

Bhopal, the 6th March 2024

No ~~622~~ In pursuance to the Commission order dated 05.03.2024 in Petition No. 2/2024 for replacement of the existing meters (including stopped/defective/burnt meters) with Smart Pre-payment meters, the Commission in exercise of powers entrusted by the Ministry of Power, vide notification Ref. No. 23/35/2019-R&R, dated 23/05/2022 grants relaxation in the timeline from 31st December 2023 to 30th June 2024 for the areas and consumer categories as shown in Table below on account of reasons assigned therein:

Sr. No.	Areas	Consumers /Consumer category	Reasons for extension as submitted by the petitioners in Petition No 2/2024 and accepted by the Commission
1	2	3	4
1	All Division of AMRUT cities, with AT&C > 15%	<u>Consumer metering for following consumers' categories :-</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the Petitioners have been taking all possible efforts to achieve the specified timelines for completion of smart metering, the competitive bidding process is a time taking process which is beyond the control of the Petitioners. Smart Meter is not simply electronic meter rather it is a complete system solution which requires infrastructure like Server, network, trained resources with technical integration of data with various modules like HES, MDM and billing system. Aforesaid prerequisites are to be fulfilled before installation of Smart Meters. Considering the nationwide scope of the RDSS scheme and the subsequent demand for a substantial quantity of Smart Meters across India, there has been a limited availability of Smart Meter manufacturers/plants.
2	Urban Division with >50% Urban consumers & AT&C >15%	Domestic consumers, Industrial and Commercial consumers and all	
3	Other Divisions with AT&C > 25% in base year	Government offices at Block level and above	

By order of the Commission,
UMAKANTA PANDA, Commission Secy.