

Meeting with Dr. A. K. Verma, JS (D), MoP

On 1st November 2017, a meeting was called by Dr. A.K Verma, JS(D), MoP to explore the capacity and capability of Prepaid / Smart /Static Meter Manufacturers and BIS accredited Meter testing labs to roll out Prepaid/Smart Meters in the country.



IEEMA representatives apprised Dr. Verma about the industry's capacity to meet the government's requirement of 2-3 Cr prepayment meters. As of now the industry has a capacity to manufacture more than 3 crore such meters per annum, which is lying under utilized. Presently there are 4 labs to test the Meters as per IS-15884 and it takes complete 4 months to get the meter type tested as per IS-15884 .

Dr. Verma requested to Meter Manufacturers (other than those 5 having IS-15884 Licenses) to get their product type tested and be ready for the tender.

Meeting of Meter Division

On 2nd November 2017 , Meter Division meeting was held at CBIP, Delhi under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jitendra Agarwal, The major discussion point were Status of the Industry, activities with Ministry of Power, Reverse Auction trend in the utilities etc .



The meeting was attended by 17 representatives of 13 member organizations, Mr. J. Pande, Sr Director, IEEMA and Mr. Akeel Khan, Executive Officer, IEEMA represented IEEMA in the meeting.

Workshop on Technical and Testing Challenges for Smart Meters

Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) and National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) had organized a Workshop on 'Technical and Testing Challenges for Smart Meters'. The Workshop aimed to review & discuss the need, expectation from smart grid and to discover the required features and functionality of smart meters to achieve the objective. The purpose of the workshop is also to review features which have lost relevance but may be a part of specification traditionally and may add cost or bring complexity.

The workshop was supported by IEEMA, Most of the members of IEEMA meter division participated in the workshop. Mr. Jitendra Agarwal, Chairman IEEMA Meter Division during his inaugural address congratulated the CBIP and NSGM for organizing the workshop on such an important and need of the hour topic and assured that IEEMA will always extend its support to all such initiatives. Mr. Ashish Tandon, Vice Chair, IEEMA Meter Division was also the part of panel discussion on "Need of smart metering".

Meeting of Cable Division Technical Committee

On 6th November 2017, Cable Division Technical committee meeting was held via video conferencing. The major points discussed are Type test validity of Cables, Price Variation Formula for EHV Cables, Clarification in 8 digit HSN codes of Power Cables etc. Representatives from KEC, POLYCAB, CABLE CORPORATION etc attended the meeting.

Meeting of Distribution Transformer Division

On 10th November 2017, Distribution Transformer Division meeting was held at IEEMA Delhi Office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pawan Kumar Jain, Chairman, Distribution Transformer Division. Mr. Alok Agarwal, Vice- Chairman, Distribution Transformer Division was also present during the meeting. The meeting was attended by 18 members from 17 organizations.



The major points discussed were regarding delay w.r.t inclusions and renewal of license by BIS; Discontinuation of Domestic Aluminium Prices w.e.f. January 2018; discussion on the circumvention of the Steel Quality Control Order; to plan meeting with Power Minister to discuss on the issue of dual certification; to plan workshop on Transformer installation and Maintenance; discussion on the cause of recent accident of transformer burst at Shahpur, Rajasthan; issues w.r.t BEE; Demo by M/s. Fatehpuria Transformers for overload protection system for DTs., preparation of white paper on poor quality of installation/maintenance of distribution transformers. Chairman also agreed to take up certain issues with Executive Council which is troubling the industry.



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