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## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRICITY FIXED CHARGE AS INDICATED BY THE IBADAN DISTRIBUTION ELECTRICITY COMPANY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN**

This is to provide the necessary information on electricity fixed-charge and the decision of University Management on the issue.

In engineering economics, electricity billing consists of several components for the maintenance and sustenance of the energy distribution and supply systems. The issue of “fixed-charge” is a nationwide policy implemented by all electricity boards including Ibadan Distribution Electricity Company (IBDEC).

For emphasis, the following points apply, directly or indirectly, to electricity consumers on campus:

1. Electricity Consumers in the University, among other things, for electricity supply, have not at any point in time been asked to buy cable for connection to UI Electricity Distribution System.
2. Electricity Consumers did not and have not been asked to pay for the meters installed. The present cost of purchase and installation of a single-phase prepaid meter is about twenty-five thousand naira (₦25,000.00) only.
3. The UI Electricity Network includes the high tension supply to the 33KV Supply station, the link to the power house and the subsequent distribution to the various load centres on campus. This Network requires constant maintenance by the University Management, which gulps considerable fund.
4. The monthly bill being paid by the University is enormous and includes fixed-charge.

Points 1 and 2 are contrary to what obtains outside the campus. This is because every electricity consumer outside the University has to pay for the electricity meter and necessary installation materials.

In light of the above, the University Management, therefore, reiterates that all electricity consumers in the University will, henceforth, pay for their energy consumption and the fixed-charge. The payment for fixed-charge is classified as follows:

- Staff in residential quarters will pay 50% of whatever fixed-charge IBDEC charges.
- All commercial units will pay full complement of the fixed-charge applicable.

Thank you.

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