

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH

Present: Shri D.S.Bains, Chairman
Shri S. S. Sarna, Member.

Order

Regulation 4.2 of the PSERC (Electricity Supply & Related Matters) Regulations, 2014, in short Supply Code, 2014, specifies different Supply Voltage Limits for catering to load/demand of different categories of consumers. Further Regulation 4.2.1 provide for release of load at voltage lower than specified due to constraints subject to payment of surcharge as specified in General Conditions of Tariff. The clause 13 of the General Conditions of Tariff provides for Voltage Surcharge for different loads and exemption from levy of surcharge as under:

“13. Voltage Surcharge/rebate

13.1 Voltage Surcharge:

The levy of voltage surcharge shall be as under:-

- i) All consumers catered at 400 volts against specified voltage of 11 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 15%.*
- ii) Arc furnace loads upto 2500 kVA without specified protection system for suppressing voltage surges & other LS consumers with Contract Demand exceeding 2500 kVA and up to 4000 kVA, catered at 11 kV against specified voltage of 33/66 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 7%.*

- iii) *DS/NRS/BS/LS consumers with Contract Demand exceeding 4000 kVA catered at 11 kV against specified voltage of 33/66 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 10%.*
 - iv) *All consumers catered at 33/66 kV against specified voltage of 132/220 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 5%.*
 - v) *All these surcharges shall be leviable on the consumption charges including Demand Charges, if any or monthly minimum charges, whichever is higher.*
 - vi) *The exemptions from levy of surcharge(s) shall continue as under:-*
 - (a) *LS consumers existing as on 31.3.2010 availing supply at 33/66 kV but required to convert their system so as to receive supply at 132/220 kV will not be levied any surcharge related to supply voltage, till such consumers request for change of their Contract Demand.*
 - (b) *DS/NRS/BS consumers existing as on 31.3.2010 catered at a voltage lower than specified in Supply Code 2014 will be liable to pay surcharge only in case of any change in Contract Demand.*
- 13.2 *In case there is any constraint in releasing a new connection or additional load/demand to an existing consumer at specified voltage, the distribution licensee may allow supply at a lower voltage on payment of voltage surcharge as specified above with the permission of Whole Time Directors.”*

A public notice inviting comments/objections of the stakeholders on the draft amendments in the Supply Code 2014 and clause 13 of General Conditions of Tariff, was published in various

Newspapers dated 04/05.08.2016, so as to reach the Commission on or before 24.08.2016. Govt. of Punjab, Department of Power and CMD/PSPCL were also separately intimated vide letter dated 05.08.2016 regarding the proposed amendments, with the request to submit their views/comments.

After going through the comments/objections of the Stakeholders and examining the techno-commercial aspects of raising the load/demand threshold limit for various Supply Voltages, the Commission has issued the 2nd amendment to the Supply Code, 2014 vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu.116 dated 05.10.2016 published in Punjab Govt. Gazette (extra) on 05.10.2016 wherein the limit of 2500 kVA contract demand for catering industrial loads at 11 kV has been increased to 4000 kVA and the limit of 35 MVA specified for 66 kV Supply Voltage has been increased to 50 MVA. In addition, a new sub-regulation 4.2.2 has also been inserted in the Supply Code, 2014 to provide opportunity to the existing consumers to avail benefit of enhanced Supply Voltage limits by signing a fresh A&A form with the distribution licensee.

The Commission after considering the comments/ objections of the stakeholders on proposed amendments in clause 13 of the General Conditions of Tariff and keeping in view the 2nd amendment in Supply Code, 2014, hereby approves the following amendments in the General Conditions of Tariff. The clause 13 of General Conditions of Tariff shall be substituted as under:

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13.1 Voltage Surcharge:

The levy of voltage surcharge shall be as under:-

- i) All consumers catered at 400 volts against specified voltage

- of 11 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 15%.
- ii) All consumers catered at 11 kV against specified voltage of 33/66 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 10%.
 - iii) All consumers catered at 33/66 kV against specified voltage of 132/220 kV shall be levied surcharge at the rate of 5%.
 - iv) All these surcharges shall be leviable on the consumption charges including Demand Charges, if any or monthly minimum charges, whichever is higher.
 - v) The exemptions from levy of surcharge(s) shall continue as under:-
 - (a) LS consumers existing as on 31.3.2010 availing supply at 33/66 kV but required to convert their system so as to receive supply at 132/220 kV will not be levied any surcharge related to supply voltage, till such consumers request for change of their Contract Demand.
 - (b) DS/NRS/BS consumers existing as on 31.3.2010 catered at a voltage lower than specified in Supply Code 2014 will be liable to pay surcharge only in case of any change in Contract Demand.

13.2 In case there is any constraint in releasing a new connection or additional load/demand to an existing consumer at specified voltage, the distribution licensee may allow supply at a lower voltage subject to technical feasibility and on payment of voltage surcharge as specified above with the permission of Whole Time Directors.

Provided that existing consumers paying surcharge as per sub-clause (ii) or (iv) of clause 13.1 of General Conditions of Tariff annexed as Annexure-I to the Tariff Order for FY 2016-17 shall continue

to be governed by existing provisions till conversion to amended Supply Voltage in accordance with regulation 4.2 read with sub-regulation 4.2.2 of PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2016.

The above amendments in General Conditions of Tariff shall come into force from the date of issue of this Order.

Sd/-
(S. S. Sarna)
Member

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(D.S.Bains)
Chairman

Dated: 26.10.2016
Chandigarh