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No. AIBSNLOA/CHQ/2012/85

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> December 2012

To

Shri R. K. Upadhyay,  
Chairman and Managing Director,  
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Payment of electricity charges on industrial tariff instead of  
commercial tariff – reg**

**Ref:** 1. Our letter No.AIBSNLOA/CHQ/2010/9 dated 5th February 2010  
2. Our letter No.AIBSNLOA/CHQ/2011/1 dated 14th January 2011  
3. BSNL No. 3-1-29/EW-2002 dated 21.6.2012

Sir,

We would like to invite your kind attention to our letters cited under reference 1 and 2 above wherein we had elaborated strong reasons in support of claiming change over from commercial tariff to industrial tariff and **pointed out that the issue is to be sorted out only with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi, since State level Regulatory commissions were reluctant to agree to it. It is high time that the issue is taken up with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission at New Delhi immediately with a view to bringing the most wanted financial relief to BSNL.**

2. Vide letter cited under reference 3 above, BSNL had advised the Circle Heads reiterating that the tariff structure of each circle may be studied in consultation with PCES/Sr.CEs/CEs (Elect) and if any other suitable and economical tariff is available, the case may be taken up with the State Electricity Regulatory Commission for modification of the existing tariff structure.

3. We understand that **only a few circles have taken action along these lines and got the tariff structure modified to BSNL's benefit. But in most circles no tangible action appears to have been taken.** We would, therefore, request you to kindly remind the circles of the importance of the issue since expenditure on 'Power and fuel' is the largest portion in BSNL's total expenditure and advise them to take urgent action for pursuing with the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions for modification of the existing tariff structure.



4. Apart from the above, **it is high time that we slowly move towards utilizing renewable energy sources like solar energy, energy drawn from wind mills etc.** This has become very important today due to steep increase in the electricity tariff, whether commercial or industrial, in many States. Further, severe power deficit in some States is resulting in total dependence on Diesel Generators and the consequent huge expenditure on diesel.

5. BSNL had opted for solar energy instead of diesel generators in a few Circles like UP West way back in the year 2010. We believe that the huge investment to be made for installing solar energy systems is one of the reasons why BSNL is reluctant to expand this initiative to other Circles. We would suggest that **BSNL should approach the Government of India through the DoT, if not already done, for providing subsidy for installing solar energy systems, in rural areas to start with, where we provide service as a social obligation on behalf of the Government and where such renewable energy systems are a must to deliver uninterrupted power supply to our rural towers.**


6. We therefore request you to kindly take up the issue of providing renewable energy systems under subsidized price with DoT and to impress upon the circles to seriously pursue the issue of modification of the electricity tariff with the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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 General Secretary.

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