

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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**CORAM: Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson
Anand M. Limaye , Member
Surendra J. Biyani, Member**

Case No. 176 of 2023 & I.A. No. 26 of 2024

Petition of Mr. Sudhir Budhay for scrapping ‘Grid Support Charges’ applicable to Rooftop Solar Systems above 10 kW & Below 1 MW post capacity addition of 2000 MW.

Mr. Sudhir Budhay : Petitioner

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd (MSEDCL) : Respondent

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Mr. Sudhir Budhay

For the Respondent : Mr. Kiran Gandhi (Adv.)

Daily Order

1. Heard the Petitioner and Advocate of MSEDCL.
2. The Petitioner submitted that in pursuance to Daily Order dated 17 May 2024, the Petition has been amended and IA No.26 of 2024 has been filed. The Commission noted the compliance of Daily Order and takes on record the amended Petition.
3. The Petitioner stated that the Grid Support Charges determined by the Commission in its MYT Order dated 30 March 2020 in Case No.322 of 2019 are discriminatory in nature. These charges are not applicable to consumers with sanctioned load less than 10 kW and more than 1 MW. He further highlighted the MSEDCL has not issued the Commercial Circular to implement the MERC (Grid interactive rooftop renewable energy generating systems) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
4. The Advocate of MSEDCL submitted that consumers with sanctioned load 1 MW are under ambit of Open Access regime and billed with Additional Surcharge, CSS etc. MSEDCL is implementing the directives in the Commission’s Order scrupulously. He further informed that

MSEDCL has challenged the Amendment Regulations before Hon'ble Bombay High Court and hence has not issued the Circular.


5. The Commission expressed displeasure due to non-compliance of the Amendment Regulations. The Commission directed MSEDCL to issue the Commercial Circular within 15 days and submit action taken report on implementation of the Amendment Regulations.

Post receipt of compliance, next date of hearing will be intimated by the Secretariat of the Commission.

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(Surendra J. Biyani)
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Chairperson


(Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar)
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