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To

As per list |Secretary, Energy / Power of all States and UTs

Sub.: Short Circuit withstand testing of transformers as per CEA's Regulations - Regarding

Sir,

Transformer is one of the important and expensive assets in the Power System and availability of such vital equipment plays an important role ensuring reliable power supply. During the service life, the transformer (Generator Transformer or Inter-Connecting Transformer or Distribution class transformer) is subjected to number of system faults with varying degree of short circuit level. The impact of such through fault remains unnoticed as any internal damage / movement of winding or core of the transformer due to external short circuit is not visible from outside. Transformers should have been designed to withstand such adverse situations (i.e. to withstand the thermal and dynamic effects of external short circuits without damage) and be suitably tested to ensure effectiveness of design, quality of product and manufacturing process. In view of above, Short Circuit testing has been introduced as a mandatory requirement as per Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standard for construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines) Regulations 2010, which is available in CEA's website "www.cea.nic.in". The relevant Regulations No. 10(3)(g), 37(4)(k), 43(2)(a)(vi) is reproduced below.

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- (a) 250MVA, 15.75/237KV three Phase Generator Transformer,
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### (d) Distribution class transformers of all ratings

In few years down the line, on-line as well as off-line Short Circuit testing facility would be available in the country at National High Power Test Laboratory Pvt. Ltd. (NHPTL), Bina and CPRI, Bangalore, respectively to cater to the requirement of manufacturers / utilities of the country for Short Circuit testing of transformers upto 765kV class.

In view of above, all the utilities may be advised to ensure that the transformers being supplied by various manufacturers have been subjected to Short Circuit test as per relevant IS/IEC standard meeting the requirement of above mentioned Regulations of CEA.

Yours faithfully,

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