

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

Petition No. 46 of 2024
Date of Hearing: 14.11.2024
Date of Order: 18.11.2024

Petition under Regulation 19, 20 and 21 of Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Quality) Regulations, 2023 and Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of Chapter XIII of the Conduct of Business Regulations 2005 for allowing time extension to designated consumers without penalty/ compensation for the installation of Power Quality Meters and for allowing time extension to designated consumers for exercising option for installation of PQ meters through PSPCL by paying monthly meter rental.

And

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

...Petitioner

Versus

1. Steel Furnace Association – Punjab (Chapter), C/O Vardhman Special Steels Limited, C-58, Phase-III, Focal Point, Ludhiana, Punjab-141010.
2. Mandi Gobindgarh Induction Furnace Association, (REGD.) Grain Market, Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab-147301
3. Apex Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Room No. 204, 2nd Floor, Savitri Complex- I, G.T. Road, Ludhiana-141003.

...Respondents

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Sh. Rajiv Kapur, Dy.CE/Regulations
Sh. Baljinderpal Singh, AEE/TR-5

ORDER

The petition was taken up for hearing. Vide Order dated 16.10.2024, PSPCL was directed to submit information/confirmation on various issues. PSPCL furnished its reply vide memo no.6857 dated 12.11.2024. However, the replies submitted by PSPCL are evasive. In this regard, the Commission observes as under:

1. Even if back to back tight timelines intimated by PSPCL are actually met with, the first lot of 250 nos. meters would not be available for installation

before end of April, 2025. Actual installation and commissioning would require further time for shut down, configuration etc.

2. PSPCL was directed to explain the reasons for not charging penalty in case of the options received after 15.03.2024. The explanation has not been given and a further time of 15 days has been sought by PSPCL.
3. PSPCL was asked to explain the delay in filing the present petition seeking extension in the date of rental option. PSPCL has submitted a lame reply that they wanted to consolidate all issues related to implementation of PQ regulations in single comprehensive petition.
4. As per regulations, all the applicants covered under the category of designated consumers seeking new connection/extension in demand, are required to install PQ meters before release of connection. PSPCL was asked to furnish a list of such cases and whether Power Quality meters were installed in such cases. But PSPCL has not submitted the details and has sought a further time of 15 days.
5. PSPCL was asked to intimate whether the calculation sheet for I_{sc}/I_L is being shared with the designated consumers. But PSPCL has not given clear reply except intimating that the values are being mentioned on the reports submitted to the consumers.

The officers appearing on behalf of PSPCL failed to answer the queries of the Commission on various aspects of the issue. It is directed that the concerned Chief Engineer of PSPCL dealing with the issue shall attend the hearings in person.

PSPCL is directed to submit clear information in respect of the above within 2 weeks. Further, as per first proviso to Regulation 13.8 of Power Quality Regulations, the designated consumer may opt to be governed by the provisions of Regulation 13.11 *ibid* before 01.10.2024 i.e. he may opt out of PIU Tariff. PSPCL may intimate, within two weeks, as to how many such requests for opting out have been received and whether the same have been accepted by PSPCL. PSPCL may certify on affidavit that the system for the aforementioned opting out has been put in place and is operational.

Vide Order dated 16.10.2024, the Steel Furnace Association – Punjab Chapter, Mandi Gobindgarh Induction Furnace Association and Apex

Chamber of Commerce and Industries were impleaded as respondents and were directed to file their replies. But none of them has appeared before the Commission nor filed any reply. The same may be filed by the respondents within one week with a copy to PSPCL (through hard and soft copy) and PSPCL may file reply/rejoinder to the replies within one week thereafter.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 04.12.2024 at 11:30 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)

Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)

Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: **18.11.2024**