

MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, BHOPAL

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

ORDER

Date of hearing: 10/07/2018

Date of order: 12/07/2018

- 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 Lokesh Malviya, Manager (RM) appeared on behalf of respondent No. 1. Shri Shailendra Jain, Deputy Director appeared on behalf of respondent No. 2. Shri Himanshu Saxena, A.O. and Shri Neeraj Shukla, Legal Associate appeared on behalf of respondent No. 3. Shri G.D.Wasnik GM (Comml) appeared on behalf of respondent No. 4.

2. The subject petition has been registered by the Commission taking suo moto cognizance in response to the directions of the Government of Madhya Pradesh under section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 issued in view of the Mukhya Mantri Sthayi Krishi Pump Yojna under implementation during FY 2018-19 for conversion of all temporary pump connections to permanent connections with the facility of flat rate billing. The scheme is under implementation and so far three Lakh permanent connections have been served. Considering the facility given to the temporary pump connections under the scheme, 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 the retail supply tariff order for FY 2018-19, if agricultural consumer applies for temporary connection for a period up to two months. Further, 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 extension has been sought by him. This direction shall be applicable only for the year 2018-19.

3. The Commission issued a notice to the respondents on 04/06/2018 directing them to file their response in the matter by 03/07/2018. The Commission had also published a public notice in the news papers on 05/06/2018 regarding the proposed amendment in para 1.4 of Tariff Schedule

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LV 5 of the retail supply tariff order for FY 2018-19. The Commission scheduled public hearing in the matter on 10/07/2018.

4. Respondents through their written submission have submitted that they gave their concurrence to the directives of the State Government to allow agricultural consumers opting for temporary connection, payment of the charges in advance for only two months, in place of three months prescribed in para 1.4 of Tariff Schedule LV 5 of retail supply tariff order for FY 2017-18, if they apply for temporary connection for a period up to two months. Respondents further requested that proposed changes in the tariff order be allowed as one time measure i.e. for the period of retail supply tariff order FY 2018-19 only. The Commission has not received any comments from the stakeholders in response to the public notice published in the news papers. Also none of the stakeholders other than the respondents appeared before the Commission during the public hearing.

5. During the hearing the respondents agreed to the directions given by the State Govt. The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed amendment does not have any effect on any other category of the consumers. Accordingly, paragraph 1.4 of the Tariff Schedule LV 5 stands modified as given below:

“As per requirement, agricultural consumers opting for temporary supply shall have to pay the charges in advance for two months only if he applies for temporary connection for a period up to two months 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. This provision is applicable only for the Financial Year 2018-19.”

Ordered accordingly

(Mukul Dhariwal)
Member

(Dr. Dev Raj Birdi)
Chairman