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Sub: Release of connections to the consumers after payment of proportionate amount of arrears and submission of undertaking for proportionate total arrears as per Commercial Circular No. 53.

Ref: 1) Board Resolution No. 61 dated 07.03.2012
2) Commercial Circular No. 53 dated 07.05.2007
3) Commercial Circular No. 97 dated 28.07.2009

The guidelines alongwith procedure/ directives regarding release of connections to the consumers who have purchased/ procured the property through the Court/ DRT/ Liquidators/ Judicial/ Statuary Authorities/ Private Sale were given vide Clause No. 1,2 & 3 of the Commercial Circular No. 53 dated 07.05.2007. Subsequently, due to problems faced by field officers in creating charge on leased/ purchased property causing delay in sanction, release of new service connection, the Clause No. 3 was withdrawn vide the Commercial Circular No. 97 dated 28.07.2009 and only the procedure of securitizing the arrears amount of old connection by obtaining an undertaking on stamp paper alongwith recovery of six months bill prior to Temporary Disconnection was continued.

Further, some cases were also referred to Head Office where the plot of old consumer is sold in parts to different new entities by sub dividing the old plot and the new owner requested to grant an approval for payment of proportionate amount of six months arrears prior to Temporary Disconnection as per above said circulars. The matter was put up before the Board in the meeting dated 07.03.2012.

In this regards, the Board in meeting dated 07.03.2012 has decided as under:

- 1) *To accept the proportionate arrears amount of six months prior to the date of Temporary Disconnection in respect of consumer in arrears of the said premises, which have been procured through Court / DRT / Liquidators/Judicial / Statutory authorities / private sale is approved herewith.*
- 2) *In such cases, an undertaking shall be obtained from the new owner in respect of proportionate total arrears of the old consumer. Also, the proportionate arrears, interest, DPC, etc. thereon shall be shown separately in the subsequent bills of new consumer till such time Apex Court decides on our case or the consumer fully pays the amount as per our records."*
- 3) *Due & utmost care be taken to ensure that the above decision does not intervene any of the Court Orders.*

All the field officers are hereby instructed to follow the guidelines the methodology as under of release of new connection in respect of consumers who have purchased/ procured a part of property (under arrears) through the Court/ DRT/ Liquidators/ Judicial/ Statuary Authorities/ Private Sale:

- 1) The new consumer shall pay the proportionate arrears amount of six months prior to the date of Temporary Disconnection of the said premises.
- 2) An undertaking shall be obtained from the new owner in respect of proportionate total arrears of the old consumer along with interest, DPC, etc thereon shall be shown separately in the subsequent bills of the new consumer till such time Apex Court decides on our case or the consumer pays entire amount of arrears as per our records.
- 3) *Due & utmost care be taken to ensure that the above decision does not intervene any of the Court Orders.*

The other guidelines and delegation of powers as per Commercial (Circular) No. 53 dated 07.05.2007 and further modified by the Commercial (Circular) No. 97 dated 28.07.2009 shall remain unchanged.


Chief Engineer (Commercial)

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