



**BEFORE
THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
LUCKNOW**

Suo-Moto Proceeding

IN THE MATTER OF:

Suo-Moto Proceedings for Implementation for Pre-paid Metering

And

IN THE MATTER OF:

1. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL), Shakti Bhawan, 14 – Ashok Marg, Lucknow.
2. Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (MVVNL), Prag Narain Road, Lucknow.
3. Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (PuVVNL), 132 KV S/s, Bhikaripur Vidyut Nagar, Varanasi.
4. Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (PVVNL), Victoria Park, Meerut.
5. Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (DVVNL), Vidyut Bhawan, Gailana Road, Agra.
6. Kanpur Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (KESCo), KESA House, 14/71, Civil Lines, Kanpur.
7. Noida Power Company Ltd. (NPCL), Commercial Complex, H-Block, Alpha II Sector, Greater Noida City.

..... **Petitioners or affected Distribution Licensees**

The following were present:

1. Shri S. K. Verma, CE, LESA, MVVNL
2. Shri V. K. Sharma, CE, MVVNL
3. Shri S. K. Kohli, MVVNL
4. Shri S. A. Jain, CE, PVVNL
5. Shri Vijay Saluja, SE(Com.) UPPCL
6. Brijesh Kuma, EE, UPPCL
7. Shri R. P. Prasad, EE (Com.) UPPCL
8. Shri S. C. Gupta, UPPCL
9. Shri V.P. Yadava, UPPCL
10. Shri R. K. Jain, UPPCL
11. Shri A. K. Pathak, UPPCL
12. Shri G. D. Dwivedi, SE, LESA
13. Shri P. Tripathi, S.E. Com. PuVVNL, Varanasi
14. Shri Sanket Srivastava, NPCL, Greater Noida
15. Shri A. K. Arora, NPCL
16. Shri Ramkumar, DD. , UPNEDA HQ



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17. Shri Ashok Kumar Srivastava, P.O. UPNEDA/UPSNA
 18. Shri Yogesh Hajela, KESCO
 19. Shri G. C. Jha, KESCO
 20. Shri Gaurav Srivastava, Secure Meters
 21. Shri Sunil Gupta, Secure Meters
 22. Shri Moloy Das, Secure Meters

ORDER

(Hearing dated- June 16, 2016)

The Commission issued order dated May 11, 2015 in the matter Petition No. 1015 of 2015 in the matter 'fixation of Tariff for prepaid metering'. However seeing slow progress in the implementation of prepaid metering the Commission vide notice for attendance of hearing in exercise of Powers Accorded under Section 94 (1) of Electricity Act, 2003 ref : UPERC / Secy /D(T) 2016-97 dated June 13, 2016 , invited all stakeholders to answer all material question relating to the admissibility of the matter along with all relevant papers on the June 16, 2016

During the hearing the Commission enquired why HCL has not appeared despite of notice being issued. Shri R. K. Jain replied that they are not present in the Town. The Commission showed its extreme displeasure over non appearance of HCL and directed Shri R. K. Jain appearing on behalf of UPPCL, to ensure the presence of representative of HCL not below the rank of Project Manager on the next date of hearing else suitable and stringent action will be taken against UPPCL and HCL.

In line with notice dated June 13, 2016 UPPCL submitted that 168 towns are under R-APDRP so prepaid meters can be installed only in these 168 towns within 6 months. ABC code has been provided in October only by M/s Secure Meters which was not supplied earlier so it could not be integrated with the HCL system.

Regarding Progress of Installing prepaid meters the Licensee has made following submissions:

- PVVNL submitted that out of 15000 meters purchased, 9839 meters have been installed



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- MVVNL has given the orders of 5000 meters, in the lots of 1250 meters and these meters are being installed.
 - PVVNL submitted that out of 1500 meters procured 1009 meters have been installed.
 - KESCO has installed 1550 meters.
- DVVNL is initiating the installation of prepaid meters but people are not ready due to high cost of meters.

In this regard, taking into consideration the submissions made by the licensees, the Commission hereby Directs the following:

1. The meter purchased by the Discoms shall be installed within 6 months. It is emphasised that purchasing and keeping the material so long without any utilisation may become a serious audit objection .
2. All Discoms should advertise the benefits of prepaid metering and immediately install the meters on the premises of the willing consumers.
3. The following targets were issued by the Commission for installation of prepaid meters within 3 months from the date of hearing i.e. June 16, 2016.

Name of Licensee	No. of meters
PVVNL	15000
PuVVNL	10000
DVVNL	10000
MVVNL	10000
KESCO	5000
NPCL	5000

4. Either prepaid or AMR shall be installed on the Telecom towers.

The Commission expressed its unhappiness over delay in integration of prepaid meters with the HCL system. The Commission directs that all integration requirements shall be completed by HCL without any further delay but not later than 15th August 2016.



The Commission further directs that Discoms should endeavour to install prepaid meters on the connection of Govt. Colonies/ Offices and Telecom Towers.

If the above directions are not complied within the time frame, it shall be treated as repeated non compliance of the Commission's order dated May 11, 2015 and Commission's order dated 15.07.2016 and will be viewed seriously.

(S. K. Agarwal)
Member

(Desh Deepak Verma)
Chairman

Place: Lucknow

Date: 15.07.2016