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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**For inviting comments / objections/ suggestions from general public and consumersin Case No. 10 of 2016 filed beforeJharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ranchi for working out a mechanism / roadmap to create a level playing field between DVC and JBVNL**

1. In compliance to Hon'ble Commission's Order dated 10.11.2016, notice is hereby given to all that Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) have jointly filed a petition (Case No. 10 of 2016) with Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (JSERC / Hon'ble Commission).

2. DVC inter-alia undertakes retail sale and supply of electricity to bulk consumers in the Damodar Valley Command area falling in the districts of Dhanbad, Bokaro, Ramgarh, Hazaribagh, Koderma, Giridih and Chhatra in the State of Jharkhand. JBVNL is authorized to supply electricity in the State of Jharkhand, including the above seven districts where DVC also operates.

3. Both DVC and JBVNL have evolved historically under different legal and statutory dispensations. This has resulted in significant differences between DVC and JBVNL in relation to consumer mix, consumer load, infrastructure, cost of supply, cross subsidy levels etc. Such differences have led to distortion of level playing field between DVC and JBVNL in their common area of supply. This also has significant bearing on the wholesome economic and social development of the State considering its geographic, economic and demographic profile.

4. In view of above, DVC and JBVNL have approached the Hon'ble Commission to work out an appropriate mechanism by which such distortion in level playing field is prevented during the interregnum period when DVC is in the process of development of its distribution network in its command area with load growth potential at all voltage levels. As one of the possible mechanisms proposed is to levy a regulatory surcharge on all high voltage consumers situated in the common supply area of DVC and JBVNL and utilizing such amount to meet the cross-subsidy burden for JBVNL, the Hon'ble Commission has directed publication of notice to invite comments/objections/ suggestions from general public/consumers falling within the common area of supply of electricity by the DVC as well as JBVNL and to hear them before passing any order and prescribing a methodology. The prayers made in Case No. 10 of 2016 are as follow

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 *a. Admit the present Petition;*

*b. Work out a mechanism / roadmap to create a level playing field between the Petitioners in order to promote free and fair competition in distribution of electricity in their common area of supply so as to subserve the larger consumer interests;*

*c. Issue such other/further order(s) as the Hon'ble Commission may consider appropriate in the facts and circumstances of the present case.*

5. Copy of petition along with annexure in Case No. 10 of 2016is available on the website of DVC i.e.[www.dvc.gov.in](http://www.dvc.gov.in) as well as JBVNL i.e. [www.jbvnl.co.in](http://www.jbvnl.co.in)and can be downloaded there from.

6. Comments / objections / suggestions in Case No. 10 of 2016, together with supporting material shall be filed with the Secretary, Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission, 2nd floor, RajendraJawan Bhawan-cum-Sainik Bazar, Mahatma Gandhi Marg (Main Road), Ranchi-834001, in person or through Registered Post so as to reach him within six weeks of publication of this notice. Copy of the same must also be sent to the Executive Director (Commercial), Damodar Valley Corporation, 1st Floor, DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata: 700054 and Chief Engineer (C & R), Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, Engineering Building, H.E.C , Dhurwa, Ranchi: 834004 and proof of service of the same must be enclosed with the filing made to Secretary, Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

7. The objections to the JSERC should be filed in seven copies and carry full name and postal address of the person sending the objection. If the objection is filed on behalf of any organization or any class of consumers or consumer group, it should be so mentioned. It may also be specifically mentioned if the objector also wants to be heard in person.

Damodar Valley Corporation

Dated - [14.12.2016]