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To

**The Hon'ble Chief Minister
Government of Haryana
Chandigarh**

Hon'ble Sir,

Subject: Policy decision against parallel distribution licensing — HERC Order dated 19.10.2026 granting licence to Eleven Power Private Limited for Gurugram and Nuh

Ref: HERC Order dated 19.10.2026 in Petition No. 30 of 2026.

The National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE), a coordination platform of the national federations of electricity employees and engineers, has taken note of the order of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission dated 19.10.2026 in Petition No. 30 of 2026. By this order the Commission has granted a 25-year parallel distribution licence to Eleven Power Private Limited for the revenue districts of Gurugram and Nuh — the first such licence in Haryana — despite the opposition of the State Government, the State utilities, engineers, employees, farmers' organisations and other stakeholders.

The Energy Minister has stated that the Government opposed the proposal throughout, that the order is unacceptable, that the Government does not want parallel licences, and that an appeal will be filed before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity. NCCOEEE notes the decision to appeal. An appeal by itself does not discharge the Government's responsibility. The Government cannot treat the order as something it is bound to implement, nor leave the matter to the uncertainty of litigation.

The Haryana Electricity Employees and Engineers Joint Forum has announced agitation against the order: burning of effigies on 20 October 2026, burning of copies of the order on 21 October 2026, and a three-day statewide strike on 22–24 October 2026. The order is anti-people and anti-employee. Employees, engineers, consumers, farmers' organisations, Khap Panchayats and rural citizens will participate in the movement to protect the public electricity sector.

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Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 permits more than one distribution licensee in the same area; it does not require grant on every application. Gurugram and Nuh together constitute a large share of DHBVNL's revenue. The Applicant is a recently incorporated special-purpose company without an operating distribution system. The Commission has held that the absence of a State migration framework, the non-applicability of cross-subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge to full switch-over, the risk of stranded power-purchase costs, and the impact on residual consumers are matters for post-grant regulation. Left unchallenged by a clear policy stand, these findings will become the basis for further licences.

The State Government has the power under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to issue directions in matters of policy involving public interest, by which the State Commission is to be guided. A written policy direction that parallel distribution licensing is not the policy of the State of Haryana will be relevant to the Commission, to APTEL, and to any future proceeding. The Government is the owner of the public utilities and the authority responsible for the cross-subsidy that supports agricultural and domestic consumers. It is not a bystander.

An appeal not accompanied by a firm and continuing policy position will be treated as a technical exercise. The political alignment between the State Government and the Central Government makes a clear and consistent State position particularly important. A firm public stand against parallel licensing will carry weight at the Centre. Silence or a half-hearted challenge will be read as acceptance of the order in substance.

NCCOEEE therefore requests that the Government of Haryana:

1. Take and announce an immediate policy decision that parallel distribution licensing is not the policy of the State, and that the licence granted to Eleven Power Private Limited is opposed in public interest.
2. Issue a written direction under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 that the public interest requires distribution through the existing public utilities, and that the Commission be guided by this policy in all matters relating to the implementation or further grant of parallel licences.
3. Pursue the appeal before APTEL or High Court, as seems appropriate, with full seriousness, with the State utilities as active parties, and with clear instructions that no facilitation of network construction or consumer migration be given pending the appeal.
4. Direct the concerned departments and utilities not to grant right-of-way, land or other clearances that would allow facts to be created on the ground while the appeal is pending.

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5. Strengthen the public distribution utilities through investment and employee participation.
6. Place on record in the appeal that the Government does not accept the Commission's conclusion that financial impacts, stranded costs and the absence of a migration framework are not grounds for refusal.
7. Enter into immediate dialogue with the Haryana Electricity Employees and Engineers Joint Forum and address the concerns that have led to the announced agitation.

NCCOEEE requests that the Government of Haryana act on the position it has already taken, and that it not allow the order of 19.10.2026 to be implemented by default.

Yours faithfully,



**(Sudip Dutta)
Convener**