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**COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR No. 177**

**Subject: Change of Category of Commercial / Industrial Consumers.**

**Reference:** MERC Tariff Order dt. 16/08/2012 in the Case No. 19 of 2012.

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued revised tariff vide Tariff Order dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 for MSEDCL in Case No. 19 of 2012. Accordingly, the guidelines have been issued for implementation vide Commercial Circular No. 175 dt. 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

In the said Tariff Order the Commission has given relief to residential consumers running small businesses from households from high Tariffs of Commercial/Industrial/Public Services categories. Hence, decided that categories of Residential consumers who runs small business and consume less than 300 units a month would be applied the tariff of LT-I (Domestic), subject to conditions laid down in the Tariff schedule.

Considering provision of facilitating small households made by MERC in Tariff Order, it is utmost important for timely proper categorization at the initial stage by mobilizing the system at the same time it is also necessary for timely proper categorization immediately after breach of the provision of 300 units per month or 3600 units per Financial Year.

The Competent Authority has decided to delegate the powers to the Chief Engineers of the respective Zone only for change of categorization.

Before change of categorization, following procedure shall be followed.

- a) No objection certificate of Grampanchayat / Nagar Parishad or other Local Authority for residential or any other use is to be obtained from such consumers.
- b) Physical verification of the spot is to be made and spot inspection report shall be submitted with photograph.
- c) The panchanama to be carried out on the spot with signature of two outsiders.

- d) List of residential consumer having consumption less than 3600 per year shall be obtained from IT Section.
- e) Residential consumer who runs small business and consumed less than 3600 units in last Financial Year, are to be tagged and certified for consumption less than 3600 units per year by IT Section accordingly.
- f) For such consumers where the consumption is more than 3600 units in last FY, needs to be recategorized first as per the uses under Commercial/Industrial/Public Service after giving notices and required to release separate connection for residential use.
- g) Proposal for re-categorization with all above mentioned information/documents is to be submitted to Chief Engineer through proper channel.
- h) The Chief Engineer will submit monthly consolidated report of all such sanctions to Head Office.

In this regards, all field officers are hereby directed to take special drive for confirmation of utilization of 3600 units per year by small household who runs small business as mentioned above.

  
**Chief Engineer (Commercial)**

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