

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Suo-Moto Petition No. 56 of 2024
Date of Order: 23.12.2024

Suo-Moto Petition for the amendment in tariff Order for FY 2024-25 consequent upon issuance of Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024, in short Supply Code, 2024.

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson:
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

1. The Commission has issued the Tariff Order for FY 2024-25 on 14.06.2024 which is applicable from 16.06.2024 to 31.03.2025. Further, the Commission has issued Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024, in short Supply Code, 2024 vide notification dated 23.10.2024, which is applicable w.e.f. 14.11.2024. Issuance of the new Supply Code mandates certain amendments in the Tariff Order for FY 2024-25. Accordingly, the Commission initiated this suo-motu petition proposing the amendments to be made in the Tariff Order for FY 2024-25.
2. PSPCL was also directed to publish a public notice for inviting objections/suggestions from the public/ stakeholders vide Order dated 22.11.2024. The petition was fixed for hearing as well as public hearing on 18.12.2024.
3. The petition was taken up for hearing and public hearing on 18.12.2024. Nobody appeared from public. The order was reserved vide Order dated 18.12.2024.
4. **Decision of the Commission:**

In view of the issuance of Supply Code 2024 notification on 23.10.2024 and as proposed in the Suo-Motu petition 56 of 2024, the Commission amends the Tariff Order for FY 2024-25, as under:

A. Amendment required due to Regulation 8 of Supply Code 2024:

4.1 In Chapter 7 of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The existing “*” Star Note under Table 7.2: Existing and the new Tariff for FY 2024-25 “ **Fixed Charge (unless otherwise specified in Schedule of Tariff) shall be levied on 80% of the sanctioned load or contract demand (actual demand recorded, if higher) as may be applicable.*” shall be substituted as under:

**** Fixed Charge (unless otherwise specified in Schedule of Tariff) shall be levied on 80% of the sanctioned/ contracted load (actual load recorded or detected, if higher) or contract demand (actual demand recorded, if higher restricted to the sanctioned contract demand) as may be applicable.***

4.2 In Clause 9(b) of General Conditions of Tariff (Annexure-1) of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The existing 9(b) clause “*For other consumers (not covered under Contract Demand system as per condition 10 below), the Fixed Charges shall be levied on 80% of the sanctioned load in kW*” shall be substituted as under:

“For other consumers (not covered under Contract Demand system as per condition 10 below), the Fixed Charges shall be levied on 80% of the sanctioned/ contracted load (actual load recorded or detected, if higher) in kW as may be applicable.”

4.3 In Clause 23.2 of General Conditions of Tariff (Annexure-1) of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The existing 23.2 clause

“23.2 Load Surcharge for Consumers not covered under Contract Demand System

If the connected load of a consumer exceeds the sanctioned load, the excess load shall be unauthorized load. Such excess load shall be charged load surcharge at a rate of Rs. 1000/- per kW or part thereof for each default. This load surcharge shall be without prejudice to the distribution licensee’s right to take such other appropriate action as may be deemed necessary to restrain the consumer from exceeding his sanctioned connected load. The unauthorized load so detected shall be got removed. However, if the unauthorized extension is up to 10% of the sanctioned load, the consumer shall be required to pay load surcharge and the connection shall not be disconnected. The unauthorized load up to 10% of the sanctioned load so

detected shall either be removed or got regularized by the consumer.” shall be substituted as under:

“23.2 Load Surcharge for Consumers not covered under Contract Demand System

If the connected load of a consumer including temporary DS/NRS consumers (except DS/NRS permanent supply consumers) exceeds the sanctioned load, the excess load shall be charged load surcharge at a rate of Rs. 1000/- per kW or part thereof for each default. This load surcharge shall be without prejudice to the distribution licensee’s right to take such other appropriate action as may be deemed necessary to restrain the consumer from exceeding his sanctioned connected load. The excess load so detected shall be got removed. However, if the excess load is up to 10% of the sanctioned load, the consumer shall be required to pay load surcharge and the connection shall not be disconnected. The excess load up to 10% of the sanctioned load so detected shall either be removed or got regularized by the consumer.”

4.4 Note iv under Schedule SV.3 of Schedule of tariff (Annexure-II) of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The Note iv of the existing Schedule SV.3 “iv) Marriage Palaces and Hot Mix/Ready Mix Plants shall pay Fixed Charges on 25% of Sanctioned Load/Contract Demand. In case, the consumer exceeds its Sanctioned Load/Contract Demand during a billing cycle/month, he shall also be liable to pay applicable load/demand surcharge.” Shall be substituted as under:

“iv) Marriage Palaces and Hot Mix/Ready Mix Plants shall pay Fixed Charges on 25% of Sanctioned Load/Contracted Load/Contract Demand. In case, the consumer exceeds its Contract Demand during a billing cycle/month, he shall also be liable to pay applicable demand surcharge.”

4.5 Schedule SX.1.4 (4th sub-schedule of Schedule SX.1) of Schedule of tariff (Annexure-II) of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The existing Schedule SX.1.4

“SX.1.4 Load/ Demand Surcharge

In case a temporary supply consumer covered under this schedule exceeds his sanctioned load/contract demand at his premises, the consumer shall be levied load/demand surcharge at the same rate as applicable under relevant schedule for permanent supply.” shall be substituted as under:

“SX.1.4 Load/ Demand Surcharge

In case a temporary supply consumer covered under this schedule exceeds his sanctioned load/contract demand at his premises, the consumer shall be levied load/demand surcharge in accordance with condition 23 of General conditions of Tariff.”

4.6 Schedule SX.5.4 (4th sub-schedule of Schedule SX.5) of Schedule of tariff (Annexure-II) of Tariff Order for FY 2024-25

The existing Schedule SX.5.4

“SX. 5.4. Load/ Demand Surcharge

In case a temporary supply consumer covered under this schedule exceeds his sanctioned load/contract demand at his premises, the consumer shall be levied load/demand surcharge at the same rate as applicable under relevant schedule for permanent industrial supply.” shall be substituted as under:

“SX.5.4. Load/ Demand Surcharge

In case a temporary supply consumer covered under this schedule exceeds his sanctioned load/contract demand at his premises, the consumer shall be levied load/demand surcharge in accordance with condition 23 of General conditions of Tariff.”

B. Amendment required due to Regulation 13 of Supply Code 2024:

4.7 The Commission will determine Bulk supply (Domestic) Tariff through a separate Order.

This Order shall be applicable from the date of applicability of Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024 i.e. 14.11.2024.

The suo-motu petition is disposed of as per the above Order.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 23.12.2024

