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To

The Chairman & Managing Director,
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The Chairman & Managing Director,
APEPDCL, Vishakapatnam.

The Chairman & Managing Director,
APNPDCCL, Warangal.

The Chairman & Managing Director,
APSPDCL, Tirupati.

Lr.No. APERC/E-215/R&C/DD-Dist/2013-2 Dated 04-05-2013

Sir,

Sub: - APERC - Restriction and Control measures-Load relief to rural areas-
Reg.

Ref: - 1). Proceeding No. APERC/Secy/14/2012-13 Dated 14-09-2012.

2). Proceeding No. APERC/Secy/16/2012-13 Dated 01-11-2012.

1. The Commission received representations during public hearings and subsequently from different consumer groups regarding power supply to rural areas. They stated that the DISCOMs have universal service obligation to provide supply to all consumers. The DISCOMs are bound to supply to all categories of consumers equitably without only looking into high revenue urban areas. They also stated that though the tariff is same for both urban and rural consumers, the rural consumers are being discriminated and are being subjected to more load relief when compared to urban consumers. They further stated that the power supply was not being extended for most of the rural feeders during day time and are being subjected to differential treatment and requested to extend power supply to meet their bare minimum requirements like drinking water supply.

2. During the meeting held on 27-04-2013, DISCOMs had stated that all rural areas are not deprived of power supply from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. It has come to

the Commission's notice that still large rural areas are deprived of power supply during day time between 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Commission has to protect rural consumers from such continuous load relief during day time.

3. Accordingly, the Commission directs the DISCOMs to provide not less than five hours power supply during day time in addition to night time power supply for rural areas, either in one spell or in two spells, such that the rural consumers can meet their drinking water supply requirement and other power supported essential needs.
4. The DISCOMs shall submit an action taken report to the Commission within 5 days.
5. This letter is issued with the approval of the commission.

Yours faithfully,



SECRETARY