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Respected Members,

Sub: Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules 2022-Rules Amended to control the Power Tripping and Load Shedding and to ensure 24 x 7 power supply by DISCOMs – Regarding.

Ref: The Government of India Gazette No.292 dated 21.04.2022 publishing the Notification No. G.S.R. 306(E) dated 20.04.2022.

Please find enclosed the copy of the Government of India Gazette Notification above cited, for the information of all members. Accordingly, by the issuance of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules 2022, the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules 2020 were further amended. As per the Amendments now notified, the State Commissions are mandated to notify the below standards for restricting the power interruptions.

1. Customer average interruption duration index
2. Customer average interruption frequency index
3. Momentary average frequency interruption frequency index
4. System average interruption duration index
5. System average interruption frequency index

The amended New Rules have been introduced, further to accommodate the following obligations by the State Commissions and the DISCOMs.

“(3) In view of the increasing pollution level particularly in the metros and the cities with a population 100,000 and above, the distribution licensee shall ensure 24x7 uninterrupted power supply to all the consumers, so that there is no requirement of running the diesel generator sets and accordingly, the State Commission shall give trajectory of system average interruption frequency index and system average interruption duration index for such cities.

(4) The State Commission may consider the customer average interruption duration index, customer average interruption frequency index and momentary average interruption frequency index as additional indicators of reliability of supply and the minimum interruption time for calculation of additional reliability indicators shall be as specified by the State Commission and in case the interruption time is not specified by the State Commission,



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three minutes shall be considered as interruption time for calculating the additional reliability indicators.

(5) The State Commission shall have an online mechanism for reviewing and monitoring of reliability indices of distribution licensees and such Commission may consider a separate reliability charge for the distribution company, if they require funds for investment in the infrastructure for ensuring the reliability of supply to the consumers.

(6) The consumers, who are using the diesel generator sets as essential back up power, shall endeavor to shift to cleaner technology such as renewable energy with battery storage and the like in five years from the date of commencement of these rules or as per the timelines given by the State Commission for such replacement based on the reliability of supply in that city covered under area of supply of the distribution licensee.

(7) The process of giving temporary connections to the consumers for construction activities or any temporary usage and the like shall be simplified by the distribution licensee and given on an urgent basis and not later than forty-eight hours and within seven days in case augmentation of the distribution system is required and this shall avoid any use of diesel generator sets for temporary activities in the area of the distribution licensee.

(8) The temporary connection shall be through a prepayment meter or through consumer meters as defined in the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations as amended from time to time”.

Accordingly, we would like to inform you that the TNERC has to come out with a Regulation or by an order, notifying the Trajectory Standards to comply with the above Rules separately. When the TNERC comes with separate Trajectory Standards, we will update the same for the information of our members. According to the New Amended Rules introduced, it could be seen that the Ministry of Power is showing its concern on the need to control supply interruptions and the need to go for other alternative renewable power, without using the DG sets. It is a positive attitude and however, we have to wait and see, how the TANGEDCO is going to comply with the said directions, when issued by the TNERC, based on the above amended Rules.

With Warm Regards

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Secretary