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Electricity and water tariffs to be revised from January 2027

Saudi Energy Co. (SEC) and Power and Water Utility Co. for Jubail and Yanbu (Marafiq) have revised electricity, water and wastewater tariffs, effective January 1, 2027. The revision covers both consumption rates and fixed monthly charges across all customer categories. Marafiq said that they will disclose any material impact on its results at a later date. Moreover, SEC said it does not expect a material impact on its results, as the change falls under the regulatory framework that sets its required revenue.

The revised electricity schedule keeps the same structure for most customer categories. Residential, commercial, agricultural and charitable users still pay two rates: one for the first 6,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month and a higher rate above that. Industrial and government users still pay a single rate for all consumption. The only change in structure is for private healthcare and educational facilities, which move from a single flat rate to the two-rate commercial schedule.

Residential, commercial, industrial and government users all see an increase of 3 halalas per kWh, so the percentage change is higher where the starting rate is lower. The residential rate rises to 21 halalas from 18 halalas (+16.7%) for the first 6,000 kWh, and to 33 halalas from 30 halalas (+10.0%) above that. Commercial rates rise to 25 halalas from 22 halalas (+13.6%) for the first 6,000 kWh, and to 35 halalas from 32 halalas (+9.4%) above that. The industrial rate rises to 23 halalas from 20 halalas (+15.0%), while the government rate rises to 35 halalas from 32 halalas (+9.4%).

Agricultural and charitable users see the smallest increase, at 1 halala per kWh. The agricultural rate rises to 19 halalas from 18 halalas (+5.6%) for the first 6,000 kWh, and to 23 halalas from 22 halalas (+4.5%) above that. Charitable associations will pay 17 halalas instead of 16 halalas (+6.3%) for the first 6,000 kWh, and 21 halalas instead of 20 halalas (+5.0%) above that.

The sharpest change falls on private healthcare and educational facilities. These facilities currently pay a flat 18 halalas per kWh for all consumption. From January 2027, they move to the commercial schedule of 25 halalas for the first 6,000 kWh and 35 halalas above that, an increase of 38.9% and 94.4%, respectively.

Electricity consumption tariff by segment

Segment	Monthly consumption (kWh)	Current (halalas/kWh)	New (halalas/kWh)	Change (%)
Residential	1-6,000	18	21	+16.7%
	More than 6,000	30	33	+10.0%
Commercial	1-6,000	22	25	+13.6%
	More than 6,000	32	35	+9.4%
Private healthcare & educational	1-6,000	18	25	+38.9%
	More than 6,000	18	35	+94.4%
Industrial	Single slab	20	23	+15.0%
Agricultural	1-6,000	18	19	+5.6%
	More than 6,000	22	23	+4.5%
Charities	1-6,000	16	17	+6.3%
	More than 6,000	20	21	+5.0%
Government	Single slab	32	35	+9.4%

Source: Saudi Energy, Argaam, anbc research

Fixed monthly electricity charges see a larger step-up. Currently, all customers pay the same fixed fee, based only on circuit breaker capacity: SAR 10 for 20-99 amps, SAR 15 for 100-199 amps, SAR 21 for 200-299 amps and SAR 22-30 for 300 amps and above. From January 2027, the fee will also depend on the customer category. Residential users will pay SAR 70, 80, 90 and 100 across the same capacity bands. Agricultural and charitable users will pay SAR 140, 160, 180 and 200. Commercial, industrial, government, private healthcare and educational users will pay SAR 350, 500, 700 and 900.

The increase is steepest at the lowest capacity band. For 20-99 amps, the fixed fee rises 7x for residential users, from SAR 10 to SAR 70. It rises 14x for agricultural and charitable users, to SAR 140, and 35x for commercial and other users, to SAR 350. At 300 amps and above, the fee rises 3.3-4.5x for residential users and 30-41x for commercial and other users.

Fixed monthly electricity charge - SAR/month

Breaker capacity (amps)	Current: all segments	New: Residential	New: Agricultural & charitable	New: Industrial, commercial, govt., private healthcare & educational
20-99	10	70	140	350
100-199	15	80	160	500
200-299	21	90	180	700
300 and above*	22-30	100	200	900

Source: Saudi Energy, Argaam, anbc research

*Current fee is SAR 22 for 300-399 amps, SAR 25 for 400 amps and SAR 30 above 400 amps

On the water side, Marafiq revised tariff charges residential users across four consumption bands, with the rate rising in each band. For the first 15 cubic metres (m³) per month, residential users will pay SAR 1.00 per m³ for water and SAR 0.50 for wastewater. For more than 15 up to 30 m³, the rates are SAR 2.00 for water and SAR 1.00 for wastewater. For more than 30 up to 45 m³, they are SAR 4.00 and SAR 2.00. Above 45 m³, they are SAR 6.00 and SAR 3.00. In every band, the wastewater rate is half the water rate. Residential users will also pay a fixed monthly charge based on meter diameter. For meters up to 20 mm, this is SAR 20 for water and SAR 10 for wastewater. It rises to SAR 40 and SAR 20 for 21-40 mm, SAR 60 and SAR 30 for 41-65 mm, SAR 80 and SAR 40 for 66-100 mm, and SAR 100 and SAR 50 for meters above 100 mm. Each additional residential unit on the same meter adds SAR 20 for water and SAR 10 for wastewater.

Residential water and wastewater tariff from January 2027

Residential	Water	Wastewater
Consumption tariff by monthly consumption - SAR/m³		
0-15 m ³	1.00	0.50
More than 15 up to 30 m ³	2.00	1.00
More than 30 up to 45 m ³	4.00	2.00
More than 45 m ³	6.00	3.00
Fixed monthly charge by water meter diameter - SAR/month		
0-20 mm	20	10
21-40 mm	40	20
41-65 mm	60	30
66-100 mm	80	40
More than 100 mm	100	50
Each additional residential unit	20	10

Source: Marafiq, Argaam, anbc research

Non-residential users will pay a single rate of SAR 8.00 per m³ for water and SAR 4.00 for wastewater, regardless of consumption. Their fixed monthly charge is also based on meter diameter. For meters up to 20 mm, it is SAR 40 for water and

SAR 20 for wastewater. It rises to SAR 60 and SAR 30 for 21-40 mm, SAR 80 and SAR 40 for 41-65 mm, SAR 100 and SAR 50 for 66-100 mm, and SAR 150 and SAR 75 for meters above 100 mm.

Non-Residential water and wastewater tariff effective from January 2027

Non-Residential	Water	Wastewater
Consumption tariff - SAR/m³		
All consumption	8.00	4.00
Fixed monthly charge by water meter diameter - SAR/month		
0-20 mm	40	20
21-40 mm	60	30
41-65 mm	80	40
66-100 mm	100	50
More than 100 mm	150	75

Source: Marafiq, Argaam, anbc research

Government users face the highest consumption rate, at SAR 10.00 per m³ for water and SAR 5.00 for wastewater. Their fixed monthly charge remains unchanged at SAR 1,000 for water and SAR 500 for wastewater, regardless of meter size.

Government water and wastewater tariff effective from January 2027

Government	Water	Wastewater
Consumption tariff - SAR/m³		
All consumption	10.00	5.00
Fixed monthly charge - SAR/month		
All meter sizes	1,000	500

Source: Marafiq, Argaam, anbc research

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