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Extension to Fact Finding Committee

Date: 27 March, 2019

1. The Commission vide its notification dated 10 December, 2018 has constituted a two member Fact Finding Committee comprising of Shri. Ajit Kumar Jain (Retd. IAS, State Information Commissioner, Maharashtra) and Shri. Vijay L. Sonavane (Ex. Member, MERC), to conduct a fact finding exercise into allegations of excessive bills received by consumers from Distribution Licensees supplying electricity in Mumbai and suburbs of Mumbai. It is expected that Committee will submit its report by 31 March, 2019.
2. The Fact Finding Committee has already sought details about billing procedures and other related information from the Distribution Licensees in Mumbai. Further, the Committee has also requested the consumers who have filed their written complaints before the Committee to submit additional documents, if any, to substantiate their grievances. The Committee is scrutinizing these submissions. It also intends to seek oral submissions of Distribution Licensees on certain issues and may undertake field visits, if required, for verifying billing procedures of the Distribution Licensees in Mumbai.
3. Meantime, one of the Member, Shri Vijay L. Sonavane, due to his health issues is temporarily not able to attend the meetings of the Committee. Hence, the Committee felt need of one more technical expert to be associated with the Committee. The Committee also requested the Commission to extend the period of the Committee by two months up to 31 May, 2019.
4. In light of the above circumstances, the Commission deems it appropriate to increase the strength of Members on the Fact Finding Committee from two to three and appoint, Shri. Satish Bapat (Ex. Chief Engineer, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.) as Member of the Fact Finding Committee. The Commission also extends the timeframe for completion of the fact finding exercise till 31 May, 2019.
5. The Notification dated 10 December, 2018 stands revised to that extent with no other change.

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Member

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Member

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Chairperson