

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

Petition No. 22 of 2021
Date of Hearing: 18.08.2021
Date of Order: 23.08.2021

Petition for the approval of the PSERC under Clause-21.2.7 of Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters Regulations 2014 (hereinafter referred as Supply Code), as amended from time to time regarding various matters concerning 3 phase whole current smart meters.

AND

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

...Petitioner

Present: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Sh. Gurchain Singh Banga, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. Deepak Gupta, SE/TR-2
Sh. Mukesh Kumar, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Gurdev Singh Nagi, CE/ Metering
Sh. Abiraj, Randhawa, Sr.Xen,PO/Metering

ORDER

The petition was taken up for hearing. PSPCL submitted that against the purchase order for 96000 three phase smart meters, approx. 10000 meters have been installed till date. Upon specific query by the Commission regarding notice given to the consumers in respect of installation of the smart meter etc. as per Regulation 21.2.7 of the Supply Code, 2014, PSPCL intimated that individual notice/intimations were not given and that press notice would be given. PSPCL further brought out that replacement of all meters with smart meters within 3 years was envisaged. The Commission asked PSPCL to file a detailed proposal in respect of the funding the procurement and installation of smart meters.

The Commission further observed that the regularization of excess connected load on the basis of maximum demand recorded could not be restricted to the consumers with smart meters only since maximum demand in kW can be recorded by static meters also. Therefore, PSPCL should furnish a proposal with equitable dispensation for consumers. PSPCL would also submit the detailed plan for procurement of meters and the criteria on the basis of which consumers are being presently selected/would be

selected for installation of smart meters and rationale thereof. PSPCL shall submit the above information within three weeks.

Further, PSPCL is directed to ensure that the provisions of Supply Code, 2014 are meticulously followed while operationalising smart meters. In case, operationalising of smart meters warrants some amendments in Supply Code, 2014, detailed proposal to that effect be submitted separately for consideration of the Supply Code Review Panel.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 29.09.2021 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)

Member

Chandigarh

Dated: 23.08.2021

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)

Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)

Chairperson