Before the

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<u>CORAM</u>: Shri Azeez M. Khan, Member Shri. Deepak Lad, Member

In the matter of

Petition of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd for allowing discontinue payment of any further claims of industrial consumers' towards refund of ASC for applications received after 01 April 2016

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL)Petitioner

Representative for the Petitioner: Smt. Deepa Chawan (Adv.)

Consumer Representative: Shri. Ashok Pendse (TBIA)

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- 1. Heard the representatives of the Petitioner and Consumer Representative.
- 2. MSEDCL submitted that in the period of 2006-2008 it has recovered Additional Supply Charge (ASC) from its consumers as per Orders of the Commission. In some cases it was observed that, even after payment of ASC, consumers were subjected to Load Shedding beyond the prescribed limit. In such cases, on application of consumer, ASC amount has been refunded. Till date, MSEDCL has refunded ASC amount to 99 applicants and 1 application is pending to whom ASC will be refunded shortly. As time passes, verification of claims of applicants becomes increasingly difficult. Hence, through the present Petition, MSEDCL is seeking declaration that, post 31 March, 2016, it will not entertain any application for refund of ASC.
- 3. Dr. Pendse of Thane Belapur Industrial Association (TBIA) submitted that one chance should be given to the consumers before closing their option of claiming ASC refund. He suggested that MSEDCL may issue Public Notice informing the consumers about their option to claim ASC refund, if applicable, within prescribed date. MSEDCL may not entertain such applications thereafter. MSEDCL also agreed with this suggestion.

The Case is reserved for Order.

Sd/-(Deepak Lad) Member Sd/-(Azeez M. Khan) Member