No.10/11/2021 - EC
Government of India
Ministry of Power

'F' Wing, Nirman Bhawan
New Delhi, 14th March, 2022

ORDER

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (g) of sub-section (2) of section 58, read with clause (q) of sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), the Bureau of Energy Efficiency with the approval of Central Government made the regulations "Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Manner and Intervals of Time for Conduct of Energy Audit) Regulations, 2010.

And whereas, as per section 3 of above said regulations, Intervals of time for conduct of energy audit. - (1) Every designated consumer shall have its first energy audit conducted, by an accredited energy auditor within 18 months of the notification issued by the Central Government under clause (i) of section 14 of the Act. (2) The interval of time for conduct and completion of subsequent energy audits shall be three years with effect from the date of submission of the previous energy audit report by the accredited energy auditor to the management of the designated consumer.

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And whereas certain designated consumers are required to submit their energy audit report during Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 & 2021-22 in compliance with the section 3 of said regulation, and many designated consumers have informed that they are not able to conduct the energy audit within the stipulated timelines on account of impact of 1st and 2nd wave of COVID-19 pandemic on plant operation and subsequent travel and other restrictions beyond their control due to the 1st and 2nd wave of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent impacts in FY 2020-21 & 2021-22. Designated Consumers have been facing challenges to carry out the energy audit and have been approaching BEE for relaxation in the timelines as it is apprehended that it was not possible to initiate, conduct and submit the energy audit report in FY 2020-21 where the due date was in FY 2020-21. Similarly, for DCs where the due date was in FY 2021-22, it is also not feasible to conduct the energy audit in FY 2021-22.

And whereas the Central Government in the Ministry of Power in consultation with Bureau of Energy Efficiency has taken into consideration the above difficulties expressed by the various designated consumers and is of the opinion that the conduct of energy audit during FY 2020-21 & 2021-22 as per said regulations, involves many challenges due to the post 1st and 2nd wave of COVID-19 impact for which the time frame could not be ascertained prior to the said regulations and consider it expedient and in public interest to assist the Designated Consumers in the implementation of the said regulations in right earnest.

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Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 53 of the Energy Conservation Act 2001, the Central Government in the Ministry of Power in consultation with the Bureau of Efficiency, grant an extension to DCs for submission of Mandatory Energy Audit (MEA) reports as follows:

Particular	Revised Due Date
Extension of 9 months where MEA due date was 30th September 2020	30th June 2021
Extension of 6 months where MEA due date was 30th September 2021	31st March 2022

To enable the Designated Consumers to submit to the respective State Designated Agencies, with a copy to the Bureau, the energy audit report in all respects, in compliance with sub-rule (1) & (2) of rule 3 of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Manner and Intervals of Time for Conduct of Energy Audit) Regulations, 2010.

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Copy of this Order is sent for compliance to:

(i) All Designated Consumers (by name)
(ii) All State Designated Agencies
(iii) Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi, with reference to letter No NMEEE-11017/3/2020-BEE/6778 dated 7th March, 2022

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