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Ministry of Power

'F' Wing, Nirman Bhawan.
New Delhi, 31st August, 2020

Order

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (g) and (n) of section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001) the Central Government in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) had specified for the Designated Consumers, the Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for the period 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 vide Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Power number S.O. 998 (E) dated the 30th March, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) for compliance in the target year 2019-2020 under the Energy Conservation (Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for Designated Consumers, Form, Time within which, and Manner of Preparation and Implementation of Scheme, and Procedure for Issue of Energy Savings Certificates, and the value of Per Metric Ton of Oil Equivalent of Energy Consumed) Rules, 2012 [For the purpose of reference known as Energy Conservation Rules, 2012] vide Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Power number G.S.R. 269(E) dated the 30th March, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i).

And whereas sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of the Energy Conservation Rules, 2012, referred to in Para 1 above, provide that every designated consumer, specified in the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Power number S.O. 998 (E) dated the 30th March, 2017 referred to in Para 1 above, within four months of the conclusion of the target year, shall submit to the State designated agency ,with a copy to the Bureau, the performance assessment document in Form 'A' covering the performance for their cycle-2017- 2018 to 2019-2020- specifying the compliance with the energy consumption norms and standards, duly verified together with the certificate in Form 'B' given by the Firm of empanelled accredited energy auditors (EmAEAs) accompanied by the documents specified in the aforesaid rule 6 of the Energy Conservation Rules, 2012.

And whereas the designated consumers are required to submit the performance assessment document by the 31' July, 2020 in compliance with the aforesaid sub-rule 1 of rule 6, most of the designated consumers have informed that they are not in a position to submit the performance assessment document by the target date of 31st July, 2020 **on account of COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent travel and other restrictions beyond their control.**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent travel and other restrictions, both DCs and EmAEAs have been facing challenges to carry out the M&V performance audit and have been approaching BEE for relaxation in the timelines as it is apprehended that it will not be possible to

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initiate, conduct and submit the performance assessment document by the notified target date of 31st July, 2020.

And whereas the Central Government in the Ministry of Power in consultation with BEE has taken into consideration the above difficulties expressed by the various Firms of empanelled accredited energy auditors and Designated Consumers and is of the opinion that the verification of the implementation of the Perform, Achieve and Trade scheme, launched in 2017-18 for third cycle (2017-2018 to 2019-2020), involves many challenges due to pandemic situation of COVID-19 for which the timeframe could not be ascertained prior to the launch of the scheme and consider it expedient and in public interest to assist the Designated Consumers in the implementation of the scheme in right earnest.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule 1A of rule 6 of the Energy Conservation Rules, 2012 the Central Government in the Ministry of Power in consultation with the Bureau grant an extension of time of two months with effect from the 1st of August, 2020, to enable the Designated Consumers to submit to the respective State Designated Agencies, with a copy to the Bureau, the performance assessment documents complete in all respects for the Cycle (2017-2018 to 2019-2020), in compliance with sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of Energy Conservation Rules, 2012.

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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) The Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi, with reference to letter No.NMEEE-11023/21/2020-BEE/524 dated 14th August, 2020.

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