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To

The Secretary,  
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Sir,

Sub: Objections against enhancement of power tariff and suggestions to improve the quality and quantity of power- Reg.

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As per the news reported in Eenadu Telugu Daily dt.11.02.2015 an additional levy of Rs.1089.00 Crores power charges are proposed on the consumers which is the result of enhancement of power tariff by 5.75%. This is an effort to reduce the deficit in expenditure by the Government which is to the extent of Rs. 6700.00 Crores approximately.

A question that comes to mind is that why the Power Companies are incurring losses every year inspite of enhancing the power tariff and heavily burdening the consumers. Further, the State of Affairs and the net worth of Power Distribution System is in disarray without any improvement either in quality or in quantity of transmission. The people are getting affected, deaths are occurring and crops are dried up as usual.

Some of the reasons are given here under for the loss of lives and substandard supply of power to the consumers:

- 1) The power is supplied as a single phase(1/3<sup>rd</sup>) since 1998. It should have been 3 phase supply to the agriculture and single phase supply to the villagers for domestic purpose. The feeders also should have been separated for both the villagers and agriculture.

As the supply is on single phase, earthing at transformers is not proper and due to improper earthing the power is sometimes passes to the switches. In such circumstances accidents will occur sometimes resulting in fatal accidents.

- 2) As there are no AB switches in most of the cases, the villagers will try to operate the transformers in the absence of linemen in the case of domestic and as well as AGL, DTRs. This results in accidents and in most of the cases the accidents will be fatal.
- 3) The Conductor wires laid on the poles of the villages (LT Lines) are more than 50 years old. The wire often gets broken and wires fall down with power passing through them resulting in loss of power, proving dangerous to human lives and no power in the village till it is repaired and power is restored. In most of the cases the line men are other power staff are not available in the villages. Hence there is urgent need for replacing the power cables with the new ones.
- 4) There is be loss of power in the lines due to the following reasons:

- a. Distance between the poles if more than 60 feet.
- b. Trees or branches interfering with the power lines.

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- c. Required number of DTRs are not supplied due to which these DTRs are burnt due to low voltage.
- d. Theft of power by unauthorized users.
- e. Many numbers of transformers are unauthorized erected.
- f. Street lights are not switched off during the day time.
- g. Adequate staff need to be provided. Eg: there should be one linemen for each panchayat and one AE per section.

In order to overcome all the problems and streamline the power supply the following are suggested:

- 1) The Department should conduct comprehensive survey of all the electrical installations – Domestic, Commercial, AGL and industrial - as was done in the case of “Samagra Kutumba Survey conducted by the Telangana Government”. Then you will come to know the facts.
- 2) The existing shortage of power estimated at 4-5 million units can be reduced or overcome by providing LED bulbs, switching of street lights in the day time, not allowing the AGL lines to be used in place of poles by providing the poles to the AGL customers immediately on payment of amount for release of service.
- 3) Declare a Power Day once in a month for each Section of the Department during which the following works should be attended:
  - a. Verification of dues and collection of the same from all the Consumers
  - b. Providing of meters, poles, conductors DTRs, AB Switches, Burnt meters, Wrong readings, Earthlings etc., wherever required,
  - c. Address all the problems of the section on that day in the manner required.

If the power day is conducted once in a month the entire state will be covered in two years and most of the problems will be solved, power will be save and the revenue to the Dept. will be increased.

Further, the problems of erroneous charging to the consumers will be rectified.

- 4) Make the vigilance administration effective and see that the recommendations of the vigilance are strictly implemented.
- 5) Take strict action on the concerned officials for neglect, delay or other irregularities committed by them and action should be immediate and appropriate.
- 6) Meters should be supplied to all the people who are now utilizing the power unofficially and their usage has to be regularized. The Power utilization for Rural Water Supply and Panchayat Water Supply and village street lights should be properly monitored by engaging additional manpower.
- 7) Power Audit should be taken up in regular intervals. The load of work on Lineman should be reduced and every village should have required no. of transformers and linemen and workers. There must be separate staff for revenue collection for each village or a group of villages depending on the no. of connections, domestic, commercial, agriculture and industrial etc.

- 8) Every consumer who submits DDs should be provided with poles and conductors and DTRs as the case may be. Every feeder should be provided with AGL/HVDS immediately. Further every district should be provided with technical SE and old and outdated lines and inter poles should be replaced on warfooting. Every effort will go in vain if the said action is not taken for improvement of the power supply.
- 9) Some of the AGL general consumers are treated /converted as IT /Tatkal consumers putting them to loss. Such actions need to be avoided.
- 10) Get the due share of water under the AP Reorganisation Act which is about 1129 MW of power which will give a lot of relief to the Dept.

I request the Chairman to give me an opportunity to personally present the above suggestions and the problems being faced by the consumers in detail before the Chairman.

In view of the above, I request the authorities not to increase the power tariff and take necessary actions on the lines suggested above in the interest of the farmers and domestic users and also to save power and money to the department.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

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