



ORDER

OF THE

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO: OA-233/16-17

IN RE THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR APPROVAL OF REVISION OF 'LATE PAYMENT SURCHARGE (LPSC) WAIVER SCHEME' FOR DEEMED TERMINATED CONSUMERS HAVING CONTRACT DEMAND 50 KVA AND ABOVE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (WBERC) ON 16/09/2016.

PRESENT:

SRI RABINDRANATH SEN, CHAIRPERSON

SRI AMITAVA BISWAS, MEMBER

SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER

DATE: 17.04.2018



In Re the application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for approval of revision of 'Late Payment Surcharge (LPSC) Waiver Scheme' for deemed terminated consumers having contract demand 50 KVA and above that was previously approved by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC) on 16/09/2016

Noting by Office or Advocate	Sl. No.	Date	Office notes, reports orders or proceedings with signature
		17.04.2018	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORDER</u></p> <p>1.0 This is in regard to the application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL') for an appropriate order on revision of 'Late Payment Surcharge (LPSC) Waiver Scheme' for deemed terminated consumers having contract demand 50 KVA and above.</p> <p>2.0 WBSEDCL submitted an application on 22/07/2016 to introduce a scheme for recovery of outstanding dues for providing reconnection with full or partial waiver of LPSC for a validity period of six (06) months with the provision that the scheme will be reviewed after six months.</p> <p>3.0 Commission issued an order on 16/09/2016 in case no WBERC/OA-233/16-17 subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The scheme shall be notified in leading newspapers and in the website of WBSEDCL,ii) The scheme shall be kept open for six months only from the date of notification of the scheme, andiii) No amount against waived LPSC shall be claimed in their tariff as bad debt. <p>4.0 It is submitted that the scheme was notified by WBSEDCL on 25/09/2016 and the scheme expired on 24/03/2017. Within that period 14 nos. consumers availed the scheme with a realization of 7.33 Crore by WBSEDCL. In this</p>



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			<p>respect WBSEDCL submitted a report to the Commission on 27/05/2017 vide memo no ED/COM/CE(Reg)/31.</p> <p>5.0 WBSEDCL has also submitted that many interested disconnected consumers / prospective consumers, failed to avail the facility of said scheme within the stipulated time, approached WBSEDCL after the scheme was closed and requested WBSEDCL for extension of validity time of the scheme.</p> <p>6.0 It is also submitted that the interested disconnected consumers / prospective consumers also requested WBSEDCL for the relief of coverage of security amount required for deferred mode of payment of outstanding amount.</p> <p>7.0 It is further submitted that due to the reasons stated, Board of Directors of WBSEDCL in the meeting dated 13/11/2017 resolved that scheme approved by the Commission vide order dated 16/09/2016 be amended to the extent of relief of payment of additional security amount required for the deferred mode of payment if the prospective consumer deposit at least 50% of the outstanding amount. Board of Director also resolved that the revised scheme would remain open for further period of ten (10) months only from the date of fresh notification.</p> <p>8.0 Accordingly, WBSEDCL has prayed before the Commission to pass an order for implementation of the scheme as stated above under removal of difficulty clause to waive the LPSC at the premises where deemed termination of agreement has been done in accordance with regulation 2.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electric Supply</p>
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			<p>Code) Regulations, 2013, as amended.</p> <p>9.0 The Commission has gone through the proposed amended 'LPSC Waiver Scheme' stated by WBSEDCL in their petition and as stated in paragraph 7.0 above and observes that this scheme will help WBSEDCL for recovery of long outstanding dues from the consumers in those premises where deemed termination of agreement has taken place. But to implement the scheme there will be difficulty to be faced by WBSEDCL in terms of regulation 3.4.3 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013.</p> <p>10.0 The Commission after due consideration in terms of regulation 12.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013 to remove the difficulties to implement the "LPSC Waiver Scheme" for consumers having contract demand for 50 KVA or more as proposed in the application of WBSEDCL, decides that WBSEDCL shall have liberty to waive the LPSC full or part against deemed terminated consumers including relief of payment of additional security amount required for the deferred mode of payment if the consumers deposit at least 50% of the outstanding amount as proposed in their application subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>a) The scheme shall be widely circulated by notification in leading newspapers and in the website of WBSEDCL.</p> <p>b) The scheme shall be open for 10 (ten) months from the date of notification of the scheme.</p> <p>c) No amount against waived LPSC shall be claimed in their</p>
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			<p>tariff as bad debt.</p> <p>d) WBSEDCL shall strictly monitor that instalment payment by the consumers are done as per the scheme.</p> <p>11.0 Application is thus disposed of. Let a copy of the order be served upon WBSEDCL.</p> <p>Sd/- (DURGADAS GOSWAMI) MEMBER Sd/- (AMITAVA BISWAS) MEMBER Sd/- (RABINDRANATH SEN) CHAIRPERSON</p> <p>Dated : 17.04.2018</p>
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