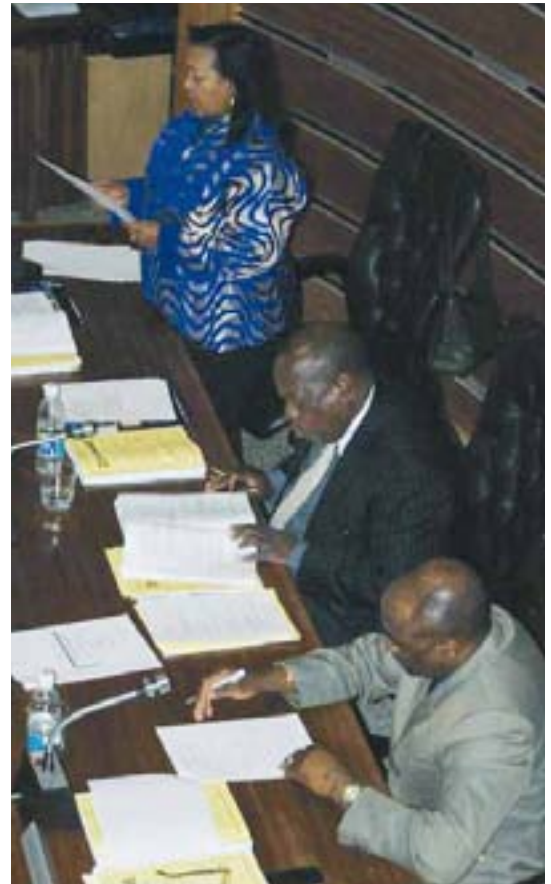
Financial Year at its June Council meeting, tabled by the Chairperson of Management Committee, Cllr Ellaine Trepper. In his opening remarks, the Mayor, Cllr. Shikongo said "the budget reflects Council's response to the needs of residents, ratepayers and the business community which the Council serves, though within the constraints of the limited available resources. The City once again managed to produce a balanced budget in accordance with the Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended and in line with the Municipal Accounting Principles. The 2010/2011 budget was compiled in consultation with the public and relevant stakeholders, against the backdrop of the City's Vision, To enhance the quality of lives of all our residents as well as its mission and strategic objectives of the City of Windhoek.

Trepper highlighted that though Council is aware of the outcry amongst various sectors of the residents in respect of the high tariffs, lack of adequate resources hampers provision of all services as per the residents' request. She once again called upon Central Government to come to the rescue of the City, by providing subsidies towards the capital budget and provision of basic services to pensioners and destitute sector of the Windhoek community. "Provision of government transfers through the national budget to all local authorities will not only make services affordable but will also mitigate the persistent adjustment of rates and taxes and

lessen the burden on the consumers, which is a global practice to sustain local government" Trepper maintained.

Trepper however assured the residents that this budget is testimony to the fact that, amidst very harsh economic realities, Council continues to try its level best to provide municipal services to all residents of the City. Driven by its Vision "to enhance the quality of life of all its people" the City Council prioritized the planned expenditure of the 2010/2011 budget under three main themes being; provision of basic services to all residents, Maintenance of existing infrastructure and continues improvement of services inclusive of the provision of sanitation to the informal settlement areas.

The Capital or Development budget of N\$344 million will also cater for various contracts to be awarded to the construction of related industries to sustain jobs in the City such as Solid Waste Management Contracts, SME Road Contracts for the continuation of the North Western Suburbs raring programme. In order to sustain the jobs in the building industry, 11.86% of the budget is allocated to the City's Township Development Programme (TDP).



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There are various miscellaneous tariffs that are not increased this year. These include bus fare that will remain at N\$6.00 per trip while the disabled and registered pensioners are exempted from paying bus transport. Others are rental fees in the informal settlement areas. Various contextual external issues were also taken into account in order to table a holistic budget such as inflation rate (estimated at a level of almost 5.9% in June 2010), unemployment (of about 37%), rural-urban migration (of about 4% per annum), interest rates at 11.25% and high electricity bulk tariff increase of 20.7% on consumption.

The second part of the budget is called the Operational Budget and amounts to N\$1.682 Billion. It is worth mentioning that the other factors that force the City of Windhoek to increase tariffs to be able to render services and have a balanced budget are:

- ⌘ The need to maintain – at all times - existing infrastructure (which is by far the biggest asset the Council has)
- ⌘ The impact that rising interest rates have on finance charges
- ⌘ The impact of rising fuel prices
- ⌘ Indications from bulk suppliers, Nampower has indicated a 18% increase in its bulk prices of electricity to the City of Windhoek while Namwater has increased with 9% effective from February 2010.

The above has left the City Council with no option but to consider the following tariff adjustments. However, Cllr. Trepper called on the valued Clients of the City to bear with Council whilst they investigate options to make the services more affordable.

- ⌘ Water basic 8%
- ⌘ Water consumption 8%,
- ⌘ Effective increase on Electricity 16.7%
- ⌘ Property tax 8%
- ⌘ Rates and taxes 8%
- ⌘ Availability charge 5%
- ⌘ Household refuse removal by 5%
- ⌘ Informal settlement refuse removal 5%
- ⌘ Solid Waste Management 5%
- ⌘ Sewerage by 7%,

The above increases will have the following estimated effect on the various households (please see elaborate table on page 3):

- ⌘ Average Low Income Household an average increase of 12% (approximately N\$67.14 increase in dollar terms per month).
 - ⌘ Average Middle Income Household an average increase of 11% (approximately N\$113.58 increase per month) and.
 - ⌘ Average High Income Household an average increase of 13% (approximately N\$365.78 increase per month).
- The proposed tariff adjustment for prepayment electricity is 20% (Unit single phase N\$1.14 three phase N\$1.50)

Some of the many Capital projects Budgeted for with direct relevance to the City's vision, to enhance to quality of life of all our people are:

New Cemetery	400 000.00
Parking area at the KHD Sports field	750 000.00
Kiosks at various recreational parks	600 000.00
KHD Cemetery extension	800 000.00
Katutura multipurpose sports court	5 000 000.00
Lighting at recreational parks	1 000 000.00
Oponganda cemetery wall	1 000 000.00
Additional picnic sites at recreational Parks	500 000.00
Artificial turf covering	3 000 000.00
Netball court upgrade at UN Plaza	150 000.00
Upgrading of John ya Otto soccer field	150 000.00
Tiles at swimming pools	250 000.00
Family Park in Dorado Park	800 000.00
Septic tanks recreational toilets	250 000.00
Tarring of recreational park access	650 000.00
Upgrade swimming pools western suburbs and Olympia	1 300 000.00
Implementation of Katutura master plan	326 457.00
Olympia Load Centre Extension	5 635 000.00
Installation of additional ripple controllers	1 000 000.00
Time of use implementation domestic	2 800 000.00
Time of use implementation commercial	2 500 000.00
Electrification low cost housing	2 327 914.00
Upgrading of Abattoir pump station	2 500 000.00
Sanitation informal settlements	500 000.00
Community Toilets	400 000.00
Otjomuise fire station	15 000 000.00
Fire fighting vehicles	11 000 000.00
Traffic lights and calming	840 000.00
Pedestrian bridges	200 000.00
Surfacing of streets in North western suburbs	25 000 000.00
Long haul taxi rank	1 500 000.00
Township Development	40 899 999.00



City of Windhoek

Financial implications on different household municipal bills

Average Low Income	2009/10	2010/11	Change
Prepaid Electricity 350kWh	335.34	388.19	52.85
Water basic 15mm meter inlet	19.47	21.03	1.56
Water consumption 6kl	40.63	43.88	3.25
Refuse removal 240l refuse bin	56.18	58.99	2.81
General refuse removal charge Total valuation of N\$35 900	9.65	10.12	0.47
Sewerage Residential erf of 241m ²	62.52	66.90	4.38
Assessment rates Site value: N\$ 14 500 Improvement value: N\$21 400	22.88 9.29	25.23 10.02	2.35 0.73
Total	555.96	624.36	68.40
Average % increase = 12%			

Average Middle Income	2009/10	2010/11	Change
Prepaid Electricity 500kWh	479.05	547.83	68.78
Water basic 15mm meter inlet	19.47	21.03	1.56
Water consumption 17kl	115.12	124.33	9.21
Refuse removal 240l refuse bin	56.18	58.99	2.81
General refuse removal charge Total valuation of N\$ 154 700	41.61	43.63	2.02
Sewerage Residential erf of 450m ²	75.03	80.28	5.25
Assessment rates Site value: N\$ 42 800 Improvement value: N\$111 900	67.54 48.56	74.47 52.37	6.93 3.81
Total	902.56	1,002.93	100.37
Average % increase = 11%			

Average High Income	2009/10	2010/11	Change
Prepaid Electricity 1289kWh	1,234.99	1,458.60	223.61
Water basic 20mm meter inlet	46.63	50.36	3.73
Water consumption 33kl	223.46	241.34	17.88
Refuse removal 240l refuse bin	56.18	58.99	2.81
General refuse removal charge Total valuation of N\$678 000	182.38	191.20	8.82
Sewerage Residential erf of 1273m ²	90.01	96.31	6.30
Assessment rates Site value: N\$ 141 900 Improvement value: N\$ 536 100	223.92 232.67	246.91 250.89	22.99 18.22
Total	2,290.24	2,594.60	304.36
Average % increase = 13%			



Amendment of Water Supply Tariffs

The Council of the Municipality of Windhoek, under section 30 (1) (u) of the Local Authority Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992) further amends the Water Supply Regulations (the Regulations) and Tariffs promulgated under General Notice No. 367 of 1996 as set out in the Schedule with effect from 1 July 2010 as per Government Gazette No 4523 of 15 July 2010.

BASIC	CHARGE	TARIFF	VAT	TOTAL	
Diameter of meter inlet		Domestic	Non-Domestic	Domestic	Non-Domestic
15 mm	21.03	0%	3.15	21.03	24.18
20 mm	50.36	0%	7.55	50.36	57.91
25 mm	81.98	0%	12.30	81.98	94.28
40 mm	537.35	0%	80.60	537.35	617.95
50 mm	946.17	0%	141.93	946.17	1088.10
80 mm	3100.46	0%	465.07	3100.46	3565.53
>80 mm	7569.47	0%	1135.42	7569.47	8704.89
Fire connections	859.62	0%	128.94	859.62	988.56

WATER CONSUMPTION TARIFFS- POTABLE

Tariff Code	Consumer Description	Tariff per Kilolitre	VAT	Total
WC 10	Domestic			
	• 0 – 0.197 kℓ per day (0-6kℓ p.m.)	7.31	0%	7.31
	• 0.198 – 1.50 kℓ per day (6-45 kℓ p.m.)	12.16	0%	12.16
	• more than 1.50 kℓ per day (>45 kℓ p.m.)	22.41	0%	22.41
	Domestic - times of limited water availability			
	• 0 – 0.197 m3 to per day	7.31	0%	7.31
WC13	• 0.198 – 1.2m3 per day	12.16	0%	12.16
	• more than 1.2m3 per day	22.41	0%	22.41
	Domestic with Flat (Special Agreement)			
	• 0 – 0.197 m3/day (0-6 m3/mth)	7.31	0%	7.31
	• 0.198 – 1.8 m3/day (6-54 m3/mth)	12.16	0%	12.16
	• more than 1.8 m3/day (> 54 m3/mth)	22.41	0%	22.41
WC 20	Or during times with limited water available for supply			
	• 0 – 0.197 m3/day (0-6 m3/mth)	7.31	0%	7.31
	• 0.198 – 1.5 m3/day (6-45 m3/mth)	12.16	0%	12.16
WC 22	• more than 1.5 m3/day (> 45 m3/mth)	22.41	0%	22.41
	Non-Domestic	12.92	1.94	14.86
WC 26	Flats/Legal entities 5 or more Units with Communal meter/s	12.92	0%	12.92
WC 50	Sport Fields (grass) which cannot be connected to purified effluent network (with effect from 16-06-97)	2.00	0.30	2.30
WC 70	Communal Water Points (special agreements)	12.16	0%	12.16
	Brakwater Consumers (NamWater cost + 15% surcharge)	8.29	1.24	9.53

SEMI-PURIFIED WATER

Tariff Code	Consumer description	Tariff per kilolitre	VAT	Total
60	Country Club	1.56	0.23	1.79
61	Consumers with small pressure pumps	1.56	0.23	1.79
62	Consumers without pressure pumps	2.00	0.30	2.30
63	Municipal Consumers	2.00	0.30	2.30
64	Commercial Consumers	5.99	0.90	6.89

WATER MISCELLANEOUS TARIFFS

WATER REGULATIONS	DESCRIPTION	TARIFF	VAT	TOTAL
REPAIR OR SUBSTITUTION OF WATER METER				
Paragraph 3 Annex A Regulations 12(3) & 25(9)	Repair & substitution of water meter up to 20mm ²	500.00	75.00	575.00
Paragraph 3 Annex A Regulations 12(3) & 25(9)	Repair & substitution of water meter larger than 20mm	Actual Cost plus 15% admin fee to a minimum of N\$ 500.00	15%	

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WATER REGULATIONS	DESCRIPTION	TARIFF	VAT	TOTAL
WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS				
Paragraph 4 Annex A	15mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum of 1,600.00	15%	
	20mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum of 1,700.00	15%	
	25mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum of 2,670.00	15%	
	40mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum of 2,900.00	15%	
	50mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum of 3,840.00	15%	
	80mm to 99mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum deposit of 23,090.00	15%	
	100mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum deposit of 26,360.00	15%	
	>100mm connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee to a minimum deposit fee of 43,090.00	15%	
FIRE CONNECTIONS				
Paragraph 5 Annex A	Supply, laying and connection of fire connection	Actual cost + 15% admin fee	15%	Total to be calculated as per corresponding diameter under item 4 on actual cost + admin costs +VAT
CONNECTIONS AND DISCONNECTIONS				
Paragraph 6(ii)(a) Regulations 5(3),21(3),22(4), 41(5)	Reconnection after a disconnection by way of a hood	242.00	36.30	278.30 payable in advance
Paragraph 6(ii)(b) Regulation 5(3),21(3),22(4), 41(5)	Reconnection after disconnection at the water meter	242.00	36.30	278.30 payable in advance
Paragraph 6(ii)(c) Regulation 5(3),21(3),22(4), 41(5)	Reconnection after disconnection at the main supply	242.00	36.30	278.30 payable in advance
TESTING OF METERS				
Paragraph 7 Annex A Regulation 17	Testing of water meter <40mm	180.00	27.00	207.00 payable in advance
	40mm and larger	Actual cost as levied by manufacturer + 15% admin fee	15%	Full deposit +VAT payable in advance of test
MISCELLANEOUS				
Paragraph 8(1) of Annex A	Work not separately specified	Actual cost + 15% admin fee	15%	
Paragraph 8 (2) of Annex A	Late fees The Council may exempt any consumer or class of consumer from paying late fees.	20% per annum per installation or interest at a rate not exceeding the rate prescribed under the provisions of the Prescribed Rate of Interest Act, 1975 (Act 55 of 1975), which may be charged in respect of a judgement debt of a magistrate's court, shall be payable where accounts are outstanding after the 15th of the month following that during which services were supplied. VAT Exempted		
Paragraph 8(3) Regulation 70 (5)	Installation of water meter to measure production from borehole	Actual Cost plus 15% admin fee	15%	
Paragraph 8 (4) Regulation 4(4)	Connection on entering into agreement of supply with Council (no electricity connection involved)	55.00	8.25	63.25
Paragraph 8 (6) Regulation 6(4) (b),10(4), 11(2)(b)	Alteration/Relocation of water meter at the request of the consumer on same water pipe	Actual Cost plus 15% admin fee to a minimum of N\$500.00	15%	Minimum deposit of 500.00
Paragraph 8(7) Regulation 6(4) (b),10(4), 11(2)(b)	Alteration /Relocation of water meter at request of consumer on new connection pipe	Actual Cost plus 15% admin fee to a minimum of N\$500.00	15% Full deposit required	
Paragraph 8	General Surcharge on prescribed charges with special water restrictions in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(c)(iii)	Nil	Nil	

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WATER REGULATIONS	DESCRIPTION	TARIFF	VAT	TOTAL
Paragraph 8 (9) Regulation 13(5)	Special Reading	85.00	12.75	97.75
Paragraph 8 (10)	Artisan called to locate & rectify private faults	300.00	45.00	345.00
Paragraph 8(11)	Registration as plumbing contractor	100.00	15%	115.00
	Renewal of registration Duplicate registration card	50.00	15%	57.50
		20.00	15%	23.00

NOTES:

1. The supply of water to all residential account holders is zero –rated for VAT purposes.
2. The supply of water to all non- residential account holders is rated at 15% for VAT purposes.
3. The supply of all other water related services is rated at 15% for VAT purposes.



Schedule of Approved Electricity Tariffs (2010/2011)

1 DOMESTIC: Private dwellings: houses, flats and flat lets

CIRCUIT BREAKER RATING	AMOUNT	CIRCUIT BREAKER RATING	AMOUNT
10 Ampere	N\$ 48.00	30 Ampere	N\$ 171.00
15 Ampere	N\$ 72.00	35 Ampere	N\$ 199.50
20 Ampere	N\$ 114.00	40 Ampere	N\$ 228.00
25 Ampere	N\$ 142.50		
More than 40 Ampere:	N\$ 228.00 plus N\$ 5.70 for every additional Ampere	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.7517
		ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060

CONSUMER TYPE	CHARGE	
	CIRCUIT BREAKER RATING	AMOUNT

2A GENERAL: Any consumer type desiring this tariff or not provided for elsewhere.

1. Installations with summated circuit breaker rating not exceeding 75 Ampere		N\$ 187.24
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 1.2998
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060

2B: Any consumer type desiring this tariff or not provided for elsewhere.

1. Installations with summated circuit breaker rating exceeding 75 Ampere	N\$ 84.24 per kVA or portion thereof where 0.22 kilovolt x (2/3 of summated Ampere rating of circuit breakers) = kVA	Refer to Seasonal / ToU rates
2. Installations with demand meters	N\$ 84.24 per kVA or portion thereof where (0.001 x demand meter reading x demand meter multiplication factor) = kVA	N\$ 0.0060
	Minimum Charge: 11kVA	N\$ 926.64
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$0.7700
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060
		OR
		Refer to Time of Use (ToU) rates

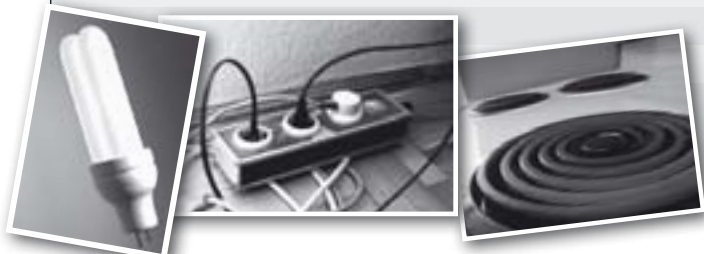
3 INDUSTRIES: Industries, manufactures, Churches, Libraries, Schools, Hospitals, and Flat Buildings with bulk meters.

1. Installations with circuit breakers	(Summated rating of circuit breakers) x N\$ 12.12	
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	Refer to Seasonal / ToU rates
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060
2. Installations with demand meters	N\$ 80.78 per kVA or portion thereof where (0.001 x demand meter reading x demand meter multiplication factor) = kVA	
	Minimum Charged: 10 kVA	N\$ 807.80
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$0.7100
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060
		OR
		Refer to ToU rates



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CONSUMER TYPE	CHARGE		
	CIRCUIT BREAKER RATING	AMOUNT	
PREPAID METERS			
Single Phase	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 1.1425	
	ECB Levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
Three Phase	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 1.5000	
	ECB Levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS			
Uitsig Radio Station (Tariff IIB plus 10%)	Basic per Month	N\$ 2,813.45	
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	Refer to Seasonal / ToU rates (Tariff IIB plus 10%)	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
Departmental	Cost per unit Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 1.1016 or	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060 Refer to TOU rates	
Daan Viljoen Game Park	KVA x N\$ 84.24		
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	Refer to Seasonal / ToU rates (Tariff IIB plus 10%)	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
Floodlighting of sports grounds	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 1.1016	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
Industrial consumers with own 11kV equipment (Tariff Industries III less 2.5% as per Council Resolution 11/3/1996)	N\$ 78.76 per kVA or portion thereof where $(0.001 \times \text{demand meter reading} \times \text{demand meter multiplication factor}) = \text{kVA}$		
	Minimum Charge: 10 kVA	N\$ 787.61	
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.6900	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060 OR Refer to / TOU rates below	
Old Age Homes (40% rebate as per Council Resolution 158/05/1993) 1. Installation with summated circuit breaker rating not exceeding 75 Ampere (Tariff I less 40%)	10 Ampere	N\$ 28.80	
	15 Ampere	N\$ 43.20	
	20 Ampere	N\$ 68.40	
	25 Ampere	N\$ 85.50	
	30 Ampere	N\$ 102.60	
	35 Ampere	N\$ 119.70	
	40 Ampere	N\$ 136.80	
	More than 40 Ampere:	N\$ 136.80 plus N\$ 3.42 for every additional Ampere	
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.4510	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060	
	2. Installations with summated circuit breaker rating not exceeding 75 Ampere (Tariff IIB less 40%)	N\$ 50.55 per kVA or portion thereof where $0.22 \text{ kilovolt} \times (2/3 \text{ of summated Ampere rating of circuit breakers}) = \text{kVA}$	
		Cost per unit (c/kWh)	Refer to Seasonal / ToU rates (Tariff IIB less 40%)
		ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060
3. Installation with demand meters (Tariff IIB less 40%)	N\$ 50.55 per kVA or portion thereof where $(0.001 \times \text{demand meter reading} \times \text{demand meter multiplication factor}) = \text{kVA}$		
	Minimum Charge: 11 kVA	N\$ 556.05	
	Cost per unit (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.4600	
	ECB levy (c/kWh)	N\$ 0.0060 Refer to ToU rates (Tariff IIB less 40%)	



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Schedule of Approved Seasonal/Time of Use Tariffs (2010-2011) Commercial three Phase and Industrial



HIGH DEMAND SEASON (June - August)

Commercial Three Phase and Industrial	Peak c/kWh	Standard c/kWh	Off Peak c/kWh
General MD TOU IIB	209.21	86.82	42.88
General MD / TP Seasonal IIB	119.74	119.74	119.74
Industrial MD TOU III	194.73	80.81	39.91
Industrial MD Seasonal III	100.70	100.70	100.70
ECB Levy (All)	0.6000	0.6000	0.6000

LOW DEMAND SEASON (Jan - May and Sept - Dec)

Commercial Three Phase and Industrial	Peak c/kWh	Standard c/kWh	Off Peak c/kWh
General MD TOU IIB	90.00	72.44	40.04
General MD Seasonal IIB	73.03	73.03	73.03
Industrial MD TOU III	83.77	67.43	37.27
Industrial MD Seasonal III	60.94	60.94	60.94
ECB Levy (All)	0.6000	0.6000	0.6000

The Time of Use time schedule is as follows:

TIME OF USE PERIODS	PEAK	STANDARD	OFF-PEAK
Namibia Time: September (year n) to May (year n+1)			
Low Demand Season Weekday	07H00 – 12H00	05H00 – 07H00	21H00 – 05H00
	17H00 – 20H00	12H00 – 17H00 20H00 – 21H00	
Saturday		06H00 – 11H00 17H00 – 19H00	00H00 – 06H00 11H00 – 17H00
			19H00 – 24H00
Sunday			00H00 – 24H00
Namibia Time: June (year n) to August (year n)			
High Demand Season Weekday	07H00 – 12H00	05H00 – 07H00	21H00 – 05H00
	17H00 – 20H00	12H00 – 17H00 20H00 – 21H00	
Saturday		06H00 – 11H00 17H00 – 19H00	00H00 – 06H00 11H00 – 17H00
			19H00 – 24H00
Sunday			00H00 – 24H00

CITY OF WINDHOEK TARIFF APPENDIX

Basic Rules and Notes applicable to the Approved Tariffs valid from July 2010

The following basic rules and conditions are attached to the schedule of approved tariffs:

- For TOU customer's high season is 1 June to 31 August .Low season is all other days.
- 15% VAT and ECB Levy is not included in the tariffs
- Industrial consumers with own 11 kV equipment qualify for a 2, 5% discount on the approved charges.
- The charges are applicable as from July 2010 account.
- Time of Use Tariffs can only be charged if correct metering equipment is installed.
- The City will convert customers from seasonal to TOU as meters are replaced (not applicable for demand clients).
- The supply of services to all residential account holders is zero-rated for VAT purposes.
- The supply of services to all non- residential account holders is rated at 15% for VAT purposes.
- The ECB Levy is an exempt charge for VAT purposes.
- The monthly availability charge for all vacant land (residential land included) is not regarded as an incidental supply to the supply of land, and is therefore rated at 15% for VAT purposes.

