

Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission



Case No. 29/2024 & 33/2024 (NBPDC)

and

Case No. 30/2024 & 34/2024 (SBPDCL)

Tariff Order

**True up for FY 2023-24,
Annual Performance Review for FY 2024-25 and Aggregate
Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2025-26 including
Business Plan for control period FY 2025-26 to FY 2027-28
and**

Determination of Retail Tariff for FY 2025-26

for

**North Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (NBPDC)
South Bihar Power Distribution Company Limited (SBPDCL)**

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