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Sub: - Uniform practice regarding supports to weather proof lines - directions issued - regarding

Ref: - Recommendations of the 15th meeting of the Distribution Core Committee

The ambiguity in conditions where a support to a weatherproof line is to be insisted has led to many disputes and litigations in the recent past. The Distribution Core Committee in its 15th meeting discussed the matter in detail. The Committee observed that there is presently no uniform practice for providing supports to weather proof wires. In some offices, PSC poles are insisted invariably whereas in some other offices, any support provided by the consumer would be taken as sufficient. Given the same set of conditions, one office would insist on a support pole and another office may not consider it necessary. All these are done as per the volition of the respective officers. The Committee observed that this practice is to be stopped and absolute standardization is to be done for ensuring fairness and safety.

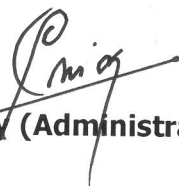
After detailed deliberations, the Committee suggested the following plan of action.

- ǎ The use of weather proof wire supports is to be insisted only to ensure statutory ground clearance or in cases where a support is necessary for avoiding infringement to other properties, and not as matter of practice or precedent.
- ǎ If a permanent fixture is provided by the applicant on any permanent structure to which the connection is sought, the

weatherproof wire to provide the connection can be drawn by fastening the support wire to the permanent fixture if sufficient ground clearance can be established by this and if the position of the metering point allows it. Adequate insulation at the fastening point shall also be ensured.

- ⌋ If a separate support is absolutely essential to maintain statutory ground clearance or to avoid infringements, only standard PSC poles shall be used.
- ⌋ The same principle is applicable in the case of road crossings also. If statutory ground clearance can be ensured without a separate support, support poles need not be insisted as a matter of practice or precedent.
- ⌋ In the case of crossings of National Highways and State Highways which are considerably broader than other roads, separate feasibility and appropriate solutions are to be evolved, considering the conditions at site.

Considering various aspects pertaining to the issue of weatherproof supports, the steps suggested by the Distribution Core Committee detailed above shall be followed for ensuring safety and standardisation in procedures. The direction herein overrides all directions issued previously in the subject matter.


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