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The Secretary, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for The State of Goa and Union Territories 3rd & 4th Plot No 55-56, Pathkind Lab Building Sector-18, Udyog Vihar Phase-IV Gurgaon, Haryana- 122105

Sub: Objections against JERC Draft Regulations for Transmission & Distribution Licensing

- Our Federation, Electricity Employees Federation of India, (EEFI) represents all section of Electricity employees from major states and Union Territories all over the country over 3 decades. Our affiliated organisations efficiently function in states and Union Territories to protect the interest of employees and electricity consumers.
- 2. It transpires that JERC has issued a Draft Regulations for Transmission & Distribution Licensing in its jurisdiction seeking comments and objections from stake holders.
- 3. It is astonishing to note that this impugned draft has neither been notified in JERC Web Portal nor in any other public domain / news media for information and needful action by the stake holders.
- 4. We noted with grave concern that Ministry of Power has trespassed the jurisdictions of Electricity Regulatory Commissions all over the country by issuing Standard Bidding Document and administrative decision towards privatisation of electricity business in Union Territories.
- 5. Our affiliated Union U T Powermen Union Chandigarh (Regd,) sued Government of India in the Hon'ble High Court of Chandigarh as detailed below:

CWP NO. 20439 OF 2020 UT Powermen Union, Chandigarh (Regd.) through its General Secretary Gopal Dutt Joshi - PETITIONER

VS

Union of India, Ministry of Power & Renewable Energy, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi through its Secretary and Others

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- 6. Hon'ble Lordships JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J & VIVEK PURI, J were pleased to accept the petition with valid points and issued an Order No. 119 CWP-20439-2020 Dated 01.12.2020 restraining the operation and effect of the impugned Office Memorandum Dated 10.06.2020.
- 7. Attempt of Government of India to vacate the order has been failed.
- 8. We note that JERC, should have been aggrieved due to unlawful trespassing by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, in their jurisdiction. On the contrary JERC has come forward to rescue the Ministry of Power by issuing this impugned Draft Regulation to expedite the process of curbing its rights. JERC being the quasi-judicial body should play impartial role in all its action/s and decisions.
- 9. We formally lodge our objections against the informal publication of Draft Regulations in its totality. We also claim to be notified in all JERC activities.

Thank you.

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