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To

The Secretary, New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001.

The Chief Executive Officer,
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.,
33 KV Grid Sub-station,
Hudson Lane, Kingsway Camp,
Delhi–110 009.

The Chief Executive Officer, M/s BSES Yamuna Power Ltd., Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, New Delhi-32.

The Chief Executive Officer, M/s BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd., BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi – 110019.

Subject:-Clarification regarding levy of temporary surcharge in cases of unauthorised use of electricity

Sir,

This has reference to a clarification sought by BRPL regarding levy of temporary surcharge in case of unauthorized use of electricity booked for construction activities.

- 2. BRPL submitted that as per Regulation 10(5) of DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, consumer is required to take the temporary connection for reconstruction of existing property in case of complete demolition. However, in many cases, consumers have failed to intimate about demolition/complete reconstruction of the premises and continue to draw domestic tariff which is violation of the above Regulation. Energy charges applicable for such temporary connection are 1.3 times of the relevant tariff category.
- 3. The matter has been examined and it is noted that as per sub-section (6) of Section 126 of the Electricity Act, 2003, assessment shall be made at a rate equal to twice the tariff applicable for the relevant category of services specified in subsection (5). The same has also been specified in Regulation 58 of DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 for assessment in case of

unauthorized use of electricity. Levy of 30% surcharge over and above on total amount at a rate equal to twice the tariff applicable for the relevant category will tend to have double penalty. Therefore, in such cases, the surcharge of 30% shall not be levied by the distribution licensee while booking the case of unauthorized use of electricity for temporary connection.

4. This issues with the approval of the Commission.

Yours faithfully Sd/-(U.K. Tyagi) Executive Director (Engg.)