



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. OA-381/21-22**

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE ORDER FOR IMPLEMENTING DEMAND CHARGE TO ALL CLASS OF CONSUMERS HAVING CONTRACT LOAD OF 30 KVA AND ABOVE UNDER MONTHLY BILLING SYSTEM AT A RATE AS STIPULATED IN THE RESPECTIVE TARIFF ORDER FOLLOWING THE REGULATION 4.3.1 OF WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED

**PRESENT:
SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON
SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

DATE: 03.01.2022



Issuance of appropriate order for implementing demand charge to all class of consumers having contract load of 30 kVA and above under monthly billing system at a rate as stipulated in the respective tariff order following the regulation 4.3.1 of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended



FACTS IN BRIEF

- 1.0 The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL') submitted an application vide letter dated 09.09.2021 for Issuance of appropriate order for implementing demand charge to all classes of consumers having contract load of 30 kVA and above under monthly billing system at a rate as stipulated in the respective tariff order following the regulation 4.3.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended (in short 'Tariff Regulations'). The Commission admitted the application and registered it in Case No. OA – 381/21-22.
- 2.0 WBSEDCL in their application inter-alia stated that they are claiming fixed charge based on sanctioned contract demand from Low and Medium Voltage consumers having contractual load below 50 kVA as per the Tariff Order of the Commission. However, WBSEDCL observed that several consumers having contract load below 50 kVA are drawing load more than their contractual load, even above 50 kVA.
- 3.0 In view of the above, WBSEDCL prayed for issuance of a suitable order to introduce demand charge based on recorded demand in place of fixed charge for the consumers having contract load of 30 kVA or above but below 50 kVA under monthly billing system in terms of regulation 4.3.1 of the Tariff Regulations so as to restrict the tendency of higher load drawal and also enhance the revenue realization. WBSEDCL also submitted that the implementation of Demand Charge for the consumers under quarterly billing system will be taken up as and when the facility of capturing monthly Maximum Demand (MD) with resetting facility of MD at the end of every month will be established replacing the existing metering system.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- 4.1 In terms of regulation 4.2.1 of the Tariff Regulations, Fixed Charge is applicable for LV and MV consumers having contract load below 50 kVA and in terms of regulation 4.3.1 of the Tariff Regulations, Demand Charge is applicable to all HV and EHV consumers and also to those LV and MV consumers who have contract load of 50 kVA or above.
- 4.2 Thus, the Commission observes that the prayer of WBSEDCL for allowing demand charge to all classes of consumers having contract load of 30 kVA and above requires amendment of the Tariff Regulations and cannot be given in the form of an order with respect to the application.



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- 4.3 The Commission noted the submission made by WBSEDCL in the petition and decides to consider the same appropriately while making the Tariff Regulation under provision of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and taking suggestions/ objections and comments from the stakeholders.

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- 5.0 In view of the above, the Commission disposes of the application of WBSEDCL in the light of the observation made in the body of the order and directs WBSEDCL to comply with the existing provisions of the Tariff Regulations.
- 6.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.
- 7.0 WBSEDCL shall download the copy of the order from the website of the Commission and act on it. Certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of formalities laid down in the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013, as amended and on submission of necessary fees.

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**(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER**

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Dated: 03.01.2022

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SECRETARY**