

**BANGLADESH RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOARD**

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**LOAD MANAGEMENT**

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**SUBJECT: LOAD MANAGEMENT**

**I. PURPOSE**

In an electrical system, demand of various consumers occur at different time, at different season. As a result load is not constant throughout the day or throughout the year. In the PBS system all lighting loads come on at the evening and decrease at mid and late night; irrigation loads come on seasonal basis, small industrial loads normally come at day time and evening hours specially at Hats and Bazars. To decrease the load variation i.e. to run the electrical system more efficiently load management is necessary. To outline efforts which must be made in order to:

- A. Make maximum productive use of the electrical capacity of Distribution, Transmission & Generation System of the PBS, DPDC, DESCO, WZPDCO, NZPDCO and BPDB;  
and
- B. Maximum peak demand can be reduced by diversifying using time of connected load and there by improving operational efficiency that would reduce future investment and load shedding  
and
- C. Reduce system technical losses which are partially a function of the square of the current; and

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- D. In effect, allocate scarce electrical capacity to consumers in accordance with their real need, avoid excessive and un-necessary peaks in the systems demand caused by loads which might easily run during off-peak hour.

## II. GENERAL

It is not economically feasible to make the investments necessary to supply sufficient capacity in electric plant to serve 100% of the electric loads in Bangladesh at the same time, and for the volume of electric energy used during other times to be only a fraction of the PBS's, DPDC's, DESCO's, WZPDCO's, NZPDCO's and the BPDB's ability to supply electric capacity. If investments were made to carry all the load simultaneously, the tariffs necessary to support the investment would make the cost of electricity prohibitive for most uses.

In case of highly developed nations, the natural diversity of millions of loads tends to provide a base of electric consumption to power automatic refrigerators, water pumps, water heaters, air conditioners and/ or electric heat for homes & business. These appliances cycle on & off automatically 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and thus provides a base load with a very high annual Load Factor (high utilization of the investment made to provide electric capacity). However in the village of rural Bangladesh the typical domestic consumers now uses electric service primarily for lighting, and mostly between the hours from 6:00 PM to 11.00 PM. Electric service to these Domestic consumers has very little value during other hours of each day. Thus the Load Factor of these consumers is very low, the utilization of the investment made to serve these consumers is very low. However, the return on the investment to serve these consumer class is a social value and not a Cash Value. Whenever there is any shortage of electrical capacity, the PBS systems must be hold capacity primarily for Domestic consumers from 6:00 PM until 11:00 PM and all

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commercial consumers from 6:00 AM until 8:00 PM daily. Domestic consumers are consuming 64.27% of total MWH consumption of PBSs (Annual Report 2017-2018).

The third most important category of loads would be electric irrigation pumps which are seasonal load. These increase the productivity of the land and thus provide additional income for the land owners and laborers, and foreign exchange when the agricultural products are exported. Irrigation is best done at night, after the domestic peak load time. During the hours from 11:00 PM until 8:00 AM the electrical capacity can be largely reserved for irrigation loads. Electric capacity is available during these hours, as it is not required for other loads. By following this arrangement there should be adequate electrical capacity for all requirements without the need for excessive load-shedding and without the need for excessive investment to build new capacity unless the new capacity can operate at a high load factor.

### III. POLICY

It has always been the implied policy for capacity to be reserved largely for Domestic, small commercial and street lighting consumers during the systems peak load hours. This policy has been implied by restrictions in the contracts for service to Irrigation and General power consumer rather than in a PBS policy Instruction, it is now necessary to place emphasis and priority to ensure that these restrictions are enforced. In addition the following policy is established:

- A. **General Power Consumers** : Whose operation cannot be limited to the hours from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, when required for the PBS to maintain an annual Load Factor of at least 55%, the following shall apply :

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**1. Annual Demand Charge**

Pay an annual demand charge which reflects the full cost of reserving generating, transmission & distribution capacity exclusively for their use, or

**2. Time of Day Tariff**

At the option of the PBS, and/or as directed by BREB, have a Time of Day meter installed and pay for service under a rate schedule established to recover the cost of reserving capacity in generation, transmission and distribution exclusively for their use during the Peak Load Hours. TOU (Time of Use) can be installed for this purpose.

**3. Time Switch**

During dry season, irrigation pump run by electricity should remain off during evening peak hour. The pumps may be fed through time switch. To implement time switch, distribution line should be built with time switch. Irrigation consumers shall be insisted to operate their pumps from 11PM to 8AM each day.

**4. For industrial plants which operate a full 3 shifts per day, paragraphs IIIA 1 & 2 above shall be applicable.**

**B. Irrigation Consumers:**

- (1) For so long as the Peak Demand on the PBS sub-station is from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM is reasonable low in comparison to the Peak Demand during the hours from 6.00 PM to 11.00 PM, Irrigation consumers may be allowed to operate at any time except from 6.00 PM to 11.00 PM. and
- (2) Whenever the Annual Peak Load during the hours from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM approaches the Annual Peak during the hours from 6:00 PM to 11.00 PM all

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irrigation consumers will be discouraged to operate their pumps during 8.00 AM to 11.00 PM and will be notified in writing. Suitable metering may be installed when deemed necessary to monitor compliance.

C. PBS systems whose mix of Irrigation, Domestic & GP Consumers indicates a potential low annual load factor problem may, at the option of PBS, have their substation meters replaced (or modified) with a meter suitable for recording the peak demand separately for every 15 minute interval during each month. Analysis of the tapes or charts from these advanced type substation meters will be done monthly by BREB personnel with advice and assistance of the consultants. Whenever the 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Peak Load approaches the 6:00 PM to 11.00 PM Peak Load, the PBS will be notified that the provisions of paragraph III B (2) shall immediately become effective.

#### IV. SOCIAL-MANAGEMENT

Each PBS will motivate on the optimum use of power & benefit of load Management:

1. By miking and distribution of leaflet to motivate PBS consumers the following measure can be taken for non-consumption or minimum consumption of electricity during system peak hours by the categories of consumers who can afford to do so are to be done specially at the time of power crisis and at the time of frequent load shedding. It is also to be motivated that domestic appliance such as electric iron, heaters, water pumps, Mills and factories should not be operated during peak hours.
2. Each PBS will educate it's key employees/staffs and stakeholders to acquaint them with the elements of cost associated with the operation of any electric utility, and the need for and benefits of achieving and maintaining a high annual Load Factor.

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