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DO Ltr No DPC II/AE/Proposal.02/2010 dated 04.08.2010

Dear Sri.Manoharan,

I would like to bring to your attention the violation of electricity regulations, often inadvertent, that have become common in Government institutions with the adoption of computers and other technical devices. Electricity Regulations stipulate that a consumer shall not increase the connected load without prior approval of KSEB. Connecting devices above the approved connected load is an offence under Sec 126 of Electricity Act 2003. This will lead to a penalty at twice the normal rate on fixed charges as well as proportionate energy charges. With the introduction of computers and other devices Government Offices and Schools the connected load of electrical installations have increased. However necessary approvals have not been taken. When these premises are inspected this lapse leads huge penalties, often above budgetary allocation of the offices and schools. We have received a large number of requests for exemption from remittance of penalty.

In response to the situation KSE Board has announced a Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for regularising the additional load that has been connected without authorisation. Under the scheme consumers can voluntarily disclose additional load, if any, on or before 30.09.2010. Government consumers (including buildings where Government offices are functioning on rental basis) are given time up till 31.12.2010. Consumer will have to bear the cost for augmentation, if any, required in the system. A copy of the Board Order is enclosed.

While consumers will not be penalised for disclosures made during the period of amnesty scheme Board's inspecting officials have been instructed to aggressively check Unauthorised Loads after the scheme period. If the disclosure is not made during the period of the scheme and if the unauthorised load is detected after wards no leniency will be shown. This could lead to uncomfortable consequences for the officials and the department.

May I request you to kindly instruct your officers to utilise this opportunity to regularise additional loads, if any, to avoid penalisation in future?

Yours Sincerely,

To
Sri.T.M.Manoharan IFS,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram.

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to all DSOs/CSs/EDs
with a cv.
15/8/10

Kerala State Electricity Board

Abstract

Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for Regularising Connected Load - Sanctioned- Orders Issued

Distribution Profit Centre

BO (FM) (Genl) No 1993/2010 (DPC II/AE/Proposal.02 /2010) Dated Thiruvananthapuram, 30.07.2010

Read: 1 Minutes of 22nd meeting of Distribution Advisory Committee

Order

With the launching of IT@school project, computers are installed in Government and Government aided schools to impart IT training to the students. Connected loads in Government offices and Banks increased manyfold due to computerisation and modernisation. Over the years, the connected load of other consumers are also likely to be increased substantially. Most of the consumers, especially Government and Quasi-government institutions are ignorant of the necessity of informing KSEB about the increased connected load, though there is a minority who evade regularisation of connected load for keeping the fixed charges minimum.

Distribution Advisory Committee suggested that Board shall introduce a Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for regularising the Connected Load and suggested to give press release requesting the consumers to intimate the present connected load if it is different from the connected load mentioned in the invoice / spot bill issued to them.

Board considered the issues in detail and decided: to introduce Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for regularising the Connected Load, subject to following conditions:

1. Consumers can voluntarily disclose additional load, if any, on or before 30.09.2010.
2. Government consumers (including buildings where Government offices are functioning on rental basis) and consumers requiring installation of new transformer and /or conversion to higher voltage level, who voluntarily discloses additional load before 30.09.2010 shall be given time up to 31.12.2010 for regularising the load. All other consumers should regularise the load on or before 15.10.2010
3. PRO and field officers shall give wide publicity for the scheme, requesting the consumers to intimate the present connected load, if it is different from the connected load mentioned in the invoice / spot bill issued to them.
4. Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles, Executive Engineers of Electrical Divisions, Assistant Executive Engineers of Electrical Sub Divisions and Assistant Engineers of Electrical Sections are authorised to accept applications under the scheme from consumers. The officer receiving the application shall acknowledge the receipt of application.
5. If the application is received by an officer of and above the rank of Assistant Executive Engineer, the application may be forwarded to Assistant Engineer for preparation of estimate and further processing. If any augmentation is required for regularising the load, estimate for the same shall be prepared and notice shall be issued to the consumer within 15 days, positively.

6. Consumer shall be liable to bear the cost for augmentations, if any, required in the system.
7. Consumers shall furnish the details in prescribed service connection application form, along with revised completion certificate for regularising the connected load.
8. Consumers shall not be penalised for UAL during this period.
9. The adequacy of security shall be reviewed and consumer will have to make good shortfall, if any.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Board

Sd/-
B Mohanan
Secretary

To

Chief Vigilance Officer / Chief Engineer (Distribution South / Central / North)
Chief Internal Auditor
Public Relations Officer, KSEB

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All Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles / Deputy Chief Engineers of APTS
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All Regional Audit Officers / All APTS Units
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All Assistant Engineers of Electrical Sections
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Assistant Engineer