No. 10/2/2015-EC Government of India Ministry of Power

> 'F' Wing, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

## <u>Order</u>

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 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 vide Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Power number S.O. 687(E) dated the 30th March, 2012, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3. Sub-section (ii) dated the 30th March, 2012 for compliance in the target year 2014-2015 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) dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2012

And whereas sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of 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, 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. 687(E) dated the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 referred to in para 1 above, within three 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 the first cycle-2012-2013 to 2014-2015- specifying the compliance with the energy consumption norms and standards, duly verified together with the certificate in Form 'B' given by the Firm of empaneled accredited energy auditors 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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 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 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 on account of the reasons beyond their control which are summarized below, namely:-

- (1) Only 53 Firms of accredited energy auditors came forward for empanelment to function as the verification agencies for the 478 designated consumers under the Energy Conservation Rules, 2012 that is 9 Designated Consumer per firm within three month period which is not sufficient as per standard energy auditing practices. These empaneled firms of accredited energy auditors have expressed their inability to complete the performance assessment documents in respect of their client, Designated Consumers, by the target date of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 because many of these empanelled agencies have been engaged to perform the assessment function of more than 20 Designated Consumers;
- (2) A large majority of the Designated Consumers plants belonging to public sector undertaking, State government agencies, and several industries in the private sectors, have also expressed their inability to submit the performance assessment documents duly verified together with certificate in Form B on account of their lengthy procedural/contractual and procurement processes for appointing verification agencies.

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 empaneled 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 2012-13 for first cycle (2012-2013 to 2014-2015), involves many first-of-a kind activities for which the timeframe could not be ascertained prior to the launch of the scheme and consider its 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 Forty-five days with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2015, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle (2012-2013 to 2014-2015), in compliance with sub-rule (1) of rule 6 of Energy Conservation Rules, 2012, by the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

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A copy of this order is sent for compliance to:

1. All Designated Consumers (by name).

2. All State Designated Agencies.

 The Director-General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi with reference to letter No.45/01(01)/PAT/Rules(2012)/2015/3989 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

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