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Subject: Minutes of the 15th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held on 10.05.2016 at New Delhi – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 15th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting of Ministry of Power held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 10.05.2016 at New Delhi for taking necessary action and circulation to all concerned.

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**Minutes of the 15th Review, Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting of Ministry of Power
held on 10th May 2016 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

The 15th RPM meeting of MoP was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary Power on 10th May 2016 wherein senior officers from Ministry of Power, REC, PFC, CEA, CPSUs, CMD/MDs of State Power Utilities and other representatives from States participated. The list of participants is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Joint Secretary Dr AK Verma welcomed all the participants and briefed about the agenda for the day and priorities.

I. Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)

Dr. Dinesh Arora, ED/REC made a presentation on various issues of rural electrification.

- (i) Representatives of Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Bihar and Assam reported that some additional un-electrified villages had been identified by them as below:

State	Additional un-electrified villages		
	Grid	Off-grid	Total
Jharkhand		42	42
Maharashtra	289		289
Bihar		116	116
Assam	59	41	100
Total	348	199	547

It was clarified that electrification of all remaining un-electrified villages should be taken up by the States on priority. It was agreed in principle that all these villages are to be electrified by the States within the funds already sanctioned to the States under DDUGJY or from State Plan funds.

Mode of electrification on-grid/off-grid may be changed subject to concurrence of the concerned State Government and approval of REC.

- (ii) States were requested to ensure award of contracts for remaining villages at the earliest and in no case later than May 2016.
- (iii) All un-electrified villages are to be electrified by December 2016. Final State wise targets are enclosed at **Annexure-II**.
- (iv) MD, NBPDC Bihar informed that there are 180 villages falling in the districts of Patna, Saran, Saharsa, Khagraia, West Champaran & Supaul requiring erection of towers for river crossing in providing connectivity and that request for allowing erection of towers had been sent to REC. *It was agreed in-principle to allow erection of towers and REC was advised to issue necessary communication in this connection.*
- (v) MD, NBPDC Bihar informed about savings in ongoing projects due to reduction in scope of BPL connections and requested approval for utilizing the savings for creation of electricity infrastructure in the same project areas. Proposals in this regard may be submitted to REC for consideration of approval on case to case basis provided connections to all BPL households is ensured in the project area. Saving and targeted works along with expenditure needs to be quantified in advance.

- (vi) Some of the States requested for inter project utilization of fund released for XI, XII & DDUGJY projects. REC had already issued guidelines in this regard.
- (vii) MD, JBVNL Jharkhand informed that electrification works in nearly 776 villages have been completed under their State plan. However, funds for release of electricity connections to rural households should be sanctioned under DDUGJY. JS (Distn.) advised to submit proposal in this regard to REC for further consideration.
- (viii) All States were advised to ensure providing access of electricity to all households in 18452 villages. Discoms should organize special campaign to release connections to households.
- (ix) States were also advised that signboards at Village level should be installed indicating details of scheme for proactive disclosure as well as creating awareness. A standard design would be shared with States shortly. Necessary directions to be issued by the Implementing Agencies to the contractor for erection of village based signboard.
- (x) JS (Dist.) stated that Intensive Electrification works in villages is one of the instrument for creation of requisite infrastructure to enhance access to electricity to households and therefore, States should also focus on intensive electrification in already electrified villages. States were informed that large amount funds (about Rs. 24000 Cr) are still available in RE Component projects sanctioned up to XII Plan. Total 712671 villages (UEV 121095, IEV 591576) were sanctioned, which is more than total inhabited villages. Thus, many villages are being revisited for intensive electrification. States were advised to identify such villages and submit list to REC along with Census Code. Intensive electrification has been reported complete in 351233 villages and States should compile village-wise data on household electrification including available access to households the remaining households in completed villages to ensure level of access to households and additional works required; if any, to provide access to all households. Further, in about 240343 villages which are yet to be completed, it should be ensured that access to all households is created.
- (xi) Secretary (Power), Govt. of India emphasized upon feeder monitoring including rural feeders and advised all States / REC to establish monitoring mechanism for DDUGJY projects covering all components of the sanctioned projects.

II. Integrated Power Development System (IPDS)

Ms Radhika Jha, ED (IPDS) made a detailed presentation on status of implementation of IPDS. Following actions points emerged:

- **IPDS Compliances** –Execution of TPA by 23 Discoms and appointment of PMA in 18 Discoms is pending. States to expedite executing TPA and appoint PMA by 31st May 2016.
- **Go-Live of balance towns** – 183 towns [Rajasthan(81),J&K(21), Odisha(12), TN(21), Arunachal(10), Naga(9), Mizoram(8), Meghalaya(4), Puducherry(4), Jharkhand(5), Assam(3), Goa(2), Bihar(2), Manipur(1)] are to be declared Go-Live in FY16-17.
Secretary (Power) impressed upon all Discoms to make Feeder data of all Go-Live towns available on NPP simultaneously.
- **Part-B projects** – Focus is required in the States of Bihar, J&K, Kerala, Punjab, TN, UP, NE Region.
- **SCADA Completion** – 28 towns in Rajasthan (5), Gujarat (6), Maharashtra (8), TN (7) & WB (2) envisaged for completion in FY16-17

