

PUBLIC NOTICE

ON

ONE TIME SETTLEMENT (OTS) SCHEME

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OERC has directed NESCO, WESCO and SOUTHCO to implement the OTS Scheme in its Tariff Order for FY 2012-13. Any consumer having arrears outstanding towards their electricity bill as on 01.04.2010 can avail this scheme for settling their outstanding dues. For this purpose consumer shall have to clear the bill raised from 01.04.2010 till the date of submission of application for OTS. CESU may also implement the aforesaid OTS Scheme.

You may get in touch with concerned JE or SDO or Executive Engineer for getting details in this matter. The portion in the Tariff Order related to OTS Scheme has been made available on the Commission's website (www.oriarc.org) for your reference.

Sd/-
Secretary I/c.
OERC

Relevant Extracts on OTS from RST Order of DISCOMs (FY 2012-13)

Implementation of OTS

1. Commission has allowed One Time Settlement Scheme for the Reliance Managed DISCOMs as well as for CESU vide order dated 20.07.2011 in Case Nos.4, 5 & 6 of 2010. The benefit under the OTS approved by the Commission is as under:-

<i>Sl No.</i>	<i>Type of Consumer</i>	<i>Quantum of Rebate</i>
1.	<i>Group 'A' consumers i.e. all LT category of consumers to whom DPS is not applicable</i>	<i>(i) 25% of the eligible amount if payment is made in three monthly installments within the scheme period i.e. 50% + 25% + 25%. (ii) 30% of the eligible amount as on 01.4.2011 if the payment is made in two equal monthly installments within the Scheme period i.e 50%+50%. (iii) 40% of the eligible amount as on 01.4.2011 if the payment is made in full at a time within the Scheme period i.e 100%.</i>
2.	<i>Group 'B' consumers i.e. all LT category of consumers to whom DPS is applicable.</i>	<i>(i) DPS in full + 15% of the eligible amount if payment is made in three 1monthly installments with the Scheme period i.e 50% + 25% + 25%. (ii) DPS in full + 20% of the eligible amount if payment is made in two equal monthly installments with the Scheme period i.e 50% + 50%. (iii) DPS in full + 25% of the eligible amount if full payment is made at a time within the Scheme period.</i>
3.	<i>Group-C consumers i.e. all HT& EHT consumers.</i>	<i>(i) 40% of DPS of the eligible amount if payment is made in three monthly installments within the Scheme period i.e. 50% + 25% + 25%. (ii) 50% of DPS of the eligible amount if payment is made in two equal monthly installments within the Scheme period. (iii) Full waiver of DPS of the eligible amount if payment is made in full within scheme period in one installment.</i>

2. The broad guidelines laid down by the Commission in their order dated 20.7.2011 in case No.4, 5, 6 of 2010 filed by NESCO, WESCO and SOUTHCO is applicable in the matter of collection of arrears by the four distribution companies. The broad guidelines of this OTS scheme are applicable in respect of the arrear electricity charges outstanding on the date of applying for the OTS out of the arrears outstanding as on 01.4.2010. In order to be eligible to the benefit under OTS the concerned consumer opting for the same at the 1st instance have to pay the outstanding bill if any towards the energy bill raised from 01.4.2010 till the date of submission of application for OTS.
3. Further, If there has been any revision of bills by the distribution companies under the existing complaint handling procedure or by an order of GRF/Ombudsman such amount, if forms a part of the arrear outstanding as on 1.4.2010 is to be excluded and the balance amount outstanding as on the date is to qualify for the benefit of the OTS.

Extension of OTS for FY2012-13

4. The three Reliance managed distribution companies have extended the benefits under OTS approved by the Commission in a phased manner but CESU has not implemented OTS in their area of operation during 2011-12. As per the feedback received, the response in the initial period was not encouraging, this has picked up in the later part of the current financial year, 2011-12. The question of involving the Members of the SAC in settling the arrear electricity dues by the consumers in a transparent manner through consumer mela was discussed in the meeting of the SAC held on 29.02.2012. In order to settle the arrear still outstanding as on 01.04.2010 and to ensure greater participation, the Commission hereby directs that OTS already approved by the Commission in their Order dtd. 20.07.2011 in Case No. 4, 5 & 6 of 2010 would be extended for the year 2012-13 i.e. upto 31.03.2013 for all the four distribution companies i.e. NESCO, WESCO, SOUTHCO and CESU. The benefits of the said OTS is applicable for the arrear outstanding as on 01.04.2010. In order to be eligible to get the benefit of One Time Settlement, the consumers have to clear at the first instance, the current bills raised from 01.04.2010 to till the date of filing application for OTS. All other terms and conditions, stipulations and the concession contained in the order dtd. 20.07.2011 in Case No. 4, 5, and 6 /2010 would mutatis mutandis remain unchanged for 2012-13.