

BEFORE
THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
LUCKNOW

Petition No.: 1086 / 2016

PRESENT:

1. Hon'ble Sri Desh Deepak Verma, Chairman
2. Hon'ble Sri InduBhushanPandey, Member
3. Hon'ble Sri Suresh Kumar Agarwal, Member

IN THE MATTER OF:

ONE TIME SETTLEMENT SCHEME (OTS) OF 100% SURCHARGE WAIVER FOR LMV-1 (RURAL) AND LMV-5 (RURAL) CONSUMERS FOR THE LIMITED PERIOD, W.E.F. THE DATE OF ORDER TO 31.03.2016.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

1. MadhyanchalVidyutVitran Nigam Limited, Lucknow (MVVNL)
2. PurvanchalVidyutVitran Nigam Limited, Varanasi (PUVVNL)
3. DakshinanchalVidyutVitran Nigam Limited, Agra (DVVNL)
4. PaschimanchalVidyutVitran Nigam Limited, Meerut (PVVNL)

ORDER

1. The Commission in the aforementioned matter issued an Order dated February 18, 2016 wherein the Commission had directed that:-

"14. The Commission is of the view that the above increase in Tariff (10% after December 31, 2015) will further cause hardship to such consumers who have mainly been affected by the drought in the State. Also as admitted by the licensees themselves, they have miserably failed in achieving the very important objective of 100% metering and hence because of their failure, the consumers should not be punished by asking them to pay a higher tariff (10%

after December 31, 2015). Therefore considering the submissions of the licensees and other relevant facts, the Commission in order to grant relief to all the rural domestic consumers of the 50 districts notified as drought hit by the State Government, decides in public interest to defer the above increase of 10% after December 31, 2015, for next three months. This means that increase of 10% will now be effective only after March 31, 2016. In case the pathetic conditions of the farmers continue and / or the Petitioners fail to submit the desired information, the Commission would consider extending this time further. It is also clarified that in case the licensees have realised this increased tariff from the consumers, then such amount should be adjusted in their future bills. In case the State distribution licensees wish that the relief should be extended to rest of the districts also, they may approach the Commission with details to substantiate its request. It may be clarified that these Orders would have no bearing on the final Orders that the Commission may eventually pass in this Petition on the issue of OTS Scheme.”

2. Further in the said Order the Commission had also directed the State distribution licensees to submit their comments on the above observations along with the data / clarifications sought vide Commission's letter dated February 8, 2016 within 15 days.
3. In the Order dated February 18, 2016, the Commission in public interest had given clear direction that the increase of 10% will be effective only after March 31, 2016. In case the pathetic conditions of the farmers continue and / or the Petitioners fail to submit the desired information, the Commission would consider extending this time further.
4. It is pertinent to note that the distribution licensees have not made any such submission as per the direction of the Commission. Further in Tariff Proposal for FY 2016-17, the distribution licensees have not proposed any hike for the concerned category.
5. Taking the above facts into consideration the Commission hereby puts the above discussed 10% rise in abeyance till further Order of the Commission.
6. Further all distribution licensees and UPPCL are directed to upload all Orders being issued by the Commission on their respective websites for the easy access of all the stakeholders and the public at large, also if required they must follow the Clause 139



of the UPERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 and its amendments from time to time.

(S. K. Agarwal)
Member

(I. B. Pandey)
Member

(Desh Deepak Verma)
Chairman

Place: Lucknow

Date: April 18, 2016