



Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Date: 16.10.2007

Sub: In the matter of grant of permission for allowing rebate and incentive to the consumers in the tariff for the year 07-08 in the area of M.P. Poorva Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., Jabalpur

ORDER (Petition No. 44/07)

Shri Pramod Agrawal, CMD, West Discom appears on behalf of petitioner. Shri Pankaj Agrawal, CMD appears on behalf of East Discom and Shri Sanjay Shukla, CMD appears on behalf of Central Discom.

2. During the hearing on 16.10.07, the representative of the West Discom has submitted that the West Discom has already issued orders on 22.9.07 regarding following schemes :-

- (a) Rebate/incentive scheme for permanent agricultural consumers
- (b) Rebate/incentive scheme for temporary agricultural consumers
- (c) Rebate/incentive scheme for existing domestic consumers
- (d) For regularizing unauthorized domestic connections in rural area

3. The CMD, West Discom expressed his regret that by mistake, the above orders have been issued before approval of the Commission.

4. The Commission during the earlier hearing on 28.9.07 has already stated that in the matter of incentive for recovery of arrears, the Commission does not come into the picture. The Commission, therefore, directs the Discoms that for above scheme (a) and (c), the Discoms need not come to the Commission and tariff as determined by the Commission shall be billed to all categories of consumers as applicable to them but the Discoms, with the approval of their Board of Directors, can allow rebate towards collection of arrears.

5. The Commission further observes that the proposed regularization of unauthorized domestic connection by allowing concession/rebate is against the provisions of MPERC (Recovery of expenses and other charges for providing electric line or plant used for the purpose of giving supply) Regulation, 2006. The Commission also observes that the Discoms themselves have proposed assessment of 38 units per month per consumer for rural un-metered domestic connections during determination of tariff for FY08. The Commission, therefore, directs that the above proposal (d) can not be accepted in absence of detailed study undertaken by the Discoms.

6. Regarding proposal (b) for providing rebate/incentive scheme for temporary agricultural consumers, the CMD, West Discom and CMD, East Discom have submitted that with the similar scheme, the collections from temporary agricultural connections were increased manifold. The Commission, therefore, directs that rebate as proposed by the West and East Discoms may be allowed by the respective Discoms to such cultivators who are not in arrears and subject to the condition that the minimum collection from temporary agricultural connections during FY08 should be increased to at least two times that of last year.

7. The Commission also directs that the above directions are not applicable to the Central Discom as the Discom has not deposited the prescribed processing fee.

8. With the above directions, the petition no. 44/07 stands closed.

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