

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

**Further extension of closing date of VDS scheme for AP consumers upto  
31.10.2022**

**Date: 04.11.2022**

**ORDER**

The Commission in accordance with Regulation 69 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 2005, as amended from time to time read with Regulations 46 and 47 of the Supply Code, 2014 allowed PSPCL to introduce the Voluntary Disclosure Scheme (VDS) for AP consumers vide Order dated 22.06.2022 in Petition No 34 of 2022. The VDS Scheme was allowed with the terms and conditions as specified in the Order dated 22.06.2022 which, inter-alia, specified that the scheme shall remain operative for 45 days from the date of issue of the scheme which may further be extended by the licensee upto 3 months.

CE/Commercial, PSPCL vide letter dated 26.10.22 intimated that the VDS scheme was introduced by PSPCL on 10.06.2022 for 45 days upto 24.07.2022 and again extended upto 23.10.2022 for another three months by PSPCL. Further, PSPCL requested for extending the validity of scheme from 23.10.2022 upto 31.10.2022 in view of the last day of scheme i.e. 23.10.2022 falling on Sunday and due to the days of Diwali festival.

The Commission observes that even before seeking its approval, PSPCL had already issued the Commercial Circular No. 31 of 2022 dated 21.10.2022, extending the validity of the VDS Scheme upto 31.10.2022. Nonetheless, considering the circumstances brought out in PSPCL letter dated 26.10.2022, ex-post facto approval is granted to further extend the VDS scheme for AP consumers upto 31.10.2022.

However, the Commission takes adverse note of PSPCL for allowing extension in validity of the VDS Scheme without first seeking approval of the Commission. PSPCL is directed to strictly desist from such actions in future.

Sd/-

**(Paramjeet Singh)  
Member**

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**(Viswajeet Khanna)  
Chairperson**

**Chandigarh**

**Dated: 04.11.2022**