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Government of India
Ministry of Power

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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, 30th September, 2021

To

1. Secretary, MNRE, New Delhi
2. Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhavan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi
3. Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi
4. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Power/Energy) of all State Governments/UTs
5. Secretaries of All State Electricity Regulatory Commissions/JERCs.
6. Chairman/CMDs of all PSUs under administrative control of Ministry of Power
7. CMD, SECI, New Delhi
8. CMDs/MDs of Discoms/Gencos of all State Governments
9. CMD, IEX LTD New Delhi & MD/CEO, PXIL, Mumbai
10. DG, Association of Power Producers, New Delhi.
11. President, FICCI, House No. 1, Tansen Marg New Delhi
12. President, CII, New Delhi
13. President, PHDCCI, New Delhi
14. ASSOCHAM, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
15. Member, PRAYAS Energy Group, Pune
16. DG, Electric Power Transmission Association (EPTA), New Delhi
17. Chairman Indian Wind Power Association, New Delhi
18. Chairman, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, New Delhi
19. Director General, National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI), New Delhi.

Subject: Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2021- Reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith the Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2021, with the request to provide your comments, if any, to this Ministry within 21 days from the date of this letter i.e. by 21.10.2021. The comments may also be emailed at debranjan.chattopadhyay@nic.in.

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above



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Copy for information to: PS to Hon'ble Minister for Power and NRE, APS to MoSP, Sr. PPS to Secy(P), Sr. PPS to JS (R&R), Ministry of Power.

Copy to: Technical Director, NIC Cell for uploading on MOP's website under "Current Notices" with the heading of "Seeking comments on Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2021,"

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NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) read with clause (z) of sub-section (2) of section 176 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, to amend the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2021.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the said rule), in rule 10,-

(a) after sub-rule 2, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

(3) In view of the increasing pollution level particularly in the metros and the large cities, Distribution Licensee shall ensure 24x7 uninterrupted power supply to all the consumers, so that there is no requirement of running the Diesel Generating sets. Accordingly, the State Commission shall give trajectory of System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) and System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) for the cities. The State Commission may

consider a separate reliability charge for the Distribution company, if they require funds for investment in the infrastructure for ensuring the reliability of supply to the consumers. The State Commission shall also make a provision of penalty in case the standards laid down are not met by the distribution company.

(4) Consumers, who are using the Diesel Generating sets as essential back up power, shall endeavor to shift to cleaner technology such as RE with battery storage etc in five years from the date of the publication of this amendment or as per the timelines given by the State Commission for such replacement based on the reliability of supply by the distribution company in that city.

(5) The process of giving temporary connections to the consumers for construction activities or any temporary usage etc shall be simplified by the distribution licensee and given on an urgent basis and not later than 48 hours. This will avoid any use of DG sets for temporary activities in the area of the distribution licensee. The temporary connection shall be through a prepayment meter only.

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(Ghanshyam Prasad)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* notification number G.S.R. 818(E), dated the 31st December, 2020. First amendment to the principal rules was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary *vide* notification number G.S.R. 448 (E), dated 28th June, 2021.