COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 75

Sub. :  Appeal to the consumer for getting the meter tested while letting the premises on rental basis or purchasing the premises.

It is brought to the notice that in case of premises letting on rental basis, the tenant may not be responsible for resultant theft of electricity because there is possibility that meter is tempered by old owner and new owner continues to draw the power from the same old meter. There is also possibility that meter may be tempered by tenant, and owner is not responsible for theft of electricity. In such cases it is difficult to prove in the court who has done the mischief i.e. whether by tenant or owner.

In such cases to enable the fixing of responsibility in case of theft of energy, following procedure is decided:

1. While giving premises on rental basis, consumer may intimate to the concern O&M official along with copy of the agreement with tenant.

2. Before giving premises on rental basis consumer and tenant may apply to the company for getting the metering equipment tested. On payment of the prescribe testing fee by consumer the metering equipment will be tested by O&M official/ Testing Divisions and issue a testing report to the consumer and user (tenant)

3. Consumer has to incorporate the following condition in the agreement with tenant.

   a) The metering equipment installed for the said connection (Cons. No.--- --------) is tested on dt.  -------- and according to testing report, issued by MSEDCL Authority meter seal and working of meter found OK. The testing Report issued by -------- is enclosed herewith.

   b) With effect from date of occupation of premises or date of testing of metering equipment which ever is later, the responsibility of safety and security of metering equipment is of the tenant (user) and for any interference with the metering equipment found after the testing of meter responsibility will lie on the tenant.
In view of above procedure it is requested to all field officers to make following appeal to the consumer and display the same in front of office premises in English as well as marathi language.

“APPEAL TO THE CONSUMER”

Consumer are requested that while letting the premises get his meter tested by MSEDCL laboratory before giving premises on rental basis or selling his premises, in order to avoid complication / obligation regarding theft of electricity and unauthorized use of electricity.

Further consumer is requested to incorporate the following condition the agreement with tenant.

a) The metering equipment installed for said consumer (Cons. No. -----------) meter Sr. No. ----------- make is ----------- tested on dated ----------- and according to the testing report meter seals and working of meter found to be satisfactory. The report No.---------- dt. ----------- issued by ----------- is enclosed herewith.

b) With effect from date of testing of meter/date of occupation of premises responsibility in respect of safety and security of metering equipment is of the tenant/user. For any tampering / interference with metering equipment found after date of occupation of premises/date of testing of metering equipment, the responsibility will be lie on the tenant/user.”

All field offices are requested to take due note of the above instruction and act accordingly.

Executive Director - I-(Dist.Comm.)

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