

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

**I.A. No. 09 of 2024 in
Petition No. 13 of 2024
Date of Order: 06.06.2024**

Interlocutory Application under Regulation 47 of PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 and Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of PSERC (conduct of business) regulations, 2005 to extend the validity of Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic (DS) and Non-Residential (NRS) consumers.

And

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited PSEB
Head Office, The Mall, Patiala, Punjab-147001

.....Applicant

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

ORDER

An Application (I.A.) has been filed by PSPCL under Regulation 47 of PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 and Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 to extend the validity of Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic (DS) and Non-Residential (NRS) consumers as approved by the Commission vide Order dated 07.03.2024 in Petition No.13 of 2024.

1.0 The applicant has submitted as under:-

- (i) Petition No.13 of 2024 was filed before the Commission for the introduction of Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic Supply (DS) consumers for load upto 50 kW and Non-Residential Supply (NRS) consumers for load upto 20

kW under regulation 47 of the Supply Code, 2014 read with regulations 68 & 69 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005. The Commission vide Order dated 07.03.2024 allowed the applicant to re-introduce the VDS for Domestic Supply (DS) consumers for a load upto 50 kW and Non-Residential Supply (NRS) consumers for load upto 20 kW.

- (ii) The VDS was applicable to the consumers existing on the date of issue of above mentioned order and was allowed initially for a period of 45 days which may be extended for a period upto three months including the initial period of 45 days. In compliance to the same, VDS was launched by the applicant vide its CC No.06 of 2024 dated 11.03.2024 for 45 days and further extended upto 07.06.2024. This Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) is going to conclude on 07.06.2024.
- (iii) The progress data (upto 22.05.2024) of the aforementioned VDS scheme is as under:-

Zone	No. of consumers who availed VDS		Total load declared under the VDS scheme (in kW)		Total amount received towards service connection charges (Rs. in lacs)		Amount received towards security (consumption) (Rs. in lacs)		Total amount received (Rs. in lacs)	
	DS	NRS	DS	NRS	DS	NRS	DS	NRS	DS	NRS
Border	10,505	747	24,148	2,599	141.43	20.39	159.93	21.82	301.36	42.21
Central	7,221	721	18,065	2,324	92.96	16.24	99.77	16.55	192.73	32.78
North	15,469	1211	43,467	4,078	252.28	22.15	303.27	28.96	555.55	51.10
West	12,840	849	31,478	2,922	161.21	38.51	159.30	20.29	320.51	58.81
South	12,614	1,003	30,041	4,191	160.34	31.34	172.99	37.85	333.33	69.19
Total F	58,649	4,531	147,200	16,113	808.22	128.62	895.26	125.47	1703.48	254.09

- (iv) From the above data, it is apprehended that a large number of DS and NRS consumers are yet to get their excess load

regularized due to which PSPCL is losing revenue on account of fixed charges.

- (v) During the current summer season, an increased load of the premises is anticipated because of installation of new cooling appliances by consumers to cope up severe heat wave. Moreover due to changing day to day lifestyle, the consumers have increased their loads. The voluntarily enhancement of load by the consumers will definitely help the applicant for proper planning of supply infrastructure according to the actual load connected to the system and to provide better services to its consumers.
- (vi) Accordingly, the applicant has prayed to extend the validity period of already launched VDS for DS and NRS consumers as per the order of the Commission dated 07.03.2024 in Petition No.13 of 2024 for another 45 days from the date of expiry on the same terms and conditions of the ongoing VDS.

2.0 Commission's Findings and Order

I.A. was placed before the Commission. The submissions made by the applicant have been gone through. The Commission takes note of the concern of the applicant that a large number of DS and NRS consumers may be yet to get their excess load regularised due to which the applicant is losing revenue on account of fixed charges. After considering all the aspects of the issue, the Commission, in accordance with Regulation 69 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005, as amended from time to time read with Regulations 46 and 47 of the Supply Code, 2014 allows the applicant to extend the validity of

Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic Supply (DS) consumers for load upto 50 kW and Non-Residential Supply (NRS) consumers for load upto 20 kW for another 45 days on the same terms and conditions as laid down in Order dated 07.03.2024 in Petition No.13 of 2024.

The I.A. is disposed of accordingly.

-Sd-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

-Sd-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 06.06.2024

