

Technical Conference – Breakout
Session Report Out

Tariffs & Subsidies

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Topic: Tariffs & Subsidies

- Most urgent/important issues to resolve:
 - Consumer Confusion
 - Monthly charges with pre-pay meters
 - Fairness when there are outages
 - Value of reliability
 - Cost of subsidies

Solutions – Issue #1

Issue: **Consumer Confusion**

Solution:

- Education
 - Labeling monthly charges as a rental fee

Solutions – Issue #2

Challenge: **Cost of Subsidies**

Solution:

- Cost-reflective tariffs
- Where does subsidy come from
 - Utility through cross-subsidy
 - Clearinghouse
 - Government
 - Grants from development agencies
 - Different technologies need different subsidy structure
 - Capital subsidy for renewables (hydro & solar)

Other Key Observations

- Different countries have different issues
- Distance from existing grid really matters