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SUB : CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ‘METERING ISSUES’

The Forum of Regulators (FOR) in its 8th meeting held on 26th September, 2008, while deliberating on the report of the Working Group on “Loss Reduction Strategies”, observed that proper and correct metering, which was an essential prerequisite for systematically implementing most of the distribution reforms including that of reduction of AT&C losses in a time bound manner, had not received due attention. The Forum felt the need for a thorough examination of issues relating to metering, analysis of factors inhibiting the States / Distribution Utilities in properly and correctly metering and billing all consumption of electricity supplied and to check unnoticed wastage and pilferage. The Forum, therefore, decided that a Working Group on metering issues be constituted.

2. The Members of Working Group are as indicated below :-

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| (i) | Chairperson, CERC | ... | Chairman of the Working Group |
| (ii) | Chairperson, HERC | ... | Member |
| (iii) | Chairperson, AERC | ... | Member |
| (iv) | Chairperson, KSERC | ... | Member |
| (v) | Chairperson, MERC | ... | Member |
| (vi) | Chairperson, TNERC | ... | Member |
| (vii) | Chairperson , UERC, | ... | Member |
| (viii) | Chairperson GERC | ... | Member |
| (ix) | Secretary, CERC | ... | Member |
| (x) | Deputy Chief (RA), CERC | ... | Coordinator. |

3. Chairperson WBERC, a representative of CEA, Shri K. Venugopal, Member, DERC and Shri V. K. Khanna, Advisor, FOR shall be special invitees to the Working Group.

4. The Working Group would inter-alia consider the relevant provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, National Electricity Policy, National Tariff Policy, CEA’s regulations on installation and operation of meters, the best practices adopted in this direction by States and would give its recommendations on:-

- i) Strategy to achieve complete metering in all the States in a time bound manner – particularly consumer metering and Distribution transformers metering.

- ii) Measures to ensure proper and correct recording of electricity supplied through meter.
- iii) Measures to induce consumers to prefer metered supply.
- iv) Mechanism and norms for best assessment of measurement of electricity in cases or select categories or target groups where due to certain adverse geographical / topographical conditions , installation or operation of meters is likely to take some more time.
- v) Monitoring mechanism at field and corporate level of utilities to watch and ensure implementation of:-
 - a) Proper installation and operation of meters.
 - b) Replacement of defective meters
 - c) Meter reading and billing
- vi) Realisation of gains of Distribution transformer metering and thereon improving the quality of supply and service.
- vii) Use of prepaid meters.
- viii) Appropriate metering technology for different category of consumers.
- ix) Any other relevant issue.

5. The Secretariat of the Forum would provide secretariat to the Working Group. The Working Group would submit its recommendations by end January, 2009.

Sd/-

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Dy. Chief (RA), CERC

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