



Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Date: 31.10.2006

Sub:- Application under section -55 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for extending period to supply electricity to un-metered consumers in the Madhya Pradesh.

ORDER
Petition No. 67, 68 and 69/2005

Shri J.L. Garg SE and Shri P. R. Subedar, A.E., O/o CMD (WZ) appear on behalf of M.P. Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., Indore.

Shri R.K. Sharma SE (works), O/o CMD (CZ), appears on behalf of M.P. Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., Bhopal.

None appears for M.P. Poorva Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., Jabalpur.

These petitions had been filed by the Distribution licensees in the State for extending period to supply electricity to unmetered consumers under section-55(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

2. During the course of past proceedings in the matter on 22nd June 2005 and 12th July 2005, the Commission under second proviso of section 55 of the Electricity Act 2003 had issued directives to all three Distribution licensees to complete the work of meterisation on all balance unmetered connections with in time limit as given below:

Name of Company	Total unmetered consumers reported by the licensee as on June 2005		Time extension given by the Commission to complete 100% meterisation work	
	Domestic	Agricultural	Domestic	Agricultural
East Discom	3,66,406	1,78,357	March 2006	September 2007
Central Discom	2,10,088	2,14,453	March 2006	December 2007
West Discom	96,719	3,03,374	December 2005	December 2007

3. While reviewing the progress of meterisation during the course of last hearing held on 19.07.2006, the Commission had expressed deep concern on very slow pace of meterisation by East and Central Distribution Companies and observed large number of unmetered domestic consumers (3,46,073 in East Discom and 90,716 in Central Discom) while the time period extended by the Commission to complete this task had been over by March 2006. The Commission with a lenient view in order to make these two licensees realize the importance and urgency to complete meterisation task, had provisionally imposed a penalty of Re 1.0 for each case of violation under section 142 of the Electricity Act 2003 and the Commission keeping in mind the advance stage of procurement action, which the licensee has already reached had allowed further time one month's time for completing this task of providing correct meters to all unmetered domestic consumers.

4. While reviewing the progress of meterisation up to last quarter ending September'06 during the course of hearing today, the Commission has observed the following status:

Name of Company	Total no. of unmetered connections as on 1st April'06		Total no. of meters provided during quarter ending September'06		Total no. of unmetered connections as on 1st Oct '06		Percentage unmetered as on 1st Oct '06	
	Dom.	Agri.	Dom.	Agri.	Dom.	Agri.	Dom.	Agri.
East Discom	3,59048	151184	19134	1590	326939	139733	18.6%	51.5%
West Discom	6,685	2,66,828	2682	Nil	4003	2,66,828	0.25%	55%
Central Discom	1,16,720	1,94,483	50,440	14,648	65452	1,79,835	5%	65%

The Commission has expressed concern on large number of unmetered domestic consumers in East Distribution Company, Jabalpur and Central Distribution Company, Bhopal and indolent performance of the West Distribution Company, Indore in compliance with section 55(1) of the Electricity Act 2003 in respect of agricultural consumers. The representatives of Distribution Companies have again submitted before the Commission that all out efforts are being made by them to provide meters on all unmetred domestic

consumers on first priority and requested the Commission to condone the penalty imposed on the Companies during last date of hearing in the matter. The Commission has considered the request of the Distribution Companies and waived off the amount of penalty provisionally imposed on the licensees vide last order sheet in the matter with the clear directives to the Distribution licensees that the Commission shall take into account the metered sale of units only for evaluating power purchase cost while working out Annual Revenue Requirement of the Distribution licensee. The Commission does not intend now to pursue this matter in formal course of hearing and therefore, this petition stands closed.

(D.Roybardhan)
Member (Engg.)

(P.K.Mehrotra)
Chairman