

MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, BHOPAL

**Sub:** In the matter of period of temporary connections to Agricultural consumers

**ORDER**

**Date of hearing: 21/11/2017**

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1. **M. P. Power Management Co. Ltd.,**  
Shakti Bhawan, Rampur,  
Jabalpur – 482 008.
2. **M.P. Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.**  
GPH Compound, Pologround,  
Indore - 452 015.
3. **M.P. Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.**  
Nishtha Parisar, Govindpura,  
Bhopal – 462 023.
4. **M. P. Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,**  
Shakti Bhawan, Rampur,  
Jabalpur – 482 008.

**Respondents**

Shri V.D. Joglekar, GM appeared on behalf of respondent No. 1. Shri A.R. Verma, GM appeared on behalf of respondent No. 3. Shri Shailendra Jain, appeared on behalf of respondent No. 2. None appeared on behalf of respondent No. 4.

2. The subject petition has been registered by the Commission taking suo moto cognizance in respect of the directions of the Government of Madhya Pradesh under section 108 of the Electricity Act 2003 issued in view of prevailing draught situations in State. The State Government has directed the Commission to allow agricultural consumers opting for temporary connections through payment of charges in advance for only two months, in place of three months as stipulated at para 1.4 of Tariff Schedule LV 5 of retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18, if agricultural consumer applies for temporary connection for a period up to two months. The Commission issued a notice to the respondents on 08/11/2017 directing them to file their response in the matter by 14/11/2017. The Commission had also published a public notice in the news papers on 09/11/2017 regarding the modification to be incorporated in para 1.4 of Tariff Schedule LV 5 of retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18. The Commission scheduled public hearing in the matter on 21/11/2017.

3. Respondents through their written submission have submitted that looking to the inadequate rains in the State resulting into hardship to the farmers and also to the declaration of the State Government for various parts of the State as drought affected areas, they give their concurrence to the directives of the State Government to accept payment of the charges in advance for a minimum of two months in place of three months for agricultural consumers opting for temporary connections, as stipulated in para 1.4 of Tariff Schedule LV 5 of retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18. Respondents further requested that proposed changes in the tariff order be allowed as one time

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measure i.e. for the period of retail supply tariff order FY 2017-18 only. The Commission has neither received any comments from the stakeholders other than respondents in response to the public notice published in the news papers nor any stakeholders appeared before the Commission during the public hearing.

4. During the hearing respondents informed the Commission that they agree to the directions given by the State Govt. The Commission is well aware of the grave situation in the State due to deficient rain fall, thus it has decided to allow the agricultural consumers opting for temporary connections through payment of charges in advance for only two months, in place of three months as stipulated at paragraph 1.4 of Tariff Schedule LV 5 of retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18, if agricultural consumer applies for temporary connection for a period up to two months. Accordingly, paragraph 1.4 of the Tariff Schedule LV 5 stands modified as given below:

*“Agricultural consumers opting for temporary supply upto two months shall have to pay the charges in advance for **two** months including those who request to avail connection for one month only subject to replenishment from time to time for extended period and adjustment as per final bill after disconnection. In case of extension of time period of temporary connection beyond two months, the agricultural consumer shall again deposit the charges for additional time for which the extension has been sought. Regarding temporary connection for the purpose of threshing the crops, temporary connection for a period of one month can be served at the end of Rabi and Kharif seasons only with payment of one month’s charges in advance.”*

5. The above amendment stands applicable for the period of the retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18 only.

Ordered accordingly

(Alok Gupta)  
Member

(A. B. Bajpai)  
Member

(Dr. Dev Raj Birdi)  
Chairman

