

**JODHPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
**(DEPTT.OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS)**

No.JdVVNL/CE(CPM)/SE(Comml.)/S.CI/2004/D. 2054

Dt. 10/11/2005

**CLARIFICATION**

**Sub.: Assessment in cases of stopped/lost/stolen/burnt/  
defective meter and cases where unauthorized use  
of electricity or theft of electricity is involved.**

There are confusion in the field with regard to action to be taken for assessment in case of stopped/lost/stolen/burnt/defective meters and cases in which unauthorized use of electricity or theft of electricity is involved.

The matter has been examined in the light of provisions under the "Terms & Conditions for Supply of Electricity-2004 duly approved by RERC and the following clarifications are issued :

**I) Assessment in case of stopped/lost/stolen/burnt meter:**

In such cases when the meter is stopped for any reason or the meter is stolen by somebody or is lost or burnt, the consumption of electricity for the period during which the electricity has been consumed with stopped or lost or stolen or burnt meter has been dealt under Clause 27 of the "Terms and Conditions for Supply of Electricity-2004". In this clause, for all consumers except seasonal and agricultural consumers, it has been prescribed that consumption for the period in question shall be calculated as recorded by the correct meter for the corresponding period of the previous year or the average monthly consumption of the previous six months, which is higher. In case of seasonal industrial consumers, the consumption of electricity is required to be assessed as that recorded by the correct meter for the corresponding period of preceding season or off season as the case may be.

It has also been prescribed that in case there is no previous period, minimum billing amount for the consumer category be recovered except in case of HT connection, the assessment be reviewed on the basis of average consumption of succeeding six months period and charged accordingly.

**II) Assessment in case of Defective Meters:**

Defective meters are not stopped but meters show readings which may be less or more than the correct readings. In case of defective meter, the assessment of electricity consumed be made as per the clause 28 & 29 of Terms and Conditions for Supply of Electricity-2004". In such cases, if the consumer or the Nigam suspects a meter to be not functioning properly, he may give a notice to the other party and the accuracy of the meter shall be tested by the Nigam on site or in its testing laboratory. In case the consumer so desires, the testing shall be arranged under direction of an Electrical Inspector or as may be specified by the Central Electricity Authority.

For the purpose of testing of the meter, the defective meter, is required to be removed from the site and Joint Inspection Report is to be prepared at the site to be signed by the consumer or his representative also. The meter should be wrapped with cloth and properly sealed with sealing material in presence of consumer or his representative. In the event of meter being found inaccurate, the excess amount recovered from the consumer is to be adjusted in subsequent two bills. If any amount is to be recovered from the consumer, it may be recovered in subsequent two bills. The excess or short amount is required to be assessed for the period from the last meter testing till the date of removal of meter for testing is replaced but in no case exceeding six months period.

In case the consumer desires to get his metering equipment tested he may request for the same to the Nigam after depositing testing fee as prescribed under item-5 of Part-II of "Terms and Conditions for Supply of Electricity-2004".

III) Assessment in case of unauthorized use of electricity and theft of electricity.

In case of unauthorized use of electricity, the assessment is required to be made in terms of Section 126 of the Electricity Act-2003. Similarly, for the cases of dishonest abstraction of energy i.e. theft of energy, the proceedings are to be initiated in terms of Section 135 of the Electricity Act-2003.

For unauthorized use of electricity and for theft of energy cases, instructions have already been issued vide Order No.JdVVNL/CE(CPM)/SE(Comml.)/S.CI/2004-05/D.1915 dated 15-12-2004(Comml.-JDP/241).

Above instructions/clarifications are issued to facilitate assessments in cases of meters becoming stopped/lost/stolen/burnt/defective and for unauthorized use/dishonest abstraction of energy.

By order,



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