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To

Steering Committee Members
Madam / Dear Sir,

Subject: BBPS-Steering Committee – Participation thereof

RBI Guidelines: The Guidelines on Implementation of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) issued by RBI on 28.11.2014 stipulate as follows:

Para 36. The BBPS must have a Steering Group in order to encourage participative decision-making in the development and implementation of standards for the bill payment system. Representation in the Steering Group will be as per the approved procedural guidelines for the BBPS.

Rationale for appointment: The membership of the Steering Committee has to be broad-based, with reasonable representation to different categories of stakeholders among the BBPOUs. The Bharat Bill Payment System Steering Committee membership must consist of senior functionaries of the stakeholders.

There would be only one person nominated by name from each of the participating stakeholders, generally at the level of at least a DGM or above from banks and of appropriate matching seniority from other stakeholders.

The following criterion is considered whilst constituting the steering committee as well as for continuation of its membership:

- Active participation in the affairs of the steering committee and contribution

Participation in BBPS in terms of its role as a COU and BOU; i.e. support to the initiative/ecosystem especially as a steering committee member

- Whilst conveying appointment of the BBPOUs on the steering committee this is emphasized to maintain this philosophy

The members will appreciate that designated active seniority level representation is imperative to recommend decisions that are binding on all the participating stakeholders in the scheme.

In this regard it has been observed that representation from some of the steering committee members falls short of expected seniority impeding valuable contribution and delays decision making. Quite often the attending stakeholders have expressed their inability to take decisions on critical matters and need to go back to their respective seniors for confirmation. Similar issue has also been observed whilst conducting task force and other consultative committee meetings.

It is our earnest request that going forward only senior functionaries or designated empowered representation is ensured to maintain the criticality and functionality of the steering committee.

Yours sincerely,



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