Sub: Provision of ABT meters along with associated equipments for availing power under open access on Traction Sub-Stations.

Ref: Railway Board's letter No. 2008/Elect(G)/170/1Pt-III/Vol-II dt. 19.06.17 (copy enclosed)

Board vide letter dt. 19.06.17, had advised that Railway shall avail power under open access at new Traction Sub-Stations wherever NOC for open access has been granted. Railway has already been granted Deemed Licensee status vide MoP letter dt. 06.05.14 (copy enclosed) and accordingly is pursuing open access power at all Traction Sub-Station across the states.

2. To avail power under open access, as per Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of meters) Regulations 2006 and amendment thereof, “Railway and STU should ensure interface ABT metering at traction supply S/S (connectivity points) and transmission S/S end before the start of transmission of power.”

3. Accordingly, it shall be ensured that provision of ABT meters, CTs, PTs & other associated equipments are made available at all the existing Traction Sub-Stations, as well as new TSSs under construction in various electrification projects. For new electrification works, the executing agencies shall provide wherever detailed estimate is yet not sanctioned.

4. RDSO shall provide the schematic layout and specification for ABT metering system suitable for availing power under open access. Railway shall plan for ABT meters and other associated equipment for the existing TSSs whereas for TSSs under constructions in various electrification projects, the same shall be provided by the executing Agencies.

5. This issues with the approval of Board (MTR).

DA: As above

(Punit Agrawal)
Director Electrical Engg. (PS)
Railway Board

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1. PCEE/Zonal Railways
2. CAO/CORE/Allahabad
3. Sr. ED(TI)/RDSO
4. CEO/REMCL
5. ED(RE)/RB

For kind information & necessary action please.
No. 2008/Elect(G)/170/1Pt-III/Vol-II

New Delhi, Dated. 19.06.2017

Chief Electrical Engineers,
All Zonal Railways

Sub: Power through Open Access on new Traction Sub Stations.

All the States where NOC for open access has been issued should take power only through open access for the new traction sub stations which are coming up in new RE projects commissioned by either CORE, RVNL, RITES, PGCIL or any other Agency to avail the cheaper power. All the Railways should ensure compliance for these instructions.

In Central and Eastern Railway there are 3 TSSs (two in CR and one in ER) which are still drawing power in consumer mode. Power through open access should immediately be availed on these TSSs as RGPPL power is already tied up for the States of Maharashtra and Jharkhand. It is also learnt that Railways are not fully utilizing the allocated power from RGPPL.

Action taken in this regard should immediately be advised to the Railway Board.

(Punit Agarwal)
Director Elect. Engg. (PS)
Railway Board

Copy to- ED/RE, Railway Board for kind information & necessary action please.
To

1. The Secretaries of the State Commissions/JERCs
2. The Secretaries in charge of Energy/Power Deptt. of States/UTs

Subject: Railways as deemed licensee under the Electricity Act, 2003- issue of clarification reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) letter No. 2002//Elect(G)/161/21 Vol-II dated 13th March, 2014 and No. 2004//Elect(G)/152/3 Pt-I dated 27th March, 2014 seeking clarification for deemed licensee status to Indian Railways.

2. The issue of granting deemed licensee status to Railways under the Electricity Act, 2003 has been examined by this Ministry in consultation with the Deptt. of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice. It is clarified that Railways is a deemed licensee under the third proviso to section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

3. This clarification may be read with other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and policies made thereunder.

4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Power (Independent Charge).

Yours faithfully

(Pranay Kumar)
Director
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3. Ministry of Railways (Railway Boards), New Delhi.