

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

IA No. 16 of 2023
In
Petition No. 05 of 2023
Date of Order: 25.08.2023

Petition under Regulation 47 of Supply Code-2014 and Regulation 69,70,71& 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).

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., The Mall,
Patiala, Punjab.

...Petitioner/Applicant

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

Order

1. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) filed petition No. 05 of 2023 for introduction of One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for all categories of defaulting consumers (except AP) under Regulation 47 of Supply Code-2014 and Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of chapter XIII of the conduct of Business Regulations 2005.

2. The Commission approved the OTS scheme vide order dated 15.05.2023 for a period of three months from the date of issuance of circular by PSPCL and issued directions to PSPCL to give wide publicity to the scheme and that various consumer associations/individual consumers should be informed about the scheme so that maximum number of eligible consumers can avail the benefit of the scheme. PSPCL was further directed to furnish the case wise information i.e. payment recoverable as per PSPCL record, amount realised, benefits of LPS/LPI provided to the consumers under

the OTS scheme etc. to the Commission within one month from the date of end of the scheme.

3. The Petition No. 05 of 2023 was disposed of vide order dated 15.05.2023 and PSPCL issued CC No. 22/2023 dated 26.05.2023 to implement the same. The scheme was approved for a period of three months which will expire on 25.08.2023. PSPCL has requested vide memo No. 6874 dated 21.08.2023 for extension of the OTS Scheme, approved vide order dated 15.05.2023, for three months which was taken on record as an IA No. 16 of 2023.

4. PSPCL has submitted that due to unprecedented floods in many parts of Punjab, Govt. and Non-Govt. consumers could not avail the benefit of the scheme. Further, it has been submitted that there is huge defaulting amount pending against Govt. Connections. Many of the Govt. offices are under process to avail the OTS and it will take more time to complete the Administrative / Financial proceedings for Govt. collections. The Commission has examined the submissions made by PSPCL in the light of directions given vide order dated 15.05.2023. The Commission finds it appropriate in the interest of public at large to extend the operation of OTS scheme for further period of three months for meticulous compliance of the directions given by the Commission vide order dated 15.05.2023 in Petition No. 05 of 2023.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

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(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: **25.08.2023**