

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Department of Energy**

Ranchi, Date: 11/9/2020

Letter No. E-8/U.V.Ni.-02/15 ...../182-1/

From,

L. Khiantge,  
Additional Chief Secretary.

To,

Chairperson  
Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ranchi.

**Sub: Providing relief of Waiver of Fixed Charges for the months of April, May & June 2020 and moratorium on electricity bill payments for 03 months to industrial/commercial consumers affected due to lockdown to spread of (COVID-19) - Regarding.**

- Ref:
1. Department of Energy, GoJ, letter no 1384 dated 16/07/2020 to JSERC.
  2. Chief Minister Secretariat, GoJ, letter no 246 dated 24/07/2020 to JSERC.
  3. JSERC Form of Proceedings in Suo-Moto Case No 15 of 2020 dated 28.08.2020.

Dear Sir,

This is in reference to our letter (*Ref 1*) regarding providing relief of Waiver of Fixed Charges for the months of April, May & June 2020 and moratorium on electricity bill payments for 03 months to industrial/ commercial consumers affected due to lockdown to spread of (COVID-19), letter from Chief Minister Secretariat (*Ref 2*) for providing relief under section 108 of the Electricity Act 2003 and subsequent proceedings by JSERC suo moto via its case no 15 of 2020 for passing of orders on the same.

With regards to the clarification sought by JSERC from Department of Energy on the points discussed during the hearing dated 28.08.2020 in case no 15 (*Ref 3*), we would like to clarify through our submission as below :-

1. It is clarified that the above correspondences should be treated as directions from Government of Jharkhand invoking section 108 of Electricity Act, 2003 on account of COVID-19 Pandemic as a matter of policy involving public interest. We would like to reiterate the directions mentioned earlier in our letter dated 16.07.2020.
  - a) Moratorium of three months for payment of electricity bills should be provided which are due between 01/04/2020 and 30/06/2020, without levying any Delayed Payment Surcharge(DPS) for all consumers of all the Distribution Licensee in the State.
  - b) Waiver of Demand / Fixed charges for the month of April, May & June 2020 for Industrial & Commercial Consumers should be provided of all distribution Licensee in Jharkhand.
2. The above-mentioned reliefs are in the form of deferment of charges (Delayed Payment Surcharge for all consumers and Fixed Charge for Industrial and Commercial consumers) to consumers. Hence; these are expected to result in reduction of revenue and increase of cost revenue gap and working capital requirement of the DISCOMs. The same should be allowed to be recovered by the licensees through the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and tariff determination process appropriately.
3. In matters related to methodology of implementation of the directive and recovery of the gap in ARR and tariff, JSERC may decide suitably and the decision of JSERC shall be final and binding.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully

  
(L. Khiantge)

Additional Chief Secretary

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Ranchi, Dated:- ...../...../.....

Copy to :- Managing Director, Jharkhand Biji Vitran Nigam Ltd. Ranchi for kind information & necessary action.



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