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- Sub.: Permission for change of consumer tariff category from HT-Continuous to HT-Non- continuous Procedure thereof.
- Ref.: 1. MERC Tariff Order dt. 26/06/2015.
 2. Office Note No. PR-3/Tariff/936 dt. 08/07/2015.

The Commission has issued Tariff Order on 26th June 2015 which inter-alia have a provision of allowing HT Continuous category consumers to switchover to HT Non-continuous category. A similar provision also existed previously which was different from the provision now introduced by the Commission.

The new provision made in Tariff Order dt. 26/06/2015 for change of tariff from HT-Continuous to HT- Non-Continuous is as under:

The consumer availing supply on express feeder may exercise his option to choose between Continuous and non-continuous supply anytime during a financial year but <u>only once in such</u> <u>financial year with one month prior notice</u>. Such consumer shall be required to submit a written request to MSEDCL, giving one month's notice and the Tariff applicable to non-continuous supply shall apply, from the ensuing billing cycle.

As a consequence of such revision in provision permitting change of category, numbers of applications have been received to Head Office requesting change of categorization from HT continuous to HT non-continuous.

In view of new provision for Change of tariff from Continuous to Non Continuous, an Office Note under reference "2" was submitted before Competent Authority for necessary decision. Accordingly Competent Authority has decided as under:

- 1. The powers are re-delegated to respective Superintending Engineer to permit a consumer to switchover from HT continuous tariff to HT non-continuous tariff.
- 2. The circle office shall be competent only to permit prospective implementation & shall ensure that no retrospective effect is given to any consumer without prior approval of Head Office.

3. Change of categorization is to be implemented with effect from ensuing billing cycle after expiry of one month notice period i.e. change of categorization from Continuous to Non-Continuous in respect of consumer who has made application in the period 26th June 2015 to 30th June 2015 shall be made effective from 1st August 2015 as HT billing cycle starts from 1st of month, and the consumers who applies from 1st July to 31st July will be effective from 1st Sept.

- Similar procedure for actual implementation of change of categorization shall be followed for application received thereafter.

- 4. Before the actual benefit is passed to the consumers, the concern Superintending Engineer shall verify whether the consumer is in arrears or otherwise & such permission will be given only on recovery of arrears from consumers.
- 5. The consumers connected on Express Feeder having continuous supply, if demands Non-Continuous option, shall submit an undertaking thereby agreeing to not to utilize power supply during the period as may be informed by MSEDCL, so as to cope up the situation of Load Shedding/Staggering Day if the situation arise.

- In case such consumer defaults in his undertaking of not utilizing of power during specified hours will automatically mean the consumer is utilizing continuous supply and will be treated as a HT Continuous consumer & will be billed accordingly w.e.f. such change has been implemented.

All field officers are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

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