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Sub: In the matter of release of temporary connections through prepaid meters and abolition of tariff for unmetred category of consumers.-

ORDER SMP 49 OF 2005

Shri Y.P Rai SE O/o CE(O&M) , Jabalpur, Shri Rajeev Bais Company Secretary , West Discom, P.K.Saxena Addl SE , Central Discom appear on behalf of the Board and Discoms. None appears from the East Discom.

2. The National Electricity Policy at clause 5.4.9 and draft National Tariff policy at clause 8.3.4 directs SERCs to encourage use of pre paid meters. The Commission in pursuance of these directives directed the Board and the Distribution Companies to arrange for release of temporary connections through appropriate pre-paid meters after 9th June'05. Details of types of pre-paid meters available and its specifications were directed to be submitted. The Commission advised to companies to suggest the methodology for fixation of tariff for unmetred consumers after 9th June'05 in view of the provision of the Electricity Act'2003 under section 55(1).

3. The Commission observed from the reply submitted by the Discoms that pre-paid meters are not available in the market and the commercial production has not begun as yet. No experience of any other utility is available who may have installed such meters and monitored its results. The Board in its reply has stated that sufficient quantities of the Electronic and electro-mechanical meters are available and the temporary connections could be served through these meters.

As regards suggestions about the fixation of tariff for the unmetred consumers after 9th June'05, it has been requested that tariff for the unmetred consumer categories be allowed till 100% meterisation is done for which an action plan has already been submitted and the Commission has approved category wise meterisation targets differently for reach of the distribution company, which shall be achieved. The Board in reply has also stated that no new connections shall be released without meter. The Commission directs that the compliance in this regard be strictly ensured well in time.

4. During the further course of discussions the Commission enquired on the availability of meters for release of temporary connection during the ensuing season. It was informed that at present sufficient stock of meters is available and if required the Distribution companies procure required quantity of meters.

5. The Commission directs that the Distribution companies should make necessary arrangements in advance to ensure that all the temporary connection including the agriculture category are released through meters only. The Commission decides to close the petition.

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