

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
S.C.O. No. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No. 7 of 2014**

**Date of hearing: 24.02.2014**

**Date of Order: 24.02.2014**

In the matter of: Petition regarding Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic Supply / Non-residential Supply (DS/NRS), Small Power/Medium Supply (SP/MS) and AP consumers.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Present: Smt.Romila Dubey, Chairperson  
Shri Virinder Singh, Member  
Shri Gurinder Jit Singh, Member

For petitioner: Er.Harpreet Kaur SE/Sales 1  
Er.M.P.S.Dhillon ASE/ARR&TR  
Er.Arun Gupta ASE/Sales Regulations

**ORDER**

This petition has been filed by PSPCL for introduction of Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for Domestic Supply/Non-residential Supply (DS/NRS), Small Power/Medium Supply (SP/MS) and AP consumers in the interest of consumers as well as PSPCL for a period of two months, which may be extended further for one month depending upon the response of the consumers. The petition has been fixed for admission on 24.2.2014. After hearing the petitioners, the Commission admitted the petition. PSPCL officers were directed to explain the salient features of the scheme. The salient features of the scheme viz-a-viz public interest and interest of the utility was brought out by PSPCL officers. It was explained that earlier also there had been a very good response to the Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for voluntarily disclosing unauthorized load by Domestic Supply/Non-residential (DS/NRS) & AP consumers when introduced by PSPCL with the approval of the Commission. In view of this, the PSPCL has decided to provide opportunity to domestic/Non-residential consumers, Small Power/Medium Supply (SP/MS) &

AP consumers to get their unauthorized load regularized within two months from date of publication of notice which may be extended by one month. After hearing the petitioner, the Commission allows PSPCL to introduce the VDS for DS/ NRS/SP/MS and AP consumers as under:-

- i) There will be no checking of connected load during the period VDS remains in force and no penalty for unauthorized extension in load disclosed voluntarily shall be levied.
- ii) Total connected load shall be computed as specified in Regulation 5.9 of the PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (5<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2013 issued vide notification No.PSERC/Secy/Reg.90 dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.
- iii) Service Connection Charges recoverable shall be in accordance with the provision of Regulation 9 of the Supply Code and as approved by the Commission. However, PSPCL may allow rebate of 20% in Service Connection Charges to above mentioned category of consumers as prayed but any additional expenditure or loss to the licensee due to expenses incurred for regularization of unauthorized load over and above the amount recovered through Service Connection Charges shall not be allowed as pass through in the ARR. Such excess expenditure shall be funded through PSPCL's own resources/profits as committed by the licensee in the petition. Separate estimates shall be prepared for regularization of load under VDS and expenditure booked shall be intimated to the Commission after closure of the scheme. PSPCL may have serious financial implications which may be examined by the licensee while launching the scheme.
- iv) The rates of Initial Security recoverable shall be as specified in the Schedule of General Charges approved by the Commission.
- v) Service Connection Charges and rates of Security shall be recoverable for the extended load only. However, the total load including extension shall be considered for the purpose of determining slab rate of service connection charges and rates of Security.
- vi) While regularizing the load under VDS, field officers shall ensure that the connection is not being misused by the consumer for any other purpose.

- vii) After computing the load as mentioned above in ii), the consumer will submit A&A form along with Test Report and deposit requisite charges. During the VDS period, the load will be deemed to be regularized from the date of submission of A&A form alongwith the Test Report and requisite charges.
- viii) Augmentation of service line/transformer and the power system (including conversion from single phase to three phase) and change of meter etc. for this VDS shall be carried out by the PSPCL at its own cost.
- ix) DS/NRS consumers with sanctioned load upto 10 kW can extend the load up to 20 kW. Further DS/NRS consumers with connected load above 10 kW shall be allowed to extend their load under VDS upto 100% subject to the condition that total load after extension does not exceed 100 KW since beyond 100 kW, contract demand based charges and conditions are applicable.
- x) The SP and MS consumers shall be allowed to declare the unauthorized load to the extent of 100% & 50% of the existing load respectively provided there is no change in category.
- xi) In case of AP unmetered consumers, the total load including unauthorized load should not increase 20 BHP. Any regularization of load above 20 BHP shall be subject to consumer's consent to get metered supply.
- xii) Compliance of all other Terms and Conditions for regularization/extension in load contained in PSERC (Supply Code & Related Matters) Regulations, 2007, as amended from time to time shall be ensured.

The VDS will be available only for three months. After closure of the scheme the utility shall furnish category –wise information to the Commission about:-

- (i) No. of consumers (separately under DS/NRS/SP/MS & AP categories) who availed the VDS.
- (ii) Total load declared under the scheme separately for DS/NRS/SP/MS/AP categories.

- (iii) Amount received in respect of Service Connection Charges/ Initial Security for each category.
- (iv) Total expenditure booked by PSPCL against consumers (category wise) for regularization of unauthorized load.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

**Sd/-**  
**(Gurinder Jit Singh)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(Virinder Singh)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(Romila Dubey)**  
**Chairperson**

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 24.02.2014**