

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO 220-221 SECTOR-34-A CHANDIGARH**

Petition No. 17 of 2018

(Suo-Motu)

Date of hearing: 19.07.2018

Date of Order: 25.07.2018

In the matter of : Regarding Excess Charges for Consumption of Energy Supply/ Cost of Meter and Security etc. from the residents of OMAXE Township situated at New Chandigarh (Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali) by Omaxe Chandigarh Extension Developers Private Limited.

And

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

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

For PSPCL: Sh. S.K. Sharma, Director /Distribution
Sh. O.P. Garg, Director /Commercial
Sh. Iqbal Singh, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. P.S. Bains, Dy. CE/DS, Roopnagar
Ms. H.K. Trehan, Dy. CE/Regulations
Sh. R.S. Saini, SE/, Mohali
Sh. V.P.S. Kailay, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Rajiv Kapur, ASE/Commercial
Sh. Surinder Singh, Sr. Xen/Kharar
Sh. Khushwinder Singh, Sr. Xen / Enforcement
Sh. Major Singh, AE, Majra
Sh. Nitish, RA, Majra

ORDER

During hearing, the Commission expressed its grave concern at the blatant violation of rules and regulations by the officers of PSPCL while granting extension in load from 441 kW/490 kVA to 1350 kW/1500 kVA to the developer.

It was evident from the remarks added by the developer in the A&A form submitted through 'Single Window System' and also checking of enforcement wing of PSPCL that the additional demand has been sought for construction as well as to run the residential load of the colony. Ignoring the material on record, the distribution officers allowed the extension without verification of the test report and approval of HT installations from Chief Electrical Inspector. Director/Distribution assured that the matter will be investigated and strict action will be taken against the delinquent officers. However, PSPCL informed that verification of test report has been dispensed with by the licensee. The Commission pointed out that being a HT connection, clearance from Chief Electrical Inspector is also required before commencement of supply as per the provisions of CEA Safety Regulations and the Supply Code. The Commission pointed out that there may be other colonies also where the developer is using temporary supply for feeding residential load. Director/Distribution submitted that instructions have been issued to check all such like connections.

After hearing the arguments of PSPCL, the Commission issued the following directions:

- 1) To submit a report regarding action PSPCL is proposing to take against the delinquent officers in this case who have violated the Rules and Regulations.
- 2) To investigate whether the temporary connections given for construction purposes are being misused for residential purposes by developers in other part of the State and submit a detailed report in this regard.
- 3) To submit the details of safeguards which PSPCL is proposing to take to stop such irregularities in future.
- 4) To supply a copy of the instructions issued by PSPCL for non-verification of test report and the relevant provisions of CEA

(Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010 and Supply Code.

- 5) To submit the proposal for modification in the Regulations or the provisions of NoC, if required, to protect the interest of the consumers and the utility.

PSPCL shall submit the aforementioned information/details by 20.08.2018

The petition will be taken up for further hearing on 22.08.2018 at 11:00 A.M.

-Sd/-
(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

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(S.S. Sarna)
Member

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(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: 25.07.2018