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Ref. No. Co-ord Cell/Voltage Surcharge/

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<u>Sub</u>: Levy of Voltage Surcharge to consumers who are supplied power at lower voltage than prescribed voltage as per Sop regulations in case of HT consumers.

Ref: MERC Order dated 05.03.2010(Case No.71 of 2009)

In response to the petition seeking approval for levy of Voltage Surcharge to consumers who are supplied power at lower voltage than that prescribed as per SoP regulations, MERC in it's order dated 05.03.2010 has directed that MSEDCL should ensure that supply is released in accordance with the voltages specified in SoP Regulations. However, due to following reasons there could be a need to release supply at lower voltages.

- (i) Space constraint for construction of EHV Sub-station.
- (ii) Time required for construction of EHV sub-station.
- (iii) Right of way/ Way leave/ clearance problems.
- (iv) Non-availability of prescribed voltage level infrastructure.

It is also clarified that even in the above instances, the electricity supply may be released at lower voltages only under exceptional circumstances, and that too only as an interim solution and the supply is to be given at the specified voltage at the earliest.

The Commission has accorded approval to levy of Voltage Surcharge as under:

i) 2% additional units are to be billed on the recorded consumption of the meter installed at the consumer end to all the existing and prospective consumers who are supplied power at voltages lower than that specified in the Sop regulation.

- ii) This voltage surcharge shall apply to all consumers from 05.03.2010 i.e. the date of issue of MERC order till such time the Commission issues further orders.
- iji) The release of loads at lower voltage than that specified in SoP will be considered in exceptional circumstances and will be decided at H.O only.

All the field officers are requested to take immediate necessary action accordingly.

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