

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No.: 31 of 2018  
Date of hearing: 12.10.2018  
Date of Order: 17.10.2018**

In the matter of : Petition under Section 62 and 94 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 71 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 for seeking approval of the Commission for deferment of kVAh Tariff and Contract Demand System for SP Category.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited through its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, The Mall, Patiala-147001. ....Petitioner

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson  
Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member  
Ms. Anjali Chandra, Member

For PSPCL: Sh. Iqbal Singh, CE/ARR & TR  
Sh. Sanjeev Prabhakar, SE/TR-2  
Sh. Ranjit Singh, Sr. Xen./Sales-3  
Sh. JIS Grewal, Dy. CE/Sales-2  
Sh. VPS Kailay, ASE/TR-5

**ORDER**

The petition was taken up for hearing as well as for public hearing. During hearing the objectors stated that PSPCL has failed to create awareness amongst the consumers about the kVAh based tariff and the contract demand system. They also stated that notices indicating that this system was to be implemented from 01.08.2018 had not been served on them. PSPCL should either defer or permanently be restrained from implementing the new system as it is against the interest of the public at large.

One of the objectors submitted copies of the bills showing the irregularities therein. It was also submitted that neither MDI was reset nor initial reading of kVAh was taken by PSPCL on 01.08.2018. In the bills issued to the consumer for the period w.e.f. 01.08.2018, consumption in kVAh was

taken on presumption basis, derived from KWh reading by taking 0.9 as power factor. This had resulted in excessive billing for the consumer.

Another objector stated that PSPCL had raised a demand on account of power factor surcharge from February, 2017 to December, 2017 whereas the system was to be implemented from 01.08.2018.

The Commission directed Dy.CE/Sales-2 appearing on behalf of PSPCL to examine these cases thoroughly in consultation with the other concerned officials of PSPCL from billing organization and field officers and submit the report within 15 days.

Keeping in view the averments made in the petition, objections/comments received in response to public notice and the submissions made during the hearing, the implementation of kVAh based tariff and contract demand system for all small power industrial supply (SP) consumers is deferred from 01.08.2018 to 01.01.2019.

The final Order is reserved. The same shall be issued after receipt of the said report from PSPCL.

-Sd/-  
**(Anjuli Chandra)**  
**Member**

-Sd/-  
**(S.S. Sarna)**  
**Member**

-Sd/-  
**(Kusumjit Sidhu)**  
**Chairperson**

Chandigarh  
Dated: 17.10.2018