

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

Petition No. 06 of 2021  
Date of Hearing: 24.02.2021  
Date of Order: 04.03.2021

Petition Under Regulation 45, 46 and 47.2 of PSERC (Electricity Supply code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 read with Regulation 69 and 73 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2005 and other related/relevant regulations issued by this Commission for providing relief to the Petitioner to grant extension in the time period for completion of formalities in compliance to feasibility clearance letter beyond 60 days for release of a new connection.

AND

For passing any other relief in favour of the petitioner as this Commission may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case.

In the matter of: M/s Didar Steel, having its office/works at Village Kumbh, Amloh Road Mandi Gobindgarh, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, through its proprietor Mrs. Indu Goyal.  
...Petitioner

V/s

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd, the Mall Patiala through its Chariman cum Managing Director  
...Respondent

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson  
Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member  
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

Didar Steel: Sh. Aditya Grover, Advocate

PSPCL: Sh. Vardeep Singh Mander, CE/ARR&TR  
Sh. Deepak Gupta, SE/TR-2  
Sh. Mukesh Kumar, ASE/TR-5  
Sh. Loveleen Gupta, AEE/TR-5  
Sh. J.S. Tiwana, Sr.Xen  
Sh. Bipin Dhingra, RA, MGG

**ORDER**

The petitioner has filed the present petition for issuance of the directions to PSPCL to provide connectivity against the already approved feasibility clearance by granting extension in time limit to complete the formalities of already issued feasibility clearance letter. The petitioner

applied for a new connection for running an induction furnace through an online application dated 08.10.2018 and deposited the requisite charges. PSPCL, vide letter dated 17.12.2018, issued feasibility clearance for release of load of 990 KW/990 kVA subject to the terms and conditions of the letter. The petitioner was directed to comply with the terms and conditions within 30 days extendable upto 60 days from the date of issue of the letter. The petitioner submitted the Application & Agreement form along with other charges on 21.12.2018. The Petitioner states that the Steel Induction Furnace Industry all over India is passing through a very critical phase and due to the delay in the actual flow of funds coupled with the impact of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the petitioner could not adhere to the timelines for completion of the formalities as stipulated in the letter dated 17.12.2018. The petitioner approached PSPCL for completing the formalities however it has been informed that the period of 60 days has already expired and the application stands cancelled and the petitioner may apply afresh. The petitioner has further relied upon the decision dated 12.04.2016 passed by the Commission in petition No. 30 of 2016.

The officers representing PSPCL informed that the petitioner complied with the terms and conditions of the feasibility clearance by submitting the A&A form alongwith the requisite security amount on 21.12.2018. Thereafter, a demand notice was issued by PSPCL on 09.01.2019. The validity of the demand notice was for a period of 6 months extendable up to a maximum period of one year from the date of the issue of demand notice, in blocks of three months, as per Regulation 6.8.7 (a) of the Supply Code, 2014. The petitioner applied for extension in the validity period of demand notice and the same was extended for a further period of three months i.e. upto 08.10.2019. The petitioner could have availed another extension in the validity period of the demand notice for a period of three months but the petitioner did not approach PSPCL again for further extension in the demand notice period.

After hearing the petitioner and the officers of PSPCL, the Commission observes that as per Regulation 6.3.3 of the Supply Code, 2014 an applicant, after receipt of the feasibility clearance, is required to submit the A&A form alongwith security (consumption) within a period of 30 days of the receipt of the intimation which can be extended upto 60 days. Once an applicant submits A&A form alongwith security amount, the compliance of the feasibility clearance as per Regulation 6.3.3 of the Supply Code, 2014 by the applicant is complete. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the licensee to issue demand notice within a period specified in Regulation 6.8.4 of the Supply Code, 2014. Accordingly, PSPCL issued the demand notice on 09.01.2019. The applicant was required to comply with the demand notice within the period specified in Regulation 6.8.6 or get the validity period of demand notice extended as per Regulation 6.8.7(a) of the Supply Code, 2014. It is an admitted fact that the

petitioner was aware of all these provisions of the Supply Code and accordingly, got the validity period of the demand notice extended upto 08.10.2019. Thereafter the petitioner did not approach the distribution licensee for another extension of three months which was available to the petitioner. Now after a period of more than 2 years from the date of issue of the demand notice, the petitioner has approached the Commission for extending the validity period of the feasibility clearance letter. The prayer of the petitioner to extend validity of feasibility clearance letter is inadmissible being much delayed since the petitioner submitted the A&A form along with requisite charges within the validity period. The reliance placed on the decision dated 12.04.2016 passed by the Commission in petition no. 30 of 2016 is also misplaced as the facts of these cases are different. Even extension in the period of compliance of demand notice cannot be considered at this stage since during this period, the loading conditions at the feeding grid sub-station and the feeding line might have changed which require re-assessment by the distribution licensee. Accordingly, the petitioner is required to apply afresh for release of the load to the distribution licensee and the licensee shall process the application as per the provisions of the Supply Code. Thus, the petition does not merit admission and is accordingly dismissed.

Sd/-

**(Paramjeet Singh)**  
Member

Sd/-

**(Anjuli Chandra)**  
Member

Sd/-

**(Kusumjit Sidhu)**  
Chairperson

Chandigarh  
Dated: 04.03.2021