

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 57 of 2017

Dated: 6 July, 2017

**CORAM: Shri Azeez M. Khan, Member
Shri. Deepak Lad, Member**

**In the matter of
Petition of INOX Air Products Pvt. Ltd. seeking clarification of Tariff Order dated
3.11.2016 in Case No 48 of 2016 regarding reduction in subsidy to the express category
consumers.**

INOX Air Products Pvt. Ltd.Petitioner

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner: Smt. Dipali Sheth (Adv.)

For the Respondent: Shri. M. G. Wath (Rep.)

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1. Heard the Advocates of the Petitioner and Representative of the Respondent.
2. INOX Air Product Pvt. Ltd. stated that:
 - i. Petition is filed on account of misinterpretation of the Commission's Multi Year Tariff (MYT) Order dated 3 November, 2016 by MSEDCL. In its MYT Order, the Commission has merged the continuous and non-continuous sub-categories and approved a single category for Industrial consumers. Before such merger of categories, continuous and non-continuous Industries were getting the direct subsidy at the rate specified in the Government of Maharashtra's GR dated 29 June, 2016. Subsequent to such merger, MSEDCL on its own has decided to apply subsidy at the rate of non-continuous category, which is lower than that for continuous category, to all Industrial consumers.
 - ii. The Petitioner, being a continuous category consumer and connected on express feeder, should have got direct subsidy applicable to the continuous category. The

Commission in its MYT Order has not clarified this issue of subsidy, and may now clarify the same.

- iii. Subsequent to filing of this Petition, in the electricity bill for month of June, 2017, MSEDCL has applied a higher rate of direct subsidy and credited the differential amount. However such credit was without any interest.
- iv. In its recent electricity bill, MSEDCL has made another error by applying direct subsidy only on the energy charge and not on the complete bill amount. MSEDCL should be directed to correct that mistake

3. MSEDCL stated that:

- i. Subsequent to of the MYT Order dated 3 November, 2016, in the absence of any clarification regarding rate of direct subsidy to be applied, MSEDCL has applied direct subsidy at the rate of non-continuous category to all eligible Industrial consumers.
- ii. As GoM has issued new GR dated 24 March, 2017 stipulating the rate of direct subsidy to Industries, the Petitioner has been given the credit of differential amount of direct subsidy in the electricity bill of June, 2017. This rate of direct subsidy is made applicable to all eligible Industrial consumers from 1 November, 2016.

The Case is reserved for Order

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Member**

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