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Lr. No. E-229/ DD-Dist / 2015, Dated 24 /10/2016

Sir,

Sub: LT Lift Irrigation Schemes - Levy of tariff over and above 1200 units.

Ref: 1. Tariff order FY 2016-17 (Page 229 Para 1.5.2(b)).
2. Lr. No. E-229/ DD-Dist / 2015, Dated 05/ 02/2016.

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1) During the public hearings held in March 2016, LT Lift Irrigation Agricultural consumers made a representation stating that they are being charged for the consumption beyond 7 hrs of power supply. They further stated that the government is providing subsidy for 1200 units per HP on annual basis. The lift irrigation agricultural consumers submitted that they are consuming less than 1200 units per HP per annum as their agricultural operation period is not more than 200 days per annum and requested that they should be allowed to consume energy upto 1200 units per HP per annum and are willing to pay beyond 1200 units per HP on annual basis as per the tariff determined by the Commission.

2) In response to the above issue the DISCOMs stated that it is in the purview of the Commission. In this regard, Commission issued a direction on lift irrigation schemes vide para 1.5.2(b), page 229 of tariff order 2016-17 and the same is extracted hereunder:

Directive on Lift Irrigation schemes (Page 229 para 1.5.2 (b)):

“1.5.2 (b) In respect of all agricultural consumers, the DISCOMs shall workout actual energy consumed on the basis of per HP per annum for agricultural purpose and submit the same to the Commission by 30-04-2016. This will enable the Commission to arrive at energy to be supplied at free of cost on annual basis and to issue bills by DISCOMs for payment of additional units consumed over and above free power supply units for the tariff year 2016-17.”

3) In response to the above directives, APEPDCL and APSPDCL furnished the following information.


Consumption per HP per Annum in units under free power supply			
DISCOM	As per ARR 2016-17	As per TO 2016-17	2015-16 Actuals
APSPDCL	1240	1194	1269
APEPDCL	1212	1166	1284

4) From the above para, it is evident that the average representative consumption under free power supply is around 1200 units per HP per annum. Since the Government of AP is providing subsidy for 1200 units per HP on annual basis, the DISCOMs are directed to;

“extend free power supply upto 1200 units per HP per annum on annual basis to all ‘LT Lift Irrigation Schemes’ which are under paying category and the DISCOMs shall issue bills for payment of additional units consumed over and above 1200 units per HP per annum on annual basis at the rate of CoS of agricultural category determined by the Commission in the relevant tariff order”.



Yours faithfully


24.10.2016
Secretary (I/c)