

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No. 18 of 2013**

**Date of hearing: 07.05.2013**

**Date of Order: 09.05.2013**

In the matter of: Petition under Section 23 and Section 86(1)(c) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 9 of the PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005, for extension of time to install CT/PT meters in line with the metering guidelines, given by this Commission vide Order dated 06.01.2011 in Petition No.34 of 2010; and further for issuing necessary directions to the respondents to provide uninterrupted use of open access to the petitioners.

AND

In the matter of

1. Bhawani Castings Pvt. Ltd., Ambey Majra, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib through its authorized signatory Shri K.D.Parti
2. Addi Alloys (P) Ltd., G.T.Road, Jugiana, Ludhiana through its authorized signatory Shri D.K.Mehta
3. Tharaj Castings Pvt. Ltd., Village Kanganwal, P.O.Jugiana, Ludhiana through its authorized signatory Shri D.K.Mehta
4. Arora Alloys Limited, Focal Point Phase VII, Ludhiana through its authorized signatory Shri D.K.Mehta
5. J.N.Tayal Steels Pvt. Ltd., Village Bhagwanpura, Dehlon Road, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana through its authorized signatory Shri D.K.Mehta

Versus

1. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), through its Chairman cum Managing Director, The Mall, Patiala
2. Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL), through its Chairman cum Managing Director, The Mall, Patiala

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

For petitioners: None

For PSPCL: Shri Sanjeev Gupta, SE/TR-2

For PSTCL: Shri R.K.Sharma, C.E./SLDC  
Shri P.K.Chawla, SE/Open Access, SLDC

## **ORDER**

This petition has been filed by Bhawani Castings Pvt. Ltd. Mandi Gobindgarh and four others under Section 23 and Section 86(1)(c) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 9 of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 for extension in time to install CT/PT meters in line with the metering guidelines given by the Commission vide Order dated 06.01.2011 in Petition No.34 of 2010 and further for issuing necessary directions to respondents to provide uninterrupted use of open access to the petitioners. The petitioner has submitted that the Commission had decided the petition No.34 of 2010 vide Order dated 06.01.2011 as under:-

“...3. The Commission observes that there can be no ambiguity about the need to comply with the requirements of the State Grid Code in general and more specifically with regard to metering as is the issue in this case. However, the fact remains that the former Punjab State Electricity Board had itself not complied with several provisions of the Grid Code and had in fact sought extension in installing CTs/PTs of the requisite specifications. It is also noted that actions initiated by PSPCL in this case seems to have been directed exclusively at large supply open access consumers whereas there is nothing to establish that they may be the only defaulters in this respect. It is also noted that PSPCL has not taken due account of the practical difficulties that might be faced by consumers wishing to install metering equipment of the requisite standard in the absence of an approved list of vendors and testing facilities only recently commissioned. In the light of these circumstances, the Commission decides as under:

- (i) PSPCL will notify the approved vendors for the CTs/PTs of the desired accuracy within one month of the date of issue of this order.
- (ii) All open access customers will be required to install metering equipment of the requisite accuracy within

four months of the date of notification of the approved vendors by PSPCL. Till then the status quo will be maintained both for existing as well as new applicants seeking open access.

- (iii) PSPCL will ensure that testing of metering equipment is carried out within a period of 2 working days from the date of receipt of such equipment.
- (iv) A consumer will have the option of requesting PSPCL to supply the CT/PT of the requisite standard. In such a case, the consumer will, within a fortnight of the issue of this order, request PSPCL for the same and deposit the security amount within 7 days of receiving intimation of the amount from PSPCL. Open access will not be denied to any consumer by PSPCL on account of any delay on its part in providing the metering equipment after receipt of security from the consumer.”

The petitioner has further submitted that the respondents failed to approve vendors for the CTs/PTs within one month of passing the *ibid* Order. PSPCL empanelled Mehru Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (P) Ltd. vide letter No.38 dated 26.10.2012 to supply the CTs of 0.2S accuracy and PTs of 0.2 accuracy class to the Open Access Consumers for a price of Rs.1,23,629.70. PSTCL also issued letter No.39 dated 26.10.2012 and empanelled Concord Electrical Industries to supply the CTs of 0.2s accuracy and PTs of 0.2 accuracy at a price of Rs.53,434.45. A public notice was issued by PSTCL to open access consumers to install CTs/PTs upto 26.02.2013 as per Order dated 06.01.2011 of the Commission passed in Petition No.34 of 2010. The petitioners have submitted that approved suppliers are taking about 4 to 6 weeks in supplying CTs/PTs after placement of orders. Inspection of site of installation by PSPCL also takes some time and after approval by PSPCL, CTs/PTs are supplied. Installation and testing further takes time of more than one month. In view of these circumstances, the petitioners have submitted that it is not practically possible to comply with the Order passed by the

Commission. PSPCL was also directed to supply CTs/PTs at the option of the Open Access Consumers but PSPCL is also not having requisite CTs/PTs. The respondents have informed the petitioners that Commercial and Metering Committee has taken a decision to extend the time from 26.02.2013 to 15.03.2013. The respondents are taking an undertaking from the petitioners to complete the metering guidelines by 15.03.2013 to avail open access.

The petitioners have prayed for extending the time to install CTs/PTs meters in line with metering guidelines by another 4 months and have further prayed that during pendency of the petition the respondent may be directed to allow the petitioners to avail open access and status quo may be granted so that power can be purchased under open access after 14.03.2013.

The petition was admitted and PSPCL and PSTCL were directed to maintain status quo to allow the petitioners to avail open access during the pendency of this petition vide Order dated 20.03.2013. Respondents were directed to file reply by 28.03.2013. PSTCL filed reply vide C.E./SLDC memo No.2788 dated 22.03.2013 and PSPCL filed reply vide C.E./ARR & TR memo No.5496 dated 28.03.2013.

PSTCL has submitted that there were approximately 60 No. Open Access consumers who had not fulfilled the requirement of installation of CTs/PTs of 0.2S and 0.2 accuracy. In most of the cases, the consumers have already placed orders for supply of required CT/PT units on the vendors. In some cases the CT/PT units had been purchased but were lying with the ME Testing Lab of PSPCL for testing or pending installation by PSPCL after testing. During hearing on 02.04.2013, PSTCL submitted that 45 No. consumers out of 60 No. such consumers had already purchased the CT/PT units or had placed orders on vendors. The Commission directed to supply the list of 60 such consumers and also indicate those 45 No. consumers who had either purchased the CT/PT units of requisite accuracy or have placed orders, within two days.

After hearing the petitioners and respondents on 02.04.2013, the Commission directed PSPCL and PSTCL to continue the status quo for all 60 No. such consumers who were required to install CTs/PTs of requisite accuracy. Further it was directed that the consumers who had not placed orders on vendors for purchase of CTs/PTs be intimated that as a last chance they

shall do so by 02.05.2013 and inform about it to PSPCL and PSTCL, who in turn would submit the position to the Commission by 06.05.2013.

PSTCL has filed the position vide SE/Open Access, SLDC/PSTCL Patiala memo No.4272 dated 03.05.2013 in compliance with Order dated 02.04.2013 of the Commission and has submitted that Open Access Consumers were intimated through public notice dated 04.04.2013 placed on Punjab SLDC website and also through e-mails, to purchase CTs/PTs of required accuracy by 02.05.2013 as a last chance granted by this Commission. PSTCL has submitted that there are 300 active STOA consumers. Out of these 240 STOA consumers have already completed all metering guidelines as per Grid Code. The latest position regarding purchase/testing/installation of CTs/PTs by remaining consumers is as under:-

1. CT/PTs of 6 No. Open access customers are under testing in PSPCL ME/Labs.
2. Installation of CT/PTs of 15 No. Open Access customers who have got these tested in ME Labs is pending with PSPCL.
3. Compliance report regarding installation of CT/PTS in respect of 10 No. Open Access consumers is pending from PSPCL.
4. 12 No. Open Access consumers have purchased CT/PTs but material yet to be received/ yet to be handed over to PSPCL for testing/installation.
5. 4 No. Open Access consumers have purchased CT/PTs but these are found defective/CT ratio not as per requirement and needs replacement.
6. 13 No. open access consumers are not interested in purchasing CT/PTs and availing open access.

PSTCL and PSPCL submitted during hearing that time of compliance with the directions to install CT/PTs of required accuracy as per Order dated 06.01.2011 of the Commission passed in Petition No.34 of 2010 may be extended by another four months in view of the submissions made by the petitioners and position brought out before the Commission through various submissions by PSTCL and PSPCL.

The Commission accordingly directs PSPCL and PSTCL to complete the installation of CT/PTs by 02.8.2013 in respect of all the remaining Open Access consumers who have purchased/placed orders for the CT/PT units and file a compliance report by 05.08.2013. The action as per regulations be taken against the Open Access consumers who have failed to place orders on vendors for purchase of CT/PTs by 02.05.2013 as per liberty given by the Commission vide Order dated 02.04.2013.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

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

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

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

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 09.05.2013**