



MEDIA RELEASE

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Reduction in Electricity Tariff July Consumption Bill in August 2012

Over the last few months, Tonga Power reviewed the fuel component of Tonga's tariff and reduction to the price of electricity, this comprised of the following:

Fuel cost Reduction

Tonga Power Limited advises that electricity tariffs will decrease by the following amounts.

The latest diesel costs announced by the Competent Authority as at 15 June, shows a reduction in the cost of oil price over the last month. The retail price for diesel as of December 2011 decreased from 179.04 seniti/litre to 176.32 seniti/litre in June 2012. This leads to reduction in fuel tariff by 2.64 seniti/kWh on **1 July** Power Consumption.

Tonga Power last revised prices in April this year, using the December 11 fuel costs. We were able to absorb the spike in oil prices through February and March, and are now in a position to pass through the oil price reductions. The reduction will be evident on the first bill **1 August 2012**.

Consumers will benefit greatly and the economy of Tonga will receive the benefit not only lower oil prices, but also as the solar facility comes on line in a month or so. We hope to be able to announce a further reduction in the near future.

The new tariff sets out below apply to all electricity consumed from June, effective on the power bill for July 2012.

New Electricity Tariff

	As at June 2012	1 July Power Bill	Reduction in Power Tariff
Non-fuel tariff	42.66	42.66	0
Fuel Tariff	50.54	47.90	2.64
Total (S/kWh)	93.20	90.56	2.64

Tonga Power hopes this initiative will lessen the burden of electricity costs for consumers in the Kingdom.

Thank You, Tonga Power Limited



Ongoongo Tukuatu

(5 Siulai 2012)

Holo 'i he Totongi ki he 'Uhila ngaue'aki 'i Siulai pila 'i 'Aokosi 2012

'I he ngaahi lau mahina kuo maliu atu, na'e toe sivisivi'i ai 'e he Kautaha 'Uhila 'a Tonga 'a e ngaahi konga 'o e totongi 'uhila, pea ki ha ngaahi founga ki hono holoki 'o e 'uhila 'a ia 'oku kau ai e ngaahi 'uhinga ko eni:

Holo e Totongi 'o e Lolo

Ko e totongi fakamuimui taha ki he lolo tisolo 'i hono tuku mai mei he ma'u mafai ki he totongi 'o e lolo 'i he a'u mai ki he 'aho 15 Sune, 'oku ha mai ai e holo ki he totongi 'o e lolo 'i he ngaahi lau mahina kuo maliu atu. Ko e totongi taautaha ki he tisolo 'i Tisema 2011, na'e holo mei he seniti 'e 179.04 ki he lita ki he seniti 'e 176.32 ki he lita 'i sune 2012. 'I he'ene pehe, 'oku holo leva e totongi ki he 'uhila 'aki ha seniti 'e 2.64 ki he KWh 'i he 'uhila ngaue'aki mei he 'aho **1 Siulai**.

Na'e vakai'i fakamuimui 'a e totongi ko eni ki he 'uhila 'i 'Epeleli 'o e ta'u ni, ngaue'aki e totongi lolo 'o Tisema 2011. Na'e malava ke mau ngaue'aki 'a e totongi ko ia 'i he vaha'a taimi 'oku ma'olunga ai e totongi 'o e lolo 'a ia ko Fepueli ki Ma'asi, pea kuo mau tuku atu ai e totongi fakamuimui taha ki he totongi 'o e lolo. Ko e holo ko 'eni, 'e tuku atu ia 'i he mo'ua 'uhila 1 'o 'Aokosi 2012.

'E lave monu 'a e kau ma'u 'uhila kotoa pea mo e 'ekonomika 'a Tonga mei he holo ko 'eni 'a e totongi 'o e 'uhila, 'o 'ikai ngata pe he holo e totongi 'o e lolo, kae pehe foki ki hono fakalele ko ia 'o e lvi ma'u'anga 'uhila mei he la'aa hili nai ha mahina 'e taha mei heni. 'Oku mau faka'amu ke toe fanongonongo atu ha holo ki he totongi 'o e 'uhila 'i he kaha'u vave mai

Ko e ngaahi totongi 'uhila fo'ou leva 'eni na'e 'omai mei he Poate 'Uhila 'a Tonga ke ngaue'aki , ko e holo ko 'eni 'a e totongi ki he 'uhila 'e tuku atu ia 'i he mo'ua 'uhila 'o Siulai 2012.

Totongi Fo'ou ki he 'Uhila

	'I Sune 2012	Totongi 'Uhila 1 Siulai	Holo he totongi 'Uhila
Non-fuel tariff	42.66	42.66	0
Fuel Tariff	50.54	47.90	2.64
Total (\$/kWh)	93.20	90.56	2.64

'Oku faka'amu ai pe 'a e Kautaha 'Uhila 'a Tonga ke lava e ngaahi lelei ko eni 'o fakasi'isi'i e kavenga ki hono totongi 'o e 'uhila ki he kakai 'o e Fonua.

Malo, Kautaha 'Uhila 'a Tonga.