Petition No. 10 of 2024

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 10 of 2024 Date of Hearing: 03.04.2024 Date of Order:04.04.2024

Petition under Regulation 47 of Supply Code – 2014 and Regulation 69,70,71 and 72 of Chapter XIII of the Conduct of Business Regulations 2005 for introduction of One Time Settlement Scheme for all categories of defaulting consumers (except AP) existed as on 30.09.2023.

And

In the matter of:

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited PSPCL, Patiala, Punjab-

147001

...Petitioner

Commission:

Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson

Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL:

Ms. Harmohan Kaur, CE&ARR/TR

Sh. Damanjit Singh, Dy.CE

Sh. Gagandeep Singh, Sr.Xen/PP-2

Sh. Harjeet Singh, ASE/TR-2

Sh. Jaspreet Kaur, ASE

ORDER

The Petition was taken up for hearing on admission. The representative appearing for PSPCL submitted that earlier an OTS Scheme was launched after approval of the Commission for all categories of consumers (except AP) which was initially valid for a period of three months, was further extended twice and expired on 26.12.2023. The total defaulting amount as on 30.09.2023 is Rs. 4472 Crore out of which Rs. 2779 Crore pertains to various Punjab Govt. Departments alone. The Additional Chief Secretary Govt. of Punjab (Department of Power) has written to all defaulting Govt. Departments for payment of electricity dues. The Department of Power is actively pursuing the matter of payment of electricity dues by Govt. Departments under the OTS Scheme and the State Govt. is very keen for payment of pending electricity dues and receipt of defaulting amount of consumers under the OTS scheme will facilitate to recover the defaulting amount. The Commission observes that the earlier OTS Scheme initiated by PSPCL did not receive the desired response from the defaulting consumers. It will be appropriate that PSPCL submits further information with regard to the willingness of the

defaulting consumers/industries to avail the benefit under the OTS scheme for effective execution of the proposed OTS.

After hearing the representative appearing for PSPCL, the Commission finds it appropriate to implead Govt. of Punjab (Department of Power) as a party to the Petition. Notice be issued to Govt. of Punjab (Department of Power). The Govt. of Punjab (Department of Power) may file its reply within three weeks (through hard & soft copy).

The Petition shall be taken up for hearing on admission on 22.05.2024 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-(Paramjeet Singh) Member Sd/-(Viswajeet Khanna) Chairperson

Chandigarh Dated:04.04.2024

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