

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited

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To,

All General Manager-cum-Chief Engineer,
Electric Supply Area.
All Electrical Superintending Engineer (IT),
Electric Supply Circle.
All Electrical Executive Engineer,
Electric Supply Division.
All Assistant Electrical Engineer,
Electric Supply Sub-Division.
All Billing Agencies,
Electric Supply Area.

Sub:

Implementation of new scheme for providing free service connections at the time of connection to leftover household in rural areas and recovery of amount in 36 equal installments-Regarding thereof.

Sir,

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. (JBVNL) intends to prepare a detailed action plan to achieve the vision of providing electricity access to all Households (HHs) in the State under 24X7 Power for all scheme. Out of ~28.2 Lac rural HHs to be electrified, nearly ~18.2 Lac rural HHs are planned to be electrified as BPL connections, while remaining ~10 Lac Households are yet to be electrified. As per several ongoing schemes at central level, free connections are provided for BPL HHs followed by one more scheme introduced launched by state Govt. for rural domestic connection i.e. Atal Gram Jyoti Yojna under which ~1.2 Lac APL and left over BPL not covered in any scheme, will be provided free of cost connections during FY 2016-17. Apart from this scheme, ~8.8 Lac Households are yet to be covered under any scheme.

Several instances of resistance from rural consumers has been observed at the time of providing new connections, due to one-time service connection charges levied at the time of installations. An amount of \sim Rs 2700/- per connection and odd inclusive of security amount (Rs.358 per kW), but exclusive of cost of energy meter (copy enclosed for reference), is the estimated cost for releasing connection to the rural HHs.

As a foremost step towards providing 24X7 electricity access to all households, a new scheme has been introduced to avoid burden of one time connection charges that is charged from leftover rural household at the time of new connection. Under the scheme, free connections will be provided at the time of connection, and service connection charges along with all material cost and security deposit will be realized from consumers on installment basis. A period of 36 months is planned for the recovery of 100% service connection charges along with material cost and security deposit. In this sequence, approval from Hon'ble JSERC has also been obtained (copy enclosed).

As per the approval accorded by Hon'ble JSERC vide order dated 04.05.2016, the implementation of the aforesaid new scheme may be done on following conditions: -

✓ The cost of service connections charge including material cost (except energy meter cost), should be calculated as per the actual cost of material and different type of existing charges of the JBVNL.

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- ✓ The meter will be made available by JBVNL in such connections and meter rent shall be charged to the consumers as per prevalent rate.
- ✓ The cost of security amount should be as per the existing charge of the JBVNL.
- ✓ The total amount to be recovered shall be assessed and informed to the proposed consumer and his consent with signature shall be taken for recovery in installments, before installation of the connection.
- ✓ Adding and showing following modification in the electricity bill of those consumers covered under the scheme
 - (i) Installment amount of service connection charges/material cost and balance amount remains to be recovered.
 - (ii) Installment amount of security deposit and balance amount remains to be recovered.

For ready reference, an approved amended bill formats (online copy and consumer copy) is enclosed for utilization.

It is, therefore, requested to implement the said scheme in its true spirit to achieve the vision of providing electricity access to all Households (HHs). No consumer should be harassed by way of charging or demanding undue charges.

The terms and conditions of providing electric connection under the said scheme is as follows:-

- 1. This scheme is applicable to such rural households, which are not covered under any electrification scheme of State/ Central.
- 2. The total amount to be recovered shall be assessed and informed to the proposed consumer and his consent with signature shall be taken for recovery in installments, before installation of the connection.
- 3. The electric bills are to be given to the consumers opted for this scheme, in the enclosed bill format.
- 4. The concerned E.E.E./Supply will monitor the timely realization of the installment amount of service connection charge including material cost and security amount.
- A separate electricity bill ledger for the consumer covered under the aforesaid scheme should be maintained at Electric Supply Division level till the realization of the service connection charge including material cost and security amount.
- 6. The original receipt of security deposit shall be issued to the consumers only after deposition of complete security amount.
- 7. In case of any default in payment, the electric line of the consumer may be disconnected as per norms.
- 8. If the consumer desires, they can deposit the balance installment amount at once also.
- The provision/guideline as mentioned under clause related to "Procedure for providing fresh electricity connection" of (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation, 2015 or amendment, if any, shall be followed while release of service connection.
- 10. In case of introduction of new Tariff Order/ revised rates, the estimated cost shall be revised accordingly.
- 11. Details of the realization of monthly installment amounts will be submitted to Chief Engineer (C&R), JBVNL, HQ.

This has got the approval of MD, JBVNL.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Rajeev Ranjan Kumar) GM (P&GA)

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