Standard of Performance of Distribution Licensees, Period for Giving Supply and Determination of Compensation Regulations, 2010

BACK GROUND

- Standard of Performance, 2005 published on 20-1-2005.
- In view of amendments to Electricity Act 2003 in June, 2007 draft for amendments to SOP was hosted on web site in November, 2008 for calling of comments.
- Model SOP were published by FOR in November, 2009 which are considered.
- Draft for repeal of existing SOP-05 by new SOP-10 is prepared.

Model SOP by FOR

Salient Features –

- ➤ Guidelines for minimum standards to be achieved by licensee as guaranteed standards.
- SOP may be different across the area of licensee based on the concentration of population & local conditions which is to be get approved from Commission.
- ➤ Overall Standards of Performance which the Licensee shall seek to achieve in discharge of his obligations are also defined.

Model SOP by FOR

Salient Features –

- Failure by Distribution Licensee to maintain the specified guaranteed standards of performance shall render Distribution Licensee for payment of compensation as specified.
- Compensation paid by Licensee for failure in maintaining guaranteed standards is allowed to recover compensation amount partly/fully in the revenue requirement of Licensee to the extent of achieving the Overall Standards of Performance.
- ➤ Compensation amount to be recovered by licensee in ARR is based on Level of Performance observed after auditing and grading on audit results.

Model SOP by FOR

Issues covered –

- Compensation mechanism.
- Complaint handling mechanism.
- Submission of various reports for monitoring & audit purpose.
- > Schedule revised for Guaranteed Standards.
- ➤ New schedule for Overall Standards.
- > Various reporting forms are standardized.

New Draft SOP Regulation 2010

Objectives of FOR model are included in sections.

- Period of giving supply.
- Quality & system of supply.
- Restoration of supply.
- Metering.
- Complaint registration & handling.
- o Consumer charter.
- Determination of compensation.
- o Level of Performance.

Period of giving supply.

Supply system	Urban	Rural
New Supply- Inspection	7 days	10 days
Intimation of charges (from existing network)	15 days	20 days
Intimation of charges (where augmentation / substation requires & for Dedicated feeder-New)	30 days	30 days
Release of supply from existing network	1 month	1 month
Release of supply by extension, augmentation	3 month	3 month
Release of supply by providing new substation	1 year	1 year
Shifting meter / service line (intimation of estimate)	7 days	10 days
Temporary Supply - KVA	10 -5 days	25 -10 days
	50- 20 days	Above 50-30 days
Reconnection after clearing dues	24 hours	48 hours
Transfer of ownership / Change of category / Conversion of LT 1 ph to 3 ph & vice versa	2 nd billing cycle	2 nd billing cycle
Conversion from LT to HT & vice versa	3 rd billing cycle	3 rd billing cycle

Quality & System of supply

Quality of supply-

Voltage variation- LV/MV-10%, HV-+6% & -9%, EHV-+10% & -12.5%

- > System of supply-
- 1ph. 230 volt- 40 Amp.
- 3ph.- Old- all areas 80kW & Corp. 150 KW
 New- 480 KW & if bus bar- 1200 KW
- 11 KV- Old- 1500 KVA New- 5000 KVA
- 22 KV- Old- 3000 KVA New- 10000 KVA
- 33 KV- Old- 5000 KVA New- 20000 KVA
- EHV Old- above 5000 KVA New- above 20000 KVA

Metering

- Maintain meter card in consumers premise.
- Meter Reading-at least once in 2 months in Urban & once in 3 months in Rural.
- Replace faulty / burnt meter- 5 days (urban)
 & 10 days (Rural).
- Recovery of meter cost if burnt on consumer part- notice in 7 days & replace in 15 days.
- Meter testing (minimum)— 1ph LT-5 years, 3 ph-3 years, HT- each year.

Complaint registration and handling

- Establishment of call centre(s)
- Operation of call centre(s)
- Process of handling complaints
- Complaints about Consumer's Bills
- Complaint regarding meter working
- Complaints regarding Voltage fluctuation

Consumer Charter /Service

- Manual of practice for handling consumer complaints
- Consumer service day per month
- Availability of copies of different Rules & Regulations
- Uploading of Rules & Regulations in downloadable format on the Distribution Licensee's internet website.

Information - Level of Performance

- Reporting details of performance achieved and compensation paid.
- Review of relevant records and data by Commission or agency authorised by Commission.
- Grading of the audit report
 - a) Reliability grading
 - b) Accuracy grading
- Percentage of compensation to be recovered through Annual Revenue Requirement based on accuracy grading.

Appendix & Reporting Forms

- > Appendix
- Appendix A: Guaranteed Standards of Performance
- Appendix B: Overall Standards of Performance
- > Forms-
- Guaranteed Standards-Performance Level by Licensee
- Reporting Performance of Operation of Call Centre(s)
- Report of individual Complaints where Compensation has been paid.
- Report of Overall Standards achieved.
- Report of Overall Standards achieved.
- Report of action on Faulty Meters.
- Performance report regarding Reliability Indices.
- Complaint Register.

THANK YOU