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Sri Ajay Misra, I.A.S., Special Chief Secretary, Department of Energy, Govt. of Telangana, Telangana Secretariat, Hyderabad. 7

Dear Sir,

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At the outset we appreciate and commend the measures taken by the government of Telangana to control the impact of pandemic Covid-19 and we extend our complete support and cooperation to make the efforts fruitful and secure the State from spreading of disease.

You are aware that all the industrial units work on a precarious state of finances and any minor disruptions in their regular flow of works will upset their production and cash flows and is harmful for the overall health. While the loss and difficulties of workers and employees is predictable, it is equally difficult for the large scale and MSME units and businesses to pay the salaries and wages by taking additional loans while foregoing the production and revenues.

The industry stakeholders need working capital and they are looking at interventions either from banking sector in easing out of norms or they will be looking at support through reduction of taxes, reliefs in utility bills such as electricity, and water, waiver of penalties, interests etc.

The government of India and RBI has announced slew of measures to ease the burden on industry and business during these difficult times and we are looking forward for the relief measures from Government of Telangana

In this context, we request you to provide following relief to the electricity consumers of industrial and commercial categories as they have shut the production / business operations due to lockdown.

 To extend the last date for payment of electricity bills of March and April 2020 till May 30, 2020 without interest and penalties for delayed payment (Formerly known as FTAPCCI)

- To collect the CMD charges on pro-rata basis of energy consumption for next six months or till the situation gets back to normalcy and the industry and businesses become fully operational
- To collect the electricity charges only on their actual electricity usage and waive the fixed charges per KVA of CMD
- To waive the electricity duty for all categories of consumers
- To give installment facility for payment of bills without interest and penalties for the industries to recover from revenue losses

We look forward for the complete support to the industry in these difficult times and expect the government to provide relief for the industry to recover quickly and be able to carry on their production as soon as possible. This helps protecting the employment of scores of people depending on industry and businesses, directly and indirectly.

Thank you Look forward for your timely intervention and relief

Yours sincerely

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