

Sub: In the matter of petition seeking clarifications on various issues regarding installation of pre-paid meters under the provisions of Regulation 11.14 of M.P. Electricity Supply Code, 2013, Regulations 6.1.2 and 6.1.4 of MPERC (Recovery of Expenses and other charges for providing electric line of plant used for the purpose of giving supply) (Revision-I) Regulations, 2009 read with Section 86 and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003

ORDER

(Date of hearing: 18th April,2017)

(Date of order: 26th April,2017)

M.P. Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., - Petitioner No.1
Shakti Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar, Jabalpur

M.P. Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., - Petitioner No.2
GPH Compound, Pologround, Indore

M.P. Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., - Petitioner No.3
Nishtha Parisar, Bijlee

Shri S.K.Okhade, DGM appeared on behalf of the petitioner no.1.

Shri Ashish Jain, CA and Shri Rahul Sharma, Law Assistant appeared on behalf of the petitioner no.2.

Shri A.R. Verma, GM appeared on behalf of the petitioner no.3.

2. The petitioner no.1, M.P. Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., Jablapur had filed a petition seeking clarifications on various issues regarding installation of pre-paid meters under the provisions of Regulation 11.14 of M.P. Electricity Supply Code, 2013, Regulations 6.1.2 and 6.1.4 of MPERC (Recovery of Expenses and other charges for providing electric line of plant used for the purpose of giving supply) (Revision-I) Regulations, 2009 read with Section 86 and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The case was listed for motion hearing on 22.11.2016.

3. During the motion hearing on 22.11.2016, the petitioner no.1 restated the contents of the petition. The Commission noted that the petition was premature and some modifications are required. The Commission, therefore, directed the petitioner no.1 to discuss the issues with other two Discoms of the State and study similar practice in other States and thereupon file the amended petition. The next date of motion hearing was fixed for 24.01.2017.

4. During the motion hearing on 24.01.2017, the petitioner no.1 submitted that a revised joint petition shall be filed by the three Distribution Licensees. The Commission allowed all the three Discoms to file a joint petition. The next date of motion hearing was fixed for 21.02.2017.

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5. The petitioners have submitted a joint petition on 24.01.2017. During the motion hearing on 21.02.2017, the petitioners submitted that the practices prevailing in some of the States have been studied. A copy of the study report along with copies of the relevant orders/Regulations was also filed. The petitioner also requested the Commission to issue separate Regulations on pre-paid metering. The Commission admitted the petition for hearing and directed the petitioners to submit by 10.04.2017, a comparative chart of the metering charges allowed in other States, the details of expenditure to be incurred for frequent inspection of the premises and the operational cost to be borne by the Discoms towards generation of recharge coupon etc. The next date of hearing was fixed for 18.04.2017.

6. During the hearing on 18.04.2017, the petitioners restated the contents of the petition and requested the Commission to issue the Regulations on pre-paid metering.

7. Having heard the petitioners and on considering their written submissions, the Commission observed that there are various Operational and Regulatory issues needs to be considered in detail before initiating the process of framing the separate Regulations for pre-paid metering in the State. The Commission is, therefore, of the view that under the present circumstances, the draft Regulations submitted by the petitioners would need to be revisited.

8. In view of the above, the petition no. 57/2016 stands disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

(Alok Gupta)
Member

(A.B.Bajpai)
Member

(Dr. Dev Raj Birdi)
Chairman