

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

**IA No. 20 of 2023
In
Petition No. 05 of 2023
Date of Order: 23.11.2023**

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). 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. PSPCL filed an IA No. 16 of 2023 for further extension of the OTS Scheme for three months and vide order dated 25.08.2023, the OTS Scheme was further extended for three months.

2. PSPCL has now once again requested vide memo No. 7556 dated 20.11.2023 that substantial defaults are still pending against Govt./Non-Govt. connections. Many of the Govt. offices are under process to avail this OTS Scheme and it will take some more time to complete the Administrative/Financial Proceedings relating to defaulting Govt. connections. PSPCL has further submitted that many consumers have raised

queries regarding the OTS Scheme Clause on withdrawal of pending cases to avail the benefits of the OTS Scheme and it will be in the interest of PSPCL that the present OTS Scheme is further extended for one month i.e. upto 26.12.2023. The memo No. 7556 dated 20.11.2023 is taken on record as IA No. 20 of 2023.

3. The Commission has examined the submissions made by PSPCL in memo No. 7556 dated 20.11.2023. It has been observed that despite huge pendency against various Govt. Departments, no benefit of this scheme has been availed by these defaulting Govt. Departments. Considering the submissions of PSPCL, the Commission further extends the OTS Scheme from 24.11.2023 for a period of one month from the date of issuance of circular by PSPCL for all categories of consumers (except AP) on the same terms and conditions as approved in the order of the Commission in the original petition No. 05 of 2023.

Sd/-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: 23.11.2023