



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

IN CASE NO. TP-80/19-20/1

IN REGARD TO THE COMPLIANCE OF THE DIRECTIVES IN TERMS OF THE TARIFF ORDER OF DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION (DVC) DATED 19.06.2020 IN RESPECT OF THE DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITY OF DVC IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL FOR THE PERIOD FY. 2006 - 2007 TO 2008 – 2009.

PRESENT:

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

DATE: 01.07.2020



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In regard to the compliance of the directives in terms of the tariff order of Damodar valley corporation (dvc) dated 19.06.2020 in respect of the distribution activity of dvc in the state of west bengal for the period fy 2006 - 2007 to 2008 – 2009.



Facts in brief:

1.0 West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as 'the Commission') in Case No. TP-80 / 19 – 20 dated 19.06.2020 issued the Retail Tariff Order for the consumers of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in the area of the State of West Bengal. In the said order the Commission directed DVC to submit a gist of the order to the Commission for approval within three working days from the receipt of the order. Relevant portion of the said order is reproduced below:

"6.2.8 DVC shall present to the Commission a gist of this order showing salient features of tariff/ tariffs for the year within three working days from the date of receipt of this order for approval of the Commission and on receipt of the approval, shall publish the approved gist in at least 4(four) daily newspapers of which at least 1 (one) will be in English, and 1 (one) in Bengali having wide circulation in the operational area of licensee and put up the approved tariff on their website within seven days from the date of receipt of the approval of the Commission."

2.0 DVC vide a letter ref no Coml./ Tariff / WBERC 06-09 /173 dated 22.06.2020, referring the abovementioned directives of the Commission, submitted that at present DVC Towers, DVC's Head office, is closed due to lock down to contain the spread of Covid-19 and as a consequence, normal day-to-day activities at DVC Head Office could not be resumed as yet. DVC further submitted that, under this circumstance it may not be possible for DVC to receive the original hard copy of the subject tariff order and to submit the gist of this order for approval of the Commission within the specified time line. Subsequently DVC prayed before the Hon'ble Commission to kindly allow DVC to count the time lines for compliance of the aforementioned directives from the date of restoration of normal operation of DVC Head office. DVC further mentioned that, they have uploaded the tariff order in its official website on 22.06.2020 as per the direction given.

3.0 DVC along with their letter also enclosed a copy of their office order dated 22.03.2020 regarding closure of DVC Tower, Kolkata in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.





In regard to the compliance of the directives in terms of the tariff order of Damodar valley corporation (dvc) dated 19.06.2020 in respect of the distribution activity of dvc in the state of west bengal for the period fy 2008 - 2007 to 2008 – 2009.



4.0 The Commission observes that, publication of gist of the tariff order in newspaper is a mandatory requirement under the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2011, as amended and the office order of DVC dated 22.03.2020 provides scope for "work from home basis" for all important and urgent activities.

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5.0 Considering the present situation, Commission allows some more time and directs DVC to submit the gist in terms of directives given in paragraph 6.2.8 of the tariff order in Case No TP-80 / 19 – 20 dated 19.06.2020 before the Commission by 07.07.2020. For this purpose, DVC may refer to the Tariff order published in the website of the Commission. No further extension shall be granted.

6.0 Let a copy of the order be served upon DVC.

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(T. K. MUKHERJEE)
SECRETARY

