

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

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Re: Electricity relief program in support of users
affected by Covid-19 pandemic

THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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Hanoi, April 16, 2020

For the attention of:

- Departments of Industry and Trade of provinces and centrally-run cities;
- Vietnam Electricity.

In implementing Resolution No. 41/NQ-CP dated April 9, 2020 by the Government's regular Cabinet meeting in March 2020, in considering the proposal of Vietnam Electricity (EVN) under Official Letter No. 2015/EVN - KD dated April 1, 2020 and Official Letter No. 2288/EVN - KD dated April 14, 2020, and based on the opinions of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice and the Commission for the Management of State Capital at Enterprises (CMSC), The Ministry of Industry and Trade hereby guides the implementation of the electricity relief program in support of users affected by Covid-19 pandemic as follows:

1. Electricity sale discount:

- Electricity retail prices for manufacturing and business sectors: Apply a discount of 10% on electricity retail price specified in Decision No. 648/QD-BCT dated March 20, 2019 by the Minister of Industry and Trade on adjusting the average retail price and stipulating electricity selling price (Decision No. 648/QD - BCT), breakdown by peak, normal and off-peak hours.

- Electricity retail prices for households: Apply a discount of 10% on household electricity retail price from rate1 to rate 4 specified in Decision No. 648/QD - BCT.

- As for customers are hospitality establishments (as defined in the Law on Tourism in 2017 and relevant legal documents): Change from electricity retail prices applicable for business sector to those applicable for manufacturing sector after the discount.

- For rural electricity wholesale prices; electricity wholesale prices for dormitories and residential quarters; electricity wholesale prices for trade-service-residential complex: Apply a discount of 10% on electricity wholesale price for rate 1 to rate 4 of household electricity; discount 10% of electricity wholesale prices for other purposes as defined under Decision No. 648/QD-BCT.

- For the electricity wholesale price to industrial parks and markets: Apply a discount of 10% on electricity wholesale price specified in the wholesale price bracket under Decision No. 648/QD-BCT

2. Apply a direct discount (pre-tax value) on electricity bill for the facilities serving Covid-19 pandemic prevention and control and buying electricity from EVN's affiliated units, specifically as follows:

- Apply 100% discount on electricity bill for the facilities (other than hotels) used for centralized quarantine, medical examination and treatment of patients suspected or confirmed with Covid-19 infection .

- Apply 20% discount on electricity bill for the healthcare facilities used for medical examination and treatment of patients suspected or confirmed with Covid-19 infection.

- Apply 20% discount on electricity bill for the hotels used for centralized quarantine of patients suspected or confirmed with Covid-19 infection.

List of facilities serving the prevention and control of Covid-19 pandemic eligible for the electricity relief program shall be prepared by the National Steering Committee for Covid-19 Prevention and Control, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Public Security, People's Committees of provinces and centrally-run cities on a monthly basis and sent to the electricity units for implementation.

3. The total duration for electricity price discount and electricity bill rebate is three (03) months. Specific timelines for electricity price discount and electricity bill rebate are as follows:

- For customers using electricity for household purposes, consumption in April, May and June 2020 (determined according to the monthly meter recording of electricity units) will be discounted accordingly in electricity billed in May, June and July 2020.

- For customers using electricity for non-household purposes (production, business, administrative and public service delivery): This Official Document shall be applied on the nearest billing date from the issue date of this Official Letter.

- For customers who are hospitality establishments: EVN and Departments of Industry and Trade of provinces and centrally-run cities shall be responsible for issuing detailed guidelines to ensure correct identification of targeted beneficiaries as specified under this Official Letter and align with social isolation situation in each locality.

4. Beyond the duration for electricity price discount and electricity bill rebate: Apply the electricity price as prescribed in Decision No. 648/QD-BCT.

Departments of Industry and Trade of provinces and centrally-run cities and EVN shall be responsible for issuing detailed instructions to relevant units in applying electricity price discount and electricity bill rebate in line with the Ministry of Industry and Trade's guideline under this Official Letter.

In the course of implementation, if any problem arises, EVN and the Department of Industry and Trade of the provinces and centrally-run cities shall promptly report it to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Finance and the CMSC for settlement in accordance with their competence or report to the Prime Minister for resolution.

Recipient(s)

- As above;
- The Prime Minister (for reporting);
- National Steering Committee for Covid-19 Prevention and Control (for coordination);
- Office of the Government;
- Minister (for reporting);
- Ministries: Finance, Justice; Public Security, Defense, Information & Communications (for coordination);
- People's Councils and People's Committees of provinces and centrally-run cities (for coordination);
- Commission for the Management of State Capital at Enterprises (CMSC);
- Power Corporations;
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**ON BEHALF OF THE
MINISTER**

VICE MINISTER

(Signed)

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