

**Before the  
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**Case No. 97 of 2017**

**Dated: 11 July, 2017**

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

**Petition of M/s. Asahi India Glass Limited regarding denial of Open Access permissions  
by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd**

M/s. Asahi India Glass Limited (AGIL) .....Petitioner

V/s.

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

**Appearance:**

For the Petitioner : 1) Ms. Dipali Sheth (Adv)  
2) Shri. Girish Gedam (Rep)

For the Respondent : 1) Shri. Ashish Singh (Adv)  
2) Shri. A. W. Mahajan (Rep)

Authorized Consumer Representative : Dr. Ashok Pendse, TBIA

**Daily Order**

Heard the Advocates/ Representatives of the Petitioner, Respondent and the Authorized Consumer Representative.

1. Advocate of Petitioner stated that:
  - (i) The Petition seeks directions against MSEDCL for denying Open Access (OA)

Permissions under Group Captive mode for supply of power from Sai Wardha Power Generation Limited (SWPGL) for the months of March, May, and June, 2017. However, MSEDCL has granted Open Access for April, 2017.

- (ii) AGIL had set up a Rooftop Solar PV Plant of 1.027 MW capacity and connected to the system. However, when MSEDCL Officers inspected the premises on 20 January, 2017, they objected as it was without MSEDCL's permission. Therefore, the Rooftop Solar PV Plant was disconnected from MSEDCL's grid on 20 February, 2017. MSEDCL further observed that the Special Energy Meter (SEM) at the consumer end needs to be programmed for MD Auto Reset and the load survey time slot of 15 minutes instead of 30 minutes.
- (iii) SWPGL had applied for Short Term Open Access (STOA) for March, 2017 for supply of power to AGIL under Group Captive mode. Vide letter/email dated 17 February, 2017, MSEDCL informed SWPGL that the STOA for AGIL for March, 2017 has been rejected due to the remark in the SEM Report stating that the Rooftop Solar PV Plant had been connected to the grid without MSEDCL's approval. Vide letter dated 3 March, 2017, AGIL requested MSEDCL to grant permission for the software upgradation of existing SEM for 15 minute time integration period at AGIL's cost.
- (iv) AGIL placed purchase order on 6 March, 2017 for the reprogramming of the existing SEM for 15 minutes time integration feature for the purpose of MD and kWh both. However, MSEDCL has neglected to reply and grant permission for reprogramming of the SEM. Hence, the same could not be done even after four months of the application by AGIL.
- (v) Vide email dated 20 April, 2017, MSEDCL informed that STOA for May, 2017 would be processed after complying with the technical requirements relating to SEM.

2. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that:

- (i) AGIL's Rooftop Solar Plant was connected with the Grid without permission of MSEDCL for one and half years.
- (ii) MSEDCL has rejected the STOA for March, 2017 as the Solar Rooftop Plant was connected with the Grid.
- (iii) MSEDCL has rejected the STOA for May and June, 2017 as the SEM is of 30 minutes time integration period.

3. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the action of AGIL in connecting Rooftop Solar PV Plant of capacity of 1.027 MW without approval of MSEDCL. The Commission also expressed its displeasure on the lackadaisical approach of MSEDCL towards the installation and reprogramming of SEM.
4. The Commission directed AGIL to submit the details as to who gave the specifications and features of the existing SEM along with the testing certificates.
5. AGIL may file its Rejoinder within two weeks with these details.

**The Secretariat of the Commission will communicate next date of hearing.**

**Sd/-  
(Deepak Lad)  
Member**

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(Azeez M. Khan)  
Member**