

- d) The interest on delay in the payment of Additional Security (Consumption) may also be relaxed i.e only principle amount of Security (Consumption) under OTS scheme may be recovered from the consumers.
- e) The scheme may be launched for the period of 60 days from the date of issue of commercial circular. If good response is received, the scheme can be further extended for another 30 days with the approval of PSERC.
- f) The benefits of this scheme may be given to defaulters existed as on 30.09.2020. However, defaulting amount of these eligible consumers even after 30.09.2020 existing, upto the date of issue of circular may also be considered under OTS. The cut-off date i.e 30.09.2020 may be chosen to curb the willful default by the consumers because consumers may stop the payments of the bills in case they come to know about the scheme to be launched by PSPCL by any means before the launch of the scheme in the absence of any cut-off date.

Annexure-E
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The detailed terms & conditions of the scheme alongwith eligibility criteria in line with above proposed conditions are placed at Annexure-E.

7. **Prayer:**

Hon'ble Commission is requested to consider and approve One Time Settlement Policy for all categories of defaulting consumers (except AP) with eligibility criteria and other detailed terms & conditions as per annexure-E.

DA/Annexure-A, B, C, D & E.

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To

All EIC/CE(DS),
Under PSPCL.

Memo no. 248/252 / DD/SR-56

Dated: 24 / 05 / 2018

Sub: - One Time Settlement Scheme for all categories (Except AP) of defaulting consumers.

To give an opportunity to the defaulting consumers of all categories (except AP) to settle the default One Time Settlement Scheme has been launched by PSPCL for its esteemed consumers. The eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions of the scheme shall be as under:-

- A) Eligibility Criteria: One Time Settlement Policy shall be applicable to all categories of consumers (except AP) as under:-
- i. All consumers who have defaulted in payment of energy bills and surcharge/ interest thereon, Additional Security (consumption) / interest thereon, arrears of Voltage Surcharge and interest thereon, etc. but have not been disconnected due to subsequent payments against energy bills.
 - ii. All connections released to Govt. Departments who have defaulted in payment of energy bills for supply of electricity but cannot be disconnected in public interest and are ready for One Time Settlement.
 - iii. All consumers who are disconnected due to any type of default, before the issue of One Time Settlement Policy.
 - iv. All consumers who are under any type of dispute for more than 6 months and are willing for out of Court settlement of the outstanding dues/ defaulting amount. The disputed outstanding amount may include arrears/ sundries charged on account of Wrong Metering, Load Surcharge, Demand Surcharge, Power Factor Surcharge, Supply Voltage Surcharge, PLEC, Overhauling of Account of previous period as per General Conditions of Tariff & Schedules of Tariff but shall not include amount assessed on account of theft of electricity/UUE. However, the cases in which some issues stand decided by any Court, that particular issue/decision of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism/Court shall not be covered under the scheme.
 - v. All consumers who have been disconnected on account of any default and want to clear the outstanding amount only and do not want reconnection but

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- vi. This scheme shall not be applicable to those consumers whose default of payment/disconnection occurs during the validity period of the scheme.

B) The terms and conditions of the scheme shall be as under:-

- a) For all consumers who have not been disconnected under para A(i), the unpaid outstanding amount/ defaulting (single default or more than one) amount except on account of Additional Security (Consumption) shall be payable with interest @ 12% per annum compounded annually from the date it became due. Late Payment Surcharge shall be leviable only once in case the consumer has paid subsequent energy bills regularly. For calculation of defaulting amount, it may be ensured that the amount paid by a consumer against subsequent energy bill after default is adjusted first against the current energy bill only and then against arrears on account of previous bills/ interest.
- b) For consumers who have been disconnected, the amount payable shall be the defaulting amount computed as per para (a) with interest @ 12% per annum compounded annually from the date it becomes due along with fixed charges/MMC as approved by the Commission for the period of disconnection subject to maximum period of one year. In addition to this, the consumer shall pay Security (Consumption) and reconnection fee as applicable in accordance with Schedule of General Charges, provided the connection can be reconnected without any augmentation of system i.e. it is technically feasible to reconnect the connection from existing system.
- c) For the defaulting amount of Additional Security (Consumption), the consumer shall be liable to pay Additional Security (Consumption) as per prevalent instructions. Besides above, he will be liable to pay penalty @ 5% compounded annually for delay in depositing the Additional Security (Consumption). No interest shall be payable by PSPCL on the penalty amount.
- d) The Govt. levies such as Electricity Duty, Octroi, Municipal Tax, Cow Cess & Infrastructure Development Cess etc. shall be payable as assessed and billed in the first instance being State Government levies.
- e) In case of request for instalments, of the settled amount other than Additional Security (Consumption) under the policy, the same may be allowed along with interest @ 12% per annum on the reducing balance basis and for amount settled for Additional Security (Consumption), same may be allowed along with interest @ 5% per annum on reducing balance basis. In case of instalments, the amount shall first be adjusted against the outstanding bills, then interest and lastly against Additional Security (Consumption), if any. However, the consumer shall deposit post dated cheques for the balance instalments in advance at the time of deposit of first instalment.
- f) The consumer willing to settle the arrears/defaulting amount shall be required to submit an option/undertaking for One Time Settlement and relevant documents to the respective Operation Subdivision. The complete detail of charges as recoverable from the consumer as per terms & conditions of the policy for One Time Settlement shall be forwarded by the Sub division office to the Authority for approval only after pre-audit.

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