

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

Petition No. 56 of 2023
Date of Hearing: 21.02.2024
Date of Order: 22.02.2024

Petition for amendment in Regulation 16 of Supply Code, 2014.

AND

In the matter of: M/s Focal Point Industrial Welfare Association (Regd.)

...Petitioner

Vs

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited., The Mall, Patiala - 147001

...Respondent

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

Petitioner: Sh. K.L. Maheshwari, Advocate

PSPCL: Ms. Harmohan Kaur, CE/ARR & TR
Sh. H.S, Oberoi, Dy.CE
Sh. Ajay Bansal, Dy. CE/TR-2
Sh. Manjit Singh

ORDER

The Petition was taken up for hearing on admission. The Ld. Counsel for the petitioner submitted that as per Regulation 16.3 of the Supply Code 2014, the Distribution Licensee is not entitled to demand security (consumption) from any applicant/consumer in case electricity is supplied through a prepayment meter. The Petitioner has requested PSPCL to install prepaid meters but PSPCL has not installed the same as yet and is instead demanding a substantial amount of revised security deposit. Ld. Counsel requested for admission of the petition and grant of the prayer in the petition.

The representative appearing for PSPCL submitted that a number of LPA's are already pending in a similar matter before the Hon'ble High Court and that the Petitioner should await the decision of the Hon'ble High Court.

After hearing the Ld. Counsel for the petitioner and the representative of PSPCL, the petition is admitted. As far the amendment in the Supply Code 2014 as

prayed for by the Petitioner, the process for amendment has already been initiated and a review panel appointed by the Commission for making recommendations. The issue raised in the present petition also needs to be considered by the Supply Code Review Panel. PSPCL may, at the same time, submit its reply within 2 weeks with a copy to the petitioner (through hard copy & soft copy). The Petitioner may file its rejoinder thereto, if any, with a copy to PSPCL within one week thereafter (through hard copy & soft copy).

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 18.04.2024 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **22.02.2024**