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CIN No.: U40109PB2010SGC033813 PUBLIC NOTICE

For inviting objections/comments/suggestions from the general public/stakeholders in respect of Petition No. 16 of 2019 filed by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) before Hon'ble State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) under regulation 47 of PSERC (Electricity Supply Code & Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 and Clause 68 & 69 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 regarding Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for DS, NRS & Agriculture (AP) Consumers to regularize the enhanced connected load.

- Notice is hereby given to all that the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has filed the subject cited Petition No. 16 of 2019 before Hon'ble Commission.
- 2. The Petition filed by PSPCL before the Hon'ble Commission is available on the website of PSPCL i.e. www.pspcl.in and the website of the Commission i.e.www.pserc.gov.in and can be downloaded there-from.
- 3. Objections against the Petition filed by PSPCL together with supporting material may be filed with the Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Site No 3, Sector 18-A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160018, in person or through Registered Post so as to reach within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Copy of the same must also be sent to Chief Engineer/Commercial, PSPCL, Head office, The Mall, Patiala and proof of service of the same must be enclosed with the filing made to Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.
- 4. The objections/comments/suggestions as above should carry full name, signature, postal address and telephone/mobile number of the person sending the objections. The objectors may also send a soft copy of their objections to the Secretary/PSERC at email id"secretarypsercchd@gmail.com". If the objection is filed on behalf of any organization or any class of consumers, it should be so mentioned.
- 5. The petition shall be taken up for hearing by the Hon'ble Commission on 19th August, 2019 at 11:30 AM in the Commission's Office at Site No 3, Sector 18-A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160018. Public at large shall also be heard by the Hon'ble Commission during hearing. All the objectors who have filed their objections by the last date for filing of the objections and other persons/organizations interested in presenting their views/suggestions on the above mentioned matter are invited to participate in the hearing before the Hon'ble Commission.

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### ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਪਾਵਰ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ ਵਲੋਂ ਰੈਗੂਲੇਟਰੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ: 16/2019 ਅਧੀਨ ਰੈਗੂਲੇਸ਼ਨ 47 ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਸੀ. (ਇਲੈਕਟ੍ਰਿਸਿਟੀ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕੋਡ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਲੇਟਿਡ ਮੈਟਰਜ਼) ਦੇ ਰੈਗੂਲੇਸ਼ਨ 2014 ਅਤੇ ਧਾਰਾ 68 ਅਤੇ 69 ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਸੀ. (ਕੰਡਕਟ ਆਫ ਬਿਜਨੈਸ) ਰੈਗੂਲੇਸ਼ਨ 2005 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਘਰੇਲੂ, ਵਪਾਰਕ ਅਤੇ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਖਪਤਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਸਵੈ-ਇਛਿੱਤ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਸਕੀਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵਾਧੂ ਲੋਡ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ /ਹਿਤ ਧਾਰਕ (ਸਟੈਕ ਹੋਲਡਰਾਂ) ਤੋਂ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਟਿੱਪਣੀ/ਸੁਝਾਅ ਲੈਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

- ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਪਾਵਰ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਨੰ. 16/2019 ਰੈਗੂਲੇਟਰੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ।
- 2) ਪੀ ਐਸ ਪੀ ਸੀ ਐਲ ਵਲੋਂ ਦਾਇਰ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਐਲ ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ www.pspcl.in ਉਪਰ ਅਤੇ ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਸੀ.ਦੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ www.pserc.gov.in ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਥੋਂ ਇਹ ਡਾਊਨਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।
- ਇਸ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਸਮੇਤ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸਮੱਗਰੀ ਸਕੱਤਰ/ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਰੈਗੂਲੈਟਰੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਸਾਇਟ ਨੰ. 3, ਸੈਕਟਰ-18 ਏ, ਮੱਧਿਆ ਮਾਰਗ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 160018 ਵਿਖੇ ਖੁਦ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਜਾਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਛਪਣ ਦੇ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ । ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਕਾਪੀ ਮੁੱਖ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ/ਵਣਜ, ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਐਲ, ਦੀ ਮਾਲ, ਹੈਡ ਆਫਿਸ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਸਬੂਤ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਰੈਗੂਲੈਟਰੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਕੋਲ ਫਾਈਲ ਕਰਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ।
- 4) ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਤਰਾਜਾਂ/ਕਥਨਾਂ/ਸੁਝਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਕਰਤਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਨਾਮ, ਹਸਤਾਖ਼ਰ, ਪਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਲੀਫੂਨ/ ਮੋਬਾਈਲ ਨੰ: ਸਮੇਤ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।ਸਾਰੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਕਰਤਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੌਫਟ ਕਾਪੀ ਸਕੱਤਰ/ਪੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਸੀ. ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਈਮੇਲ ਆਈ.ਡੀ. secretarypsercchd@gmail.com ਤੇ ਭੇਜ਼ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜੇਕਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਰਗ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੇ ਖਪਤਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਦਲੇ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਪੂਰਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।
- 5) ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਮਿਤੀ 19 ਅਗਸਤ 2019 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11:30 ਵਜੇ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਸਾਇਟ ਨੰ. 3, ਸੈਕਟਰ-18 ਏ, ਮੱਧਿਆ ਮਾਰਗ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 160018 ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ । ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਜਨਤਾ ਵੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਪੈਮਾਨੇ ਤੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਣੇਗੀ । ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦਾਇਰ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦਾਇਰ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਕਰਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ/ਸੰਸਥਾ ਜੋ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ/ਸੁਝਾਅ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਹੋਣ, ਨੂੰ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਅੱਗੇ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ।

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ਮੁੱਖ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ/ਵਣਜ, ਪੰ:ਸ:ਪ:ਕ:ਲਿਮ:ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

# BEFORE THE PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, CHANDIGARH

#### Petition No. 16 of 2019

In the matter of: Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic (DS),
Non Residential (NRS) and Agriculture Tubewell (AP)
Consumers under regulation 47 of PSERC regulation
2014 and clause 68 & 69 of PSERC (conduct of business) regulations,2005

#### 1.0 Background:

#### **DS & NRS Consumers:**

After the introduction of Two Part Tariff, the Commission had directed PSPCL in the Tariff Order for 2017-18 & 2018-19 to introduce VDS Scheme & to inspect the load of the consumers during the VDS scheme for the purpose of regularization. Accordingly, Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) was introduced vide CC No. 52/2017 dt. 15/11/17 for DS, NRS and SP category of Consumers, allowing them to get their additional connected load regularized without any penalty. The scheme was valid for six months i.e. upto 08/05/2018. The scheme was further extended for another six months vide CC No. 43/2018 dt. 19/06/2018 on same terms & conditions i.e. upto 18/12/2018. The load regularized vide this scheme is as follows:-

| Data of VDS of DS/NRS/SP consumers as per CC 52/2017 dt. 15.11.2017 & CC 43/2018 dt. 19.07.2018 |      |     |   |       |      |
|---|------|-----|---|-------|------|
| Nos. of Consumers who availed VDS   |      |     | Total Load Declared under the scheme ( In KW) |       |      |
| DS  | NRS  | SP  | DS  | NRS   | SP   |
| 29019   | 2763 | 542 | 58712   | 13405 | 3207 |

However, it is apprehended that a large no. of DS & NRS consumers are yet to get their excess load regularized due to which PSPCL is losing revenue on account of fixed charges. This issue was also deliberated during meeting of State Advisory Committee held on 12/02/2019.

Non declaration of true connected load adversely affects the distribution system due to overloading of distribution lines/ transformers as the actual

load running on system is more than sanctioned load. PSPCL suffers continuous & recurring financial loss on account of fixed charges under two-part tariff system on one hand and consumers also have to face breakdowns or interruption of supply due to inadequacy of distribution system on the other hand. The data of correct connected load of consumers is required to be known to PSPCL for proper planning of the supply infrastructure and providing better services to its consumers.

In view of above, it is proposed to re-introduce VDS for DS (Upto 50 kW) & NRS (upto 20 kW) consumers where fixed charges are to be levied on the basis of connected load (in kW) to give them an opportunity to get their unauthorized load regularized. The Scheme shall be valid for a period 45 days from the date of issue of Commercial Circular in this regard. The Scheme is proposed to be launched on the same terms and conditions as listed in CC No. 43/2018 dt. 19/06/2018 and approved by Hon'ble Commission vide its letter No. PSERC/Tariff/215/399 dt. 18.05.2018 except for a rebate of 50% on Service Connection Charges to incentivize the consumers to avail this opportunity. It is also proposed that the loss to PSPCL due to rebate of 50% on Service Connection Charges to the consumers availing VDS may be allowed as pass through in the ARR.

#### **Agriculture Tubewell (AP) Consumers:**

Various Kissan Unions of Punjab, in meetings with PSPCL are demanding for introduction of AP Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS), for regularizing the un-authorised load of agriculture tubewell consumers, at the concessional rate of SCC per BHP instead of Rs.4750/- per BHP (current rate of SCC approved by PSERC). It has also come to the notice that farmers have already increased the capacity of their submersible motors without informing to PSPCL unauthorizedly because it was compulsion for them as the water table has been depleted. They also stressed that Practicing agriculture is the source of livelihood of the farmers and it is not the business for them. They also informed that they are compelled to invest on higher rating motors without any increase in land holding or crop

increase due to depleting water level only. The checking in field lead to imposition of penalties as per prevailing instructions which invariably lead to litigations in the field and unrest in the farming community. Consequently, the distribution transformers are overloaded and prone to damage. Moreover, PSPCL will be able to design the system on actual load connected with the system because load registered on the records is comparatively less than the actual connected load. PSPCL suffers financial loss on account of consumers not coming forward to deposit the requisite charges and increase in damage rate of Distribution Transformer. Other consumers also have to face breakdowns or interruptions of supply due to inadequacy of distribution system.

Hence, it will be beneficial for the PSPCL if the VDS for AP consumers are introduced and hidden load of AP Tubewells comes on record and PSPCL will be able to install adequate capacity of the Transformers and improve its distribution system. In this way, PSPCL will save its revenue for replacement of costly transformers damaged due to overloading and avoid outages/ breakdowns due to system overloading.

Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for Agriculture Tubewell during year 2017-18 was introduced vide CC no. 51/2017 dated 15.11.2017 which remained operative for 4 months i.e. from 16.11.2017 to 15.3.2018, as per which, Service Connection Charges (SCC) @ 4500/- per BHP as approved by Hon'ble PSERC were recoverable from the AP consumers who wants to extend the load of their agriculture tubewell connections. The response to the Voluntary Disclosure Scheme introduced vide commercial circular no. 51/2017 dated 15.11.2017, is as under:-

| Nos. of<br>AP<br>consu<br>mers<br>who | Total<br>Load<br>Declared<br>under<br>the | Nos. of AP<br>consumers<br>where total load<br>after extension/<br>regularization | Amount received in respect of service connection charges/initial security ( In Lacs) |         | ervice<br>harges/<br>urity |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------|----------------------------|
| availed<br>VDS                        | scheme<br>( In BHP)                       | exceed 20 BHP   | ACD  | scc     | Total                      |
| 13387                                 | 43796                                     | 166   | 99.28  | 2037.24 | 2138.75                    |

#### **Tentative Financial Liability of the proposed VDS for AP:**

In the present situation, if the VDS scheme is introduced at concessional rate of Rs. 2500/- per BHP instead of present rate of Rs. 4750/- of SCC, the quantum of tentative financial liability can vary as estimated in the following table:

| No. of<br>Consumers<br>availing<br>VDS | Load to be<br>extended<br>per person<br>(in BHP) | SCC at<br>full rate<br>of Rs<br>4750/- per<br>BHP | SCC at<br>conc. rate<br>of Rs<br>2500/- per<br>BHP | Tentative Financial Liability (in Cr. Rs.) e = a * b (c-d) |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| (a)                                    | (b)  | (c)   | (d)  | (e)  |
| 50,000                                 | 3.27   | 4750  | 2500   | 36.79  |
| 75,000                                 | 3.27   | 4750  | 2500   | 55.18  |
| 80,000                                 | 3.27   | 4750  | 2500   | 58.86  |

#### 2.0 Salient Features of the Scheme for DS/NRS Consumers are as under:-

- A) a) The Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) shall be applicable to only those categories of consumers, where fixed charges are to be levied on the basis of connected load (in kW) i.e. for DS & NRS consumers having sanctioned load upto 50 kW and 20 kW respectively. However, in case after extension of load, the load of the consumer falls in the category where demand based tariff is applicable, the consumer shall also be required to declare his demand (in kVA).
  - b) Load declaration shall be accepted without any charges and receipt properly acknowledged. Applicable Charges for load regularization, if any, shall be recoverable through separate bill-cum-notice.
  - c) The load shall be deemed to have been regularized from the date of submission of the self-declaration Performa subject to the fulfillment of terms and condition as laid down in Supply Code-2014.
  - d) The load shall be computed as per Reg- 4.5 of Supply Colde-2014. The following standard wattage ratings will be adopted for assessing the connected load of DS/NRS/Industrial consumers, if actual rating is not specified by the consumer.

| Cat | Light<br>point                                  | Fan<br>point                    | Wall<br>socket   | Power<br>socket<br>(Single<br>phase)                       | Air<br>Conditioner                                 |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| DS  | 40 Watts  | 60 Watts<br>(one third<br>to be | Actual or 60<br>Watts (one<br>fourth to be<br>counted) | Actual or<br>1000<br>Watts(one<br>fourth to be<br>counted) | Actual or<br>2500 Watts<br>(half to be<br>counted) |
| NRS | Actual or<br>40 Watts<br>(all to be<br>counted) | 60 Watts (all to be             | Actual or 60<br>Watts (one<br>third to be<br>counted)  | Actual or<br>1000 Watts<br>(half to be<br>counted)         | As per name plate (all to be counted)              |

#### Notes:

- a) Three phase power sockets for NRS purposes shall be taken as 6 kW each and half of the no. of sockets shall be counted.
- b) Any fraction of lamp / fan/socket/ AC shall be counted as one.
- c) Either the standard wattage of the electric switch/plug/power plug or the load actually connected to such electric switch/plug/power plug shall be considered for calculating the connected load.
- d) In case a single switch is used for controlling more than one lamp/ appliance, the sum of the total capacity of all the lamps/ appliances shall be taken into account for computing connected load.
- e) The load of air conditioners/AC packages/centralized AC systems bearing ISI mark/star labeled shall be taken as per their nameplate. For non-standard 1.5 ton window/split air conditioners, the load of each shall be taken as 2.5 kW.
- B) Service Connection Charges recoverable shall be in accordance with the provisions of Reg-9 of the Supply Code-2014 and as approved by the Commission. However, a rebate of 50% will be given on Service Connection Charges and no variable charges shall be applicable. Service Connection Charges to be recovered (after 50% rebate) against such declaration shall be as under:

| Sr.<br>No | Cat       |    | Load /Demand/kW/KVA            | Fixed Charges/<br>KW or KVA<br>(in Rs.) |
|-----------|-----------|----|--------------------------------|---|
| 1)        | <u>DS</u> | a) | Upto 2 kW                      | 225                                     |
|           |           | b) | Above 2 kW & upto 7 kW         | 500                                     |
|           |           | c) | Above 7 kW & upto 50 kW        | 750                                     |
|           |           | d) | Above 50 kW/kVA & upto 100 kVA | 875                                     |
| 2)        | NRS       | a) | Upto 7 kW                      | 500                                     |
|           |           | b) | Above 7 kW & upto 20 kW        | 800                                     |
|           |           | c) | Above 20 kW/kVA & upto 50 kVA  | 800                                     |
|           |           | d) | Above 50 kVA & upto 100 kVA    | 900                                     |

- C) Separate estimates shall be prepared for regularization of load under VDS.
- **D)** The rates of Security (consumption) per kW/ kVA or part thereof recoverable shall be as under:-
  - 1. The rates of Security (Consumption) for consumers covered under spot billing:-

|    | <u>LOAD</u>                   | <u>DS</u>              | <u>NRS</u>              |
|----|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a) | With total load up to 50 KW   | Rs.370/-per KW         | Rs.470/- per KW/<br>kVA |
| b) | With total load 50 KW & above | Rs.185/-per KW/<br>kVA | Rs.235/- per KW/<br>kVA |

2. The rates of Security (Consumption) for consumers other than spot billing:-

| <u>LOAD</u>  | <u>DS</u>              | <u>NRS</u>             |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>a)</b> With total load upto 20kW                | Rs.500/-per KW/<br>kVA | Rs.700/-per KW/<br>kVA |
| b) With total load above 20 KW & upto 100 KW / kVA | •                      | Rs.470/-per KW/<br>kVA |

E) Service Connection Charges and rates of Security (consumption) shall be recoverable for only the additional connected load being got regularized. However, the total load (existing + VDS load) shall be considered for the purpose of determining slab rate of service connection charges and rates of Security (consumption).

- **F)** While regularizing the load under VDS, field officers shall ensure that the connection is not being misused by the consumer for any other purpose.
- G) Augmentation of service line / transformer and the power system (including conversion from single phase to three phase) and change of meter etc. for this VDS shall be carried out by the PSPCL at its own cost. However, the same shall be regulated as per the provisions laid under Regulation 9.1.3 (a) of Supply Code-2014.
- H) DS consumers existing as on upto 1/8/2012 having load upto 10kW shall have the option to have single phase supply or three phase supply in case their connected load after computing as per para-A (e) above worked out to be more than 7 kW. Further DS/NRS consumers with connected load above 7 kW shall be allowed to extend their load under VDS upto 100% subject to the condition that total load after extension does not exceed 100 kW.
- Compliance of all other Terms & Conditions for extension in load contained in PSERC (Supply Code & Related Matters) Regulations, 2014, as amended from time to time shall be ensured for regularization of load under VDS.

The VDS shall be valid for 45 days from the date of issue of this Commercial Circular.

#### 3.0 Salient Features of the Scheme for AP Consumers are as under:-

- The VDS for AP tubewell connections shall remain operative for a period of 45 days.
- enforcement agencies may visit the premises of AP consumers to verify the connected load and to assist the consumers in correct assessment of unauthorized load, if any, which needs to be regularized. However, no penalty/load surcharge on the un-authorized load so detected by checking agencies or self-declared by the

consumer shall be levied during the period the VDS scheme remains operative. However, the consumer shall be required to either remove the un-authorized load under intimation to PSPCL or get it regularized under VDS.

- iii) The AP consumer shall be required to pay Service Connection charges @ Rs. 2500/- per BHP and Initial Security @ Rs. 200/- per BHP for the additional load only being regularized under VDS Scheme.
- iv) While regularizing the load under VDS, field officers shall ensure that the connection is not being misused by the consumer for any other purpose.
- v) The un-authorized load of AP consumers shall be deemed to have been regularized on self-declaration by the consumer along with deposit of requisite charges.
- vi) Augmentation of service line/service cable/ transformer for AP connections released under HVDS, wherever required, shall be carried out by the PSPCL at its own cost after due consideration, verification by Addl.SE/Sr.Xen/DS. For the purpose of deciding the rating of transformer for submersible motors the compliance of the ESIM instructions 41.2.3 and 41.2.4 be ensured.
- vii) For the purpose of regularization of the load of AP consumers running on LT, the loading of the transformer shall be taken as 100%, the action to augment the transformer capacity shall be taken with the approval of ASE/Sr. Xen (DS) at the cost of PSPCL.
- viii) In case of AP unmetered consumers, the total load including unauthorized load should not increase 20 BHP. Any regularization of load above 20 BHP shall be subject to consumer's consent to get metered supply.
- ix) The documents/self-declaration received from the AP consumers during this VDS shall be kept in respective consumer files with suitable

- entries in other relevant record of PSPCL as a part of the original A & A form consumer case.
- x) After closure of the scheme the Engineer-in-Chief/Chief Engineer/DS concerned shall furnish the following information with respect to AP consumers to the Engineer-in-Chief /Commercial for onward submission to Hon'ble PSERC:
  - i. No. of AP consumers who availed VDS.
  - ii. Total load declared under the scheme.
  - Amount received in respect of service connection charges/initial security.
  - iv. Total expenditure booked by PSPCL against consumers for regularization of un-authorized load.
- xi) Field officers shall be requested to give wide publicity to the scheme & organize mass consumer contact camps in rural areas on weekends to regularize the higher capacity motors during the VDS period. The progress of load extended by the AP consumers under the VDS scheme along with the charges deposited shall be monitored by the field offices on day to day basis

#### 4.0 Prayer-

Hon'ble Commission is requested to consider the above proposal and PSPCL may be allowed to introduce Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for DS consumers (Upto 50 kW), NRS consumers (upto 20 kW) and for AP tubewell consumers for a period of 45 days. The following is also requested:-

1. To relax the provisions of Reg. 9.1.3 (b) Supply Code & Related Matters Regulation-2014 applicable to consumers seeking extension in load to allow the payment of discounted Service Connection charges @50% of the rates approved by PSERC in Standard Cost Data for DS/NRS consumers and @ Rs. 2500/- per BHP instead of Rs. 4750/-per BHP as approved by PSERC in Standard Cost Data. .

- The loss to PSPCL due to rebate on Service Connection Charges to the consumers availing VDS may be allowed as pass through in the ARR.
- 3. To grant relaxation in the provisions of Reg.-12 of the Supply Code-2014 such that the penalty/load surcharge is not recovered from the consumers for the un-authorized load detected during the period for which the VDS Scheme is in force.
- 4. To grant relaxation in the provisions of Reg.-6 of the Supply Code-2014 only for AP consumers such that the AP consumers may be allowed to submit a self-declaration for extension in load instead of A & A form.
- To allow PSPCL to check the connected load of DS consumers after the closure of VDS Scheme, if unauthorized load is detected by PSPCL agencies, load surcharge will be levied as per general conditions of Tariff.
- 6. To allow PSPCL to extend the scheme upto 6 months including the initial 45 days period, if required.

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