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The residential electricity price in Sierra Leone is SLL 4,986.000 per kWh or USD 0.253. The electricity price for businesses is SLL 6,735.000 kWh or USD 0.342. These retail prices were collected in March 2024 and include the cost of power, distribution and transmission, and all taxes and fees.

The Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission is established to formulate, implement, monitor quality and compliance, provide tariff. [Read More Objectives](#)

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If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the consumer within 60 days after having been received by the Commission, the consumer may request the CCD to refer the complaint to the Complaint Committee of the Commission for decision. This request must be made in writing and must be signed by the consumer.

In an effort to improve the regulation and quality of bottled water companies in the country, the Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission (EWRC) has engaged key stakeholders of the bottled water industry on compliance and the Commission's regulatory framework.

The Sierra Leone Electricity and Water Regulatory Commission (SLEWRC) proudly inaugurated its new regional office in Kenema on 2nd August 2024, marking a significant milestone in the Commission's ongoing efforts to enhance regulatory oversight and improve service delivery in the water and electricity sectors across the Eastern region of Sierra Leone.

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To make the mini-grid business models economically viable, it is necessary to improve the affordability of mini-grid electricity tariffs, and thus increase the connection rates of new customers as well as increase productive consumption of existing customers.

Flexible subsidy mechanisms, such as an up-front cash grant/results-based financing hybrid scheme (as opposed to an "in-kind" subsidy) could be explored to further reduce project costs and potentially lower tariffs.



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This hybrid structure would reduce developers' up-front capital constraints while also ensure quality of service as developers are fully paid based on the deployment and verification of the connections. The value of the subsidy should be high enough to achieve tariff reduction.

It is important to emphasize that although the mini-grid tariff in Sierra Leone might be considered unaffordable by many, a large number of mini-grid customers had never used electricity in this form prior to the arrival of the mini-grid and ended up consuming more electricity than they could afford.

Significant public and private sector resources should therefore focus on community sensitization, consumer education, and training around electricity usage and expenditures, energy efficiency, mini-grid load capacity, appliance usage, productive use of energy (PUE), and other benefits and cost savings of mini-grid electrification. As consumer awareness around energy usage and expenditures improves over time, mini-grid usage can be further optimized.

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