



Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Secretary

Ref: UPERC/Secy/D(Tariff)/15-1839
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To,

1. Chairman, U.P. Power Corporation Ltd., Shakti Bhawan, 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow - 226001.
2. MD, U.P. Power Corporation Ltd., Shakti Bhawan, 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow - 226001.
3. MD, MVVNL, 4-A, Gokhale Marg, Lucknow - 226001.
4. MD, DVVNL, Urja Bhawan, 220KV Sub-Station, Mathura Bypass Road, Agra - 282007.
5. MD, PVVNL, Victoria Park, Meerut - 250001.
6. MD, PuVVNL, Bhikharipur, 132KV Sub-Station, Poorvanchal Vidyut Bhawan, P.O. Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi - 221004.
7. MD, KESCo, KESA House, 14/71, Civil Lines, Kanpur - 208001.
8. MD & CEO, Noida Power Company Ltd. Commercial Complex, H-Block, Alpha-II Sector, Greater Noida City.
9. CE, RAU, Regulatory Affairs Unit, U.P. Power Corporation Ltd., 15th Floor, Shakti Bhawan Extension, 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow – 226001.

Subject: Load ascertaining for Rural Consumers& Metering

Sir,

- 1) As you are aware that the Commission in its Tariff Order for FY 2014-15 dated October 1, 2014 has changed the Tariff of unmetered consumers under rural schedule of LMV-1 (a) (Domestic) and LMV-2 (a) (Non-Domestic) categories from Rs. / connection / month to Rs. / kW / month. Subsequently the Commission vide letter Ref: UPERC / Secy / D (Tariff) / 14-1153 dated October 14, 2014 directed the Distribution Licensees to ascertain the actual load of such consumers so that the contracted load of such consumers should not be in variation with their actual load. The Commission had given a time frame of three months to the Distribution Licensees to complete the above exercise and till then for next three months the Tariff for the mentioned categories have to be billed as per the old tariff rates i.e. as per Tariff Orders for FY 2013-14 dated May 31, 2013. The Commission also directed the Distribution Licensees to priorities the installation of meters for the consumers who have given been metered



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connection. The relevant extract of the mentioned letter issued by the Commission is reproduced below:

*"1) As you are aware that in the Tariff Orders for FY 2014-15, the rates of rural unmetered consumers have been converted from 'per connection' to 'per kW'. In this regard it has been a general grievance of many consumers under LMV-1 (a) and LMV- 2 (a) categories having loads upto 2 kW that their contracted load is higher than their actual load. **In respect to the same, the Distribution Licensees are directed to ascertain the actual load of such consumers so that the contracted load of such consumers should not be in variation with their actual load. Distribution Licensees should ensure that the above exercise gets completed within 3 months so that the consumers are not unnecessarily burdened. Keeping the same in mind, such consumers (under LMV-1 (a) and LMV-2 (a) categories having loads upto 2 kW) may be billed at the old tariff rates as per Tariff Orders for FY 2013-14 for the next 3 months.**"*

*2) Further, it has come to the knowledge of the Commission that in many instances where unmetered connections have been issued, the costs of meters have been taken by the Distribution Licensees; however the meters have not been installed. The Distribution Licensees are directed to install meters of all such consumers as early as possible. Also, as per the provision of the Tariff Orders dated 1st October, 2014 all unmetered consumers including the unmetered rural consumers under category LMV-1 (a) and LMV-2 (a) have to get metered by 31st March, 2015. The Distribution Licensees are directed to prioritize metering of above mentioned consumer categories so that the same can get metered quickly." **[Emphasis Added]***

- 2) Further, recently the State Distribution Licensees (viz. DVVNL, MVVNL, PVVNL, PuVVNL & KESCO) have filed the ARR / Tariff Petitions for FY 2015-16 and True up for FY 2012-13 on December 8, 2014 and NPCL has filed its ARR / Tariff Petition for FY 2015-16 and True up for FY 2013-14 on November 28, 2014. The State Distribution Licensees have submitted the Tariff Proposal for FY 2015-16 on January 2, 2015. However the Distribution Licensees have not submitted any status in compliance to the direction given by the Commission to ascertain the actual load of LMV-1 (a) and LMV-2 (a) categories.



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- 3) It may be observed that the given 3 months of time is already over and such exercise should have been completed by now. In view of the same, the Distribution Licensees are directed to submit the detailed status of ascertaining the actual load of unmetered consumers under LMV-1 (a) and LMV-2 (a) categories so that the contracted load of such consumers should not be in variation with their actual load at the earliest. Further, if such exercise is still not completed, the Distribution Licensees should prioritize the same and get it completed by March 31, 2015. However till that time i.e. March 31, 2015 the Commission directs that for all such unmetered consumers (under LMV-1 (a) and LMV-2 (a) categories) having loads upto 2 kW shall be billed at the old tariff rates as per Tariff Orders for FY 2013-14.
- 4) It has also been observed by the Commission that the Distribution Licensees have not submitted any details regarding the direction given by the Commission to priorities the installation of the meters for the consumers who have been issued metered connection but the meters had not been installed. In view of the same, the Commission directs the Distribution Licensees to submit the detailed status of the compliance of the Commission's direction.
- 5) Further the Commission directs the Licensees to issue public notices in newspapers to achieve the above objectives.

The above is issued with the approval of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Arun Kumar Srivastava
Secretary