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**Legal Action Against The Increasing Electricity Charges**


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Dear Members of the Constituted Association,

Many of you have been calling, your respective Association after seeing the electricity bills for the month of April 2018 after seeing the second increase.

You will recollect that Hon'ble JERC had ordered tariff increase in two parts.

One was as Regulatory Surcharge @ 9.7% for a period of 15 months effective from the bills raised after 1st February 2018, in other words effective from electricity consumption from the month January 18 to March 2019.

Hon'ble JERC, as a 2nd part of the increase directed enhancement in the retail tariff at 11% effective from April 2018.

The exact increase as per slab and not in terms of percentage to individual customer. Percentage is a total effect of the increase.

In addition to increase in power tariff by 20%, there is sizeable load on consumers because of the increase in the fixed charges and removal of capacity factor.

Overall, following have to be seen

1. Two increases in basic tariff
2. No rebate for Power FACTOR
3. Change in BILLING from KW to KVA. (If we don't maintain power factor, we will get penalized)
4. Increase in fixed demand charges

This Federation has made appeal against all unreasonable orders of Hon'ble JERC, in which, even serious arithmetical mistakes have been committed .

Only point of solace was that Hon'ble JERC was reasonable in computing additional surcharge for Open Access category consumers. A copy of our appeal is attached.

The other Industrial Association which is not part of Federation, i.e. All India Polymers Processors Association has also filed review petition before JERC in which, they have pointed out same arithmetical mistakes for corrections but also have termed computation of additional surcharge as a mistake. Copy of their petition is also attached.

This Federation is supporting them for the review on account of mistakes of Hon'ble JERC but opposing said Association on the issue of Open Access Additional Surcharge.

The effect which an average consumer is experiencing is from existing price of a unit which was Rs 3.85 has touched Rs 4.50.

Friends, the hearing of review petition of Polymer Association is fixed on 29th May 2018, whereas our Appeal before Hon'ble Aptel is fixed for hearing on Stay Application on 2nd July 2018.

Federation wishes to refresh your memories that it is also fighting two other appeals made by it on the unlawful separate categorization of 220 KVA consumers and giving them concessional tariffs. Another appeal is for not using huge surplus at DNHPDCL, to reduce the tariff.

We all run our establishments and know the economics well. To contest, support or oppose any judicial or legal proceedings with soaring fees of advocates requires huge fund.

We had appeal, all members of our constituent Associations, other consumers to share this load by contributing @ Rs 20 per KVA .

Many of you have already contributed but many have yet not made similar gestures

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Friends, this is the time to test our vision and unity. If we stand united we can contest these cases successfully. These appeals are , questions of our survival.

Federation has made arrangement to issue the Proforma invoice on receiving call from members to facilitate members to book it as legal expenses. please come forward and contact Ms. Sonali Sheth at 91-70447843160. While calling her please mention your Consumer No, your sanctioned KVA load and GST No for proforma invoice.

Regards

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