F.No.42/1/2020-RE [255067] Government of India / Bharat Sarkar Ministry of Power / VidyutMantralaya Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated the 12th March, 2022

To

The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Power/ Energy) of all States/ UTs

Subject: Electrification of balance un-electrified households - handling of proposals thereof

Sir/Madam.

This Ministry is in receipt of references in regard to requests for electrification of balance left out Households. It may be recalled that in the past, all States had confirmed completion of Household electrification by 31.03.2019 under the aegis of SAUBHAGYA after electrifying 2.62 crore households. Thereafter, based on the request of States, the Government of India allowed funding for electrification of another ~19 lakh households that were willing earlier but expressed willingness to be electrified later. Based on requests of States yet again, funding for electrification of another set of 11.84 lakh households in 9 States was sanctioned with the condition of completion of the works by 31.12.2021, which was further extended to 15.02.2022 by the Monitoring Committee.

- 2. Recognising that the progress of household electrification in these 11.84 lakh households has been slow, and also that DDUGJY sunsets in 2021-22, a further extension for physical and financial closure of these projects till 15.03.2022 has been further granted on 07.03.2022 (Copy enclosed). The same is reaffirmed through this letter.
- 3. Going forward, the following framework would be followed in case of receipt of Household electrification proposals in so far as funding from the Government of India is concerned:
 - a. Only cases of un-electrified households (prior to Saubhagya) identified before 31.3.2019 would be considered for funding under RDSS with the following stipulations:
 - i. Last mile connectivity i.e the service connections downstream from the pole, shall be carried out by the DISCOMs and the States through their own means, as the same is not under the purview of RDSS. However, cost of Smart Prepaid Meters can be funded under RDSS as per the Scheme quidelines.
 - ii. Sanctions can be considered under RDSS for only network augmentation to cater to the requirement of Household electrification upto the extent of electric pole, with the cap of a project cost of Rs 50,000 per household.

While the cost of the project could be higher, costs higher than Rs 50,000 per household would be borne by the States from their own resources.

- b. Since there is no Off-grid and last mile provision under RDSS, only grid connected works shall be undertaken. Any off-grid proposals would be dealt by MNRE.
- 3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy.

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Yours faithfully,

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- iii. Chairman and Managing Director, REC Ltd., World Headquarters, Sector-29, Near IFFCO Chowk, Gurugram, Haryana 122002.

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Dated the 7th March, 2022

To.

- 1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Power/Energy) of all States/UTs
- 2. CMD, REC Ltd., REC World Headquarters, Sector-29, Near IFFCO Chowk, Gurugram, Haryana – 122002.

Subject: Issue of Additional Households sanctioned under DDUGJY- regarding

Sir

I am directed to refer to the requests being received from various States and DISCOMs in regard to extension of time for the projects sanctioned under DDUGJY Additional Households sanctioned in the Monitoring Committees held on 13.07.2021 and to state that the scheme of DDUGJY is sunsetting on 31st March, 2022.

- 2. Given the circumstances above, it is imperative that the works of these Additional households be completed, both physically and financially, latest by the 15th of March, 2022 and the closures submitted in requisite formats already prescribed by REC by 15th March, 2022 positively, to enable release of funds to the States.
- 3. It is also mentioned that in wake of the impending sunset of the Scheme in March, 2021 there would be no margin left for release of funds if the closure formats are not completed accurately. Therefore, diligence may please be exhibited while preparing the formats.
- 4. Nodal Agency, REC, is requested to keep close coordination with the States and the DISCOMs, so that the work is completed within the stipulated timeframe without any margin of delay.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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