

Bhopal Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006

No. 1236-MPERC-2006 – In exercise of powers conferred by section 47 (1) read with section 181 (2) (v), section 47 (4) read with section 181 (2) (w), sections 47 (2), 47(3), and 47 (5) read with section 181(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following amendments in the ‘Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2004 notified vide No.2560/MPERC/2004 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2004.

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (SECURITY DEPOSIT) REGULATIONS, 2004**

**1. Short Title and Commencement**

- (i) These Regulations may be called the “**Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2004 (Third Amendment) (AG-17 (iii) of 2006)**”.
- (ii) These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette.
- (iii) These Regulations shall extend to the entire State of Madhya Pradesh.

**2. Amendment to Regulation 1.5:**

In the **Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2004** hereinafter called the Principal Regulation, **for clause 1.5** following shall be substituted, namely:

- “1.5 Licensee may collect Security Deposit from all consumers in respect of following:
- (a) Meters
  - (b) Lines and plants
  - (c) Consumption of electricity”.

**3. Amendment to Regulation 1.6:**

In the Principal Regulations, **for clause 1.6** following shall be substituted, namely:

- “1.6 The Security Deposit shall ordinarily be accepted in the form of cash or draft only if the amount of security deposit is less than Rs. Ten lakh. In cases where the amount of security deposit including the cases of additional security deposit, is more than Rupees Ten lakhs, bank guarantee will be accepted for amount in excess of Rs Ten lakhs and interest will be payable by the licensee only for cash deposit. Cheques may be acceptable subject to the condition that supply will commence only on realisation of cheque.”

**4. Amendment to Regulation 1.12:**

In the Principal Regulations, **in clause 1.12** at S.No. (1) under column "**No. of Days**" for the words "90 For entire period of temporary connection ", the following words shall be substituted namely:

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For entire period of temporary connection subject to a minimum of 60 days if the connection is availed between the months of July to February and a minimum of 30 days if the connection is availed between the months of March to June for thrashing purposes. The consumer however can avail the connection for a period less than the number of days stated herein for recovery of security deposit subject to depositing a security deposit for full period. Excess security deposit shall be refundable after the period of connection is over and the connection is disconnected ”.

**5. Amendment to Regulation 1.14:**

In the Principal Regulations, **for clause 1.14** the following shall be substituted, namely:

“1.14 The Distribution Licensee shall also introduce a pre-payment scheme for LT consumers either through the use of pre-payment meter or through an arrangement with a bank account including post office saving bank account designated by the licensee and in the event of the consumer electing to opt for pre-payment scheme notified by the Distribution Licensee, he shall not be required to pay the energy security deposit.”

**6. Amendment to Regulation 1.21:**

In the Principal Regulations, **in clause 1.21** for the words "The Licensee shall pay interest, at the bank rate (RBI rate as prevailing on 1<sup>st</sup> April of concerned financial year), on Security Deposits taken from the consumer" the following words shall be substituted namely:

" The Licensee shall pay interest, at the bank rate (RBI rate as prevailing on 1<sup>st</sup> April of concerned financial year), on Security Deposits taken from the consumer except in cases where the security deposit is tendered through bank guarantee."

**By order of the Commission**

**Ashok Sharma, Deputy Secretary**