

Load shedding principles and protocol for MSEDCL

Comments/Suggestions

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LS Protocol

- Reduce urban – rural disparity
→ LS Hrs. Ratio – 1:3 (i.e. reduce from 1:5)
- LS should be restricted to 4 hrs. at a stretch
- Consumers excluded from LS should be charged a heavy ‘reliability charge’

Load Management Charge

- All consumers consuming < 300 u/month should be exempted from LMC
- LMC should be in reverse proportion to LS Hrs.
 - if LS hrs. ratio is 1: 3 then LMC ratio should be 3:1
- LMC charge should be in proportion to tariff

Need to make licensees accountable

- Performance of generation plants
- Removal of transmission constraints
- Single phasing scheme => Web enabled AMR
- Demand forecast
- Capacity addition plan

Regulatory process

- In last one year over a dozen meetings / hearings on ‘apportioning of load shedding’
 - Very limited attention to demand forecast, capacity addition plan etc.
- ➔ Need for change of course of the regulatory process
 - ➔ Direct licensees to submit detailed action plan
 - ➔ Time bound decision making process and implementation of action plan