

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

Petition No. 51 of 2020
Date of Order: 29.04.2022

Petition for revision of Schedule of General Charges recoverable from the applicants/consumers seeking electricity connections/services from PSPCL under Section 181 (u) of the Electricity Act 2003, Regulation 47 of Supply Code 2014 and Regulations 69,70,71 & 72 of chapter XIII of the conduct of Business Regulations 2005.

AND

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

...Petitioner

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

ORDER

PSPCL filed the present petition for revision of Schedule of General Charges recoverable from the applicants/consumers seeking electricity connections/services from PSPCL. After hearing the representative of PSPCL, Order was reserved vide Order dated 25.03.2022. However, on a perusal of the matter, the Commission finds that some more information is required for proper adjudication of the matter. Therefore, the case is reopened and PSPCL is directed to submit its reply/information as under:

1. While calculating recoverable cost of meters, departmental charges @ 27.5% has been considered. Such charges are recovered in case of deposit works executed on behalf of consumers and such works remain the property of the consumer. However, meters are the property of the licensee. Levy of departmental charges @ 27.5% may be justified.

2. At Sr. No.14, the testing and calibration charges in case of poly-phase meters with CTs have been proposed as Rs.2500/- whereas the cost of the LT/CT meter itself is Rs.2464/-. Similarly, the testing fee for poly-phase whole current meter has been proposed as Rs.700/- whereas the cost of the meter is Rs.1290/-. Such high rates for testing & calibration may be justified.

3. At Sr. No.16, while calculating Security (Consumption), the tariff rates for FY 2019-20 have been considered. The tariff rates as per Tariff Order for FY 2022-23 may be considered for calculation.

4. The actual consumption (per kW or per kVA, as applicable) for different categories of consumers (Slab wise) as per the consumption data for FY 2021-22 may be supplied.

5. The spot billing is applicable only for DS and NRS consumers with load upto 20kW whereas at Sr. No.16.3, Security (Consumption) has been calculated for all other categories of consumers also. PSPCL to explain.

The reply to the above information/queries be provided within 6 weeks. The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 06.07.2022 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Chandigarh

Dated: 29.04.2022

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson