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**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. OA – 324/ 19-20**

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) IN TERMS OF REGULATION NO. 18 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE OF LICENSEES RELATING TO CONSUMER SERVICES) REGULATIONS, 2010, AS AMENDED FOR REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES IN RESPECT OF L&MV CONSUMERS HAVING CONTRACT DEMAND FROM 50 KVA TO 200 KVA UNDER WBSEDCL TO PROCESS APPLICATION OF THOSE CONSUMERS WITHOUT TAKING EARNEST MONEY.

PRESENT:

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

DATE: 10.02.2021



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In regard to the application submitted by WBSEDCL in terms of regulation no. 18 of The West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standard of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) Regulations, 2010, as amended for removal of difficulties in respect of L&MV consumers having contract demand from 50 KVA to 200 KVA under WBSEDCL to process application of those consumers without taking earnest money.



Facts in brief:

- 1.0 The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (In short "WBSEDCL") has submitted an application on 15.01.2020 in terms of regulation no. 18 of The West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standard of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) Regulations, 2010, as amended (in short, the 'SOP Regulations'), for issuance of order by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short, the 'Commission') under removal of difficulties.
- 2.0 In their application WBSEDCL submitted that, for quick disposal of new service connection to L&MV consumers having contract demand below 50 kVA, WBSEDCL has removed the process of generation of quotation for earnest money, receiving such earnest money and thereafter adjustment of that earnest money with the service connection charge as per the Commission's order dated 13.11.2013 and 13.05.2015.
- 3.0 Now, WBSEDCL under "Ease of Doing Business" proposes to remove the process of generation of quotation of earnest money and subsequent adjustment of the same for L&MV consumers having contract demand from 50 kVA to 200 kVA.

Observations of the Commission:

- 4.0 The Commission observes that provisions related to "Earnest Money" for L&MV supply has been amended vide Notification No. 66/WBERC dated 20.02.2020. The relevant portion of the Fourth Amendment of the SOP Regulations is reproduced below:

"A. For LV and MV supply:
(i) For industrial purpose – Nil
(ii) For commercial purpose – Nil
(iii) For purpose other than (i) and (ii) above – Nil"

- 5.0 It is evident from above, that the prayer of WBSEDCL has already been addressed in the Fourth Amendment of the SOP Regulations.

Order:

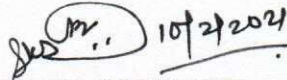
- 6.0 The Petition is disposed off considering the fact that the issue raised by WBSEDCL has already been addressed under the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standard of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- 7.0 Let a copy of this order be served upon WBSEDCL.

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MEMBER

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(SAIBAL KANTI DAS)
SECRETARY

