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Dear Ajay Mishra Ji,

I express my sincere thanks to you for considering our request to provide relief to energy consumers of industrial and commercial categories and glad to know that the government is working on it. I also spoke to Chairman of Electricity Regulatory Commission and request you to escalate the matter.

The reason for quick announcements by different States is illustrated by a small example which is self explanatory to assess how much financial burden the units have to take in the absence of relief:

A HT-1 industry on 33 KV is required to pay, under normal circumstances:

Minimum fixed charges of 80% of CMD and

Fixed energy charges of 50 units per KVA of Minimum CMD (80% of connected load)

For example Unit A CMD is 10000 KVA and it is closed due to lockdown. It has to pay:

Fixed Demand Charges: at 80% -  $8000 \times 390$  per KVA = Rs. 31,20,000

Minimum Fixed energy charges:  $8000 \times 50$  units per KVA @ Rs. 6.15 = 24,60,000

Electricity duty @ 0.06 paise : 24000

Thus, even when the unit is not operating and shut down its operations completely, it has to pay Rs. 56,04,000/-

The need of the hour is to protect the industry from becoming sick, so that they start their operations after lockdown without facing financial troubles.

I once again request you to announce immediately deferment of payment of March month energy bill till May end without interest on delayed payment, as 9<sup>th</sup> April is the last date to pay and attracts 18% interest on delayed payment. You are aware that, due to lockdown currently, the payments are not being made and hence the revenues of all industrial and business units received a huge hit.

Apart from the above relief, request you to provide other relief measures that we have already submitted in our earlier letter submitted such as

1. Waiver of demand charges for the units closed due to lockdown for 3 billing cycles from the date of lockdown
2. Waiver of fixed consumption charges and billing to be done based on actual consumption
3. To provide installment facility for payment of bills without interest and penalties to recover from revenue losses
4. To waive electricity duty for all types of consumers.

I am here by providing some details of relief measures announced by various State governments for your quick reference and request you to speed up the matter as DISCOMs may resort to disconnections on non payments of bills.

**Maharashtra:**

On 26/03/2020 the Commission issues a practice direction whereby meter reading and physical bill distribution work was suspended and utilities were asked to issue bills on average usage basis till the current crisis gets subsided.

Put a moratorium on payment of fixed charges of the electricity bill by consumers under industrial and commercial category for next three billing cycles beginning from lockdown on 25/03/2020

Reduction in Tariff across Consumer Categories:

Industry and Commercial Sector: to boost industrial and commercial sector in the State, tariff is reduced by 10 to 15%

In addition, also introduced bulk supply discount at rate 2% to 1% on energy including FAC (for all HT industrial consumers with consumption in excess of 1 lakh units per month)

**Uttar Pradesh:**

Extended the payment deadline for electricity bills generated between March 1 and April 14 to April 30, assured that there will be no surcharge on late payment and consumers will get a 1% rebate on payment made by the due date.

Billing for the month of April for Industrial and commercial consumers will be done on actual consumption and not on the basis of average consumption in the last 3 months.

It also postponed liability of fixed/demand charges in the March and April billing cycles for commercial and industrial consumers.

**Gujarat:**

Extended the payment of electricity bills for March and April till May 15, 2020 and for this relief period, no connection shall be cut and no penalty shall be charged for delayed payment.

For industries, shop keepers closed down due to lockdown, no demand / fixed charges shall be levied. Energy bill will be only on actual energy consumed. This benefit shall be given to all consumers by power distribution companies.

The financial burden shall be borne by Distribution Companies.

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) kept the tariff unchanged for FY21.

The tariff for agricultural consumers for irrigation purposes has been lowered to 80 paise from Rs 1.50 per unit.

**Rajasthan:**

In a bid to ease the impact of economic distress faced by its population amid the nationwide lockdown, the Rajasthan government has decided to defer power and water bills for citizens, industrial units and farmers by two months.

**Sir, since different States have already announced number of relief measures and the entrepreneurs are under the pressure to pay the bills, we request government of Telangana to announce the relief package at the earliest.**

**The loss due to lockdown is one thing, but how quickly the industrial units recover and function at their full capacity is the real challenge that has to be ensured.**

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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