

No.10/03/2022-UR&SI-II-(E-263775)
Government of India
Ministry of Power
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi

Dated: 12th August, 2022

To,

CMDs / MDs of DISCOMs of all States and UTs

Sub: Implementation of the "Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge & related matters) Rules, 2022

Ref: This Ministry's OM No. No.09/01/2021-UR&SI-II-Part(1)-(E-256003) dated 11 August 2022

Dear Sir

This has reference to OM No. No.09/01/2021-UR&SI-II-Part(1)-(E-256003) dated 11.08.2022 issued by this Ministry (copy enclosed) vide which PFC Limited has been designated as the Nodal Agency for implementation of LPS Rules, 2022 for all States/UTs in the country and broad process to be adopted for implementation of the Rules has been conveyed. It is needless to emphasize that these Rules are required to be followed completely in letter and spirit by all the stakeholders including DISCOMs.

2. In this connection, the important aspects of implementation of the Rules are mentioned below for your attention and necessary action:

(i) DISCOMs to appoint a dedicated Nodal Officer to deal with all the activities relating to implementation of the Rules and to inform the details of nodal officer including contact details (Mobile, Email) to PFC Limited.

(ii) DISCOMs need to regularly monitor details of outstanding dues & EMIs, invoices posted by GENCOs (excluding State GENCOs) and CTU on PRAAPTI Portal.

(iii) DISCOMs to regularly update payment details in respect of EMIs and regular bills on PRAAPTI Portal on day-to-day basis paid to GENCOs (excluding State GENCOs) and CTU. By the time, PFC is incorporating necessary provisions for providing access to DISCOMs on PRAAPTI portal for updating payment details, DISCOMs will be providing payment details to PFC through emails with copy to POSOCO. DISCOMs to also provide payment details in respect of State GENCOs, State TRANSCO and Trading COs to PFC separately.

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(iv) DISCOMs to monitor consolidated list of defaults in respect of EMIs payable as per the Rules to be published by PFC on their website at the end of day on 5th of every month starting from 5th August 2022. Discrepancies, if any, should be immediately informed to PFC.

(v) DISCOMs to also monitor consolidated list of defaults in respect of payments of regular bills by the DISCOMs EMIs payable as per the Rules to be published by PFC on their website every month on the last day of month. The list would also be accompanied with the trigger date of current dues that remains unpaid after one month from due date of payment or two & half months from the presentation of bill by the Generating Company, whichever is later. First such list was shared by PFC with all the States on 10.08.2022. Discrepancies, if any, should be immediately informed to PFC.

(vi) DISCOMs to ensure availability of adequate Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) as per Rules and also regularly monitor details of PSM on POSOCO Portal to be updated by GENCOs.

3. It may be noted that for all purposes relating to implementation of Rules (except PSM), information available with PFC would be considered. (PRAAPTI Portal or through Emails by the time access to PRAAPTI portal is made available to DISCOMs by PFC).

4. Similarly, in respect of PSM, the information available with POSOCO to be updated by GENCOs, would be considered.

5. Based on the information available with PFC and POSOCO, applicable action for regulation of power supply and access to power in short-term / medium term / long term shall be taken by the POSOCO, in case of any default on account of payments of EMI or regular bills and PSM.

6. In view of the above, it is requested to take all necessary actions at your end for effective implementation of the rules.

Encl: As above

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12/08/2022

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