

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO NO.220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH

Date of Order: 01-06-2012

Subject: Policy for grant of continuous process status to industrial consumers – revised procedure.

ORDER:

Chief Engineer/Commercial, PSPCL vide his letter dated 27.2.2012 brought out that continuous process industries are getting uninterrupted power supply for the full load whereas the actual load required to run continuous process is far less than the total load. It was further intimated that even in peak load/paddy season when PSPCL is short of supply, the continuous process consumers avail power supply for the full load whereas very stringent regulatory measures are imposed on other industrial consumers. Moreover, these continuous process industries are paying the same tariff.

To sort out the issue, PSPCL submitted the following proposed procedure in respect of continuous process industries for concurrence of the Commission:

- i) Load portion for continuous process will be identified and certified by SE/DS concerned before forwarding the application to the committee competent to grant continuous process industry status.
- ii) Peak Load exemption shall be allowed to the extent of load required to run the continuous process part of load sanctioned.
- iii) During off days declared on industry, consumer will be allowed to run the load to the extent Peak Load exemption is obtained from the PSPCL.
- iv) Consumer must have a DG set equivalent to the continuous process load as a fall back arrangement and alternatively indemnify the PSPCL against any loss due to absence of DG set.

2. Public objections/views on the proposal of PSPCL were invited through a Public Notice. State Govt., Department of Power was also requested to send the comments/suggestions of the State Govt. on the proposed procedure.

3. In response to Public Notice, 13 number objections have been received from the consumers. Some of the objections are highlighted as below:

- (i) The proposed amendment should be implemented prospectively.

- (ii) There should not be any requirement of installing DG set for getting continuous industry status.
- (iii) Before finalizing the application, the consumer must be given a hearing.
- (iv) Peak load exemption should also be granted if the material in process during power interruption period results not only in total wastage of material but may even become poor in quality or lose specifications etc.
- (v) Restricting the load to be run during off days is not justified. There are some loads which are run during non peak hours which support the process and essential machinery during peak hours.
- (vi) Restricting the load of continuous process industry on weekly off days will lead to production loss.

4. After going through the existing provisions, changes proposed by PSPCL and the relevant objections raised by the consumers, the Commission decides as under:

- (i) PSPCL shall issue a public notice within a fortnight in newspapers laying down the new procedure to be followed by existing/new industrial consumers availing/intending to avail continuous process status.
- (ii) Existing as well as new consumers shall be required to self declare whether their industrial unit is a continuous process one along with continuous process demand in KVA required to be used during peak load hours and during non peak load hours, weekly off days/during other such declared restrictions on industry.

The self declaration shall be made within a period of one month from the date of issue of public notice through an affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper duly notarised as per the format annexed. Those consumers who do not respond to the public notice shall not be eligible for availing the benefit of continuous process industry.

Those consumers who do not make a declaration, due to any reason, within the specified period but come up afterwards, their request along with declaration shall be processed by PSPCL within

a period of one month and the consumer shall be entitled to have benefit of continuous process status after expiry of one month.

The consumer shall indicate his demand requirement for continuous process during non peak load hours, weekly off days, or during other such restrictions on industry which would not exceed demand required during peak hours enhanced by twenty-five per cent. This demand shall, however, not exceed his contract demand.

The PSPCL shall consider the load declared by the continuous process industry consumer to be run during non peak load hours (for most part of the day) as continuous load for that industry. However, for peak load hours, the consumer shall pay the PLEC only for the load required during these hours.

- (iii) The entire process in processing the self declaration and getting revised approval of the competent authority for continuous process shall be completed within 90 days of issue of this order.
- (iv) The installation of a DG set for declaring an industry as of continuous nature shall not be mandatory.
- (v) After the declaration of load for continuous process during Peak Load Hours and non Peak Load Hours the field officers shall be checking the load of such consumers within three months after completion of process and action would be initiated against any wrong declaration.
- (vi) Any dispute arising on the quantum of load required by an industrial consumer during peak load hours and non peak load hours shall be referred to the Committee constituted by PSPCL for identifying the continuous process status of the industry. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

5. The PSPCL is directed to take immediate necessary action and send the revised list of continuous process industries to the Commission. The list of such industries may also be uploaded on the website of the Utility.

Sd/-
(Gurinderjit Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Virinder Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Romila Dubey)
Chairperson

Chandigarh.
Dated 01-06-2012

AFFIDAVIT

I.....son ofaged.....residing at do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. That I am consumer of PSPCL / Partner / Director / Secretary of(Name of firm or company) which is consumer of PSPCL and am authorized by the said firm / company to make this affidavit on its behalf.
2. That I declare as follows :
 - (i) Name of the consumer :
 - (ii) Account No. :
 - (iii) (a) Name of the Sub-Division / Division :
 - (b) Name of PSPCL Distribution Circle :
 - (iv) Connected load (KW) :
 - (v) Contract demand (KVA) :
 - (vi) Supply voltage (KV) :
 - (vii) Whether on independent feeder or mixed feeder :
 - (viii) The basis on which it is claimed to be a continuous process industry.
 - (ix) Brief description of the process of industry. :
 - (x) Demand in KVA required for continuous process during peak load hours. :
 - (xi) Demand in KVA required for continuous process during non-peak hours, weekly off days or during other restrictions (not to exceed demand required during peak load hours by more than twenty-five percent). :

Deponent

Verification:

I, the deponent above named do, hereby verify that contents of my above affidavit are true to my knowledge and belief; no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at.....on the date of

Deponent