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Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

5th Floor, Metro Plaza, Arera Colony, Bittan Market, Bhopal 462 016

Petition No. 159 of 2005

M.P. ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BHOPAL

SUB: IN THE MATTER OF PETITION UNDER SECTION 26(2) (D) OF MADHYA PRADESH SUDHAR ADHINIYAM, 2000 IN THE MATTER OF FIXATION OF NEW TARIFF FOR THE YEAR 2005-06.

 M/s. M.P. Cold Storage Association
 Petitioner

 115-B, Industrial Area, Pologround,
 Petitioner

 Indore ♦ 452015.
 V/s.

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 M.P. Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,
 Respondent

 Indore.

<u>ORDER</u>

(As passed on this day of 25th April, 2006)

Shri Hasmukh Jain, Secretary appear on behalf of the Petitioner.

Shri D.K. Ojha, Addl. S.E. O/o CMD (WZ) appear on behalf of the Respondent.

2. Petition is in the matter under section 26(2) (d) of Madhya Pradesh Sudhar Adiniyam, 2000 in the matter of fixation of new tariff for the year 2005-06.

3. The Petitioner submits that at present cold storages are considered under industrial category and the tariff are applicable as per Commission s tariff order dated 29/06/2005. The petitioner further submits that power is the main raw material for a cold storage unit, which mainly preserve the crop of the farmers. Cold storage helps in preservation, save natural colours of the crop and control loss of weight. Cold storage industry has been regulated by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation which clearly indicates that cold storages are agriculture based industries. Lack of cold storage facilities will deprive the farmers in fetching remunerative prices of their yield.

4. During the course of hearing petitioner submits that as per the Tariff Order 2006-07 cold storages have been included in the category of LV-5.2 Agriculture related use in rural area but cold storages having HT connections have not been considered. The petitioner therefore submits to the Commission to consider the cold storages in the Agricultural Users Category in the Schedule HV 5 of HT category also.

5. Having heard the parties, Commission observes that the request of the petitioner in the matter of fixation of separate tariff for FY 2005 for cold storages cannot be considered as it is time barred. But if he wants to submit for review of tariff order dated 31/03/2006 he is at liberty to submit a review petition in the prescribed time limit alongwith the prescribed process fee.

With the above directions, Commission decides to close the case.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-

(R.Natarajan) Member (Econ.) Sd/-(D.Roybardhan) Member (Engg.) Sd/-(P.K.Mehrotra) Chairman

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