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Notification

National Electricity Policy issued by Gol under the provisions of Electricity Act 2003 states under Para 5.4.9 that the SERCs should put in place independent third-party Meter testing arrangements. As per the draft Rules issued by MoP regarding qualification of powers and functions of Electrical Inspectors, the testing of meters and related appliance is under the purview of the Appropriate Regulatory Commission and further that as per CEA (Installations and Operation of Meters) Regulations 2006, the Appropriate Commission shall prescribe the procedure in case of inaccuracy of meters.

In this context, the Commission held a meeting of the MDs. Of all ESCOMs and Chief Electrical Inspect to Govt. of Karnataka (CEIG) on 18.4.2006 and discussed the proposal to set up an independent third-party Meter testing agency. Since the National Electricity Policy lays emphasis mainly on the third party testing of Consumer meters, it was agreed in the meeting to restrict the third party testing to the Consumer meters only and further to appoint the CEIG as the Third Party Meter Testing Agency. It was further agreed that wherever the consumer disputes the accuracy of the meter including matters falling under section 126 of the Act, the Distribution licensee shall refer the matter to the CEIG to witness and certify the accuracy of such meters and based on the certificate issued by the CEIG, the Distribution Licensee shall decide in the matter.

Accordingly, in compliance to the National Electricity Policy, the Commission hereby appoints the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government of Karnataka as the Third Party Meter Testing Agency to witness and certify the accuracy of the meter in the case of disputed consumer meters.

By Order of the Commission

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Secretary
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