

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

**I.A. No. 16 of 2024 in
Petition No. 13 of 2024
Date of Order: 26.07.2024**

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 and Order dated 06.06.2024 in IA No.09 of 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. Subsequently, the Commission vide Order dated 06.06.2024 in IA No. 9 of 2024 in petition no. 13 of 2024 allowed extension of VDS for another 45 days. This Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) concluded on 23.07.2024.

(iii) The progress data (upto 22.07.2024) 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	34415	1636	76560	5168	479	65	548	49	1027	114

<i>Central</i>	20091	1324	50930	4477	248	28	260	32	507	60
<i>North</i>	50664	2718	133492	8417	715	51	855	64	1570	115
<i>West</i>	35525	1875	84130	6018	427	38	668	49	1095	87
<i>South</i>	37724	2075	88191	7521	470	49	520	54	990	103
Total	178419	9628	433304	31601	2339	231	2851	248	5190	479

- (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 and dated 06.06.2024 in IA No.09 of 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. Moreover, a comparison of the progress data upto 22.07.2024 furnished by the applicant vide the instant IA vis-a-vis the progress data upto 22.05.2024 furnished vide earlier IA No.09 of 2024 indicates that the earlier extension of 45 days has yielded significant results i.e. no. of DS consumers availing VDS has increased from 58649 to 178419 and the NRS consumers, from 4531 to 9628 along with corresponding increase in the load declared i.e. from 147200 kW to 433304 kW in case of DS and from 9628 kW to 16113 kW in case of NRS. 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 30 days from the date of expiry 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: 26.07.2024