

**Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 85 of 2017

Date: 27 July, 2017

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

Petition of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. for removal of difficulties in implementation of Distribution Open Access Regulations, 2016, related to the provisions of banking

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

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Shri Ashish Singh (Adv.)
Shri A. W. Mahajan (Rep.)

Daily Order

Heard the Advocate/ Representative of the Petitioner.

1. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that:

- (i) It has filed the Petition for removal of difficulties in implementation of Distribution Open Access Regulations, 2016 (DOA Regulations, 2016), relating to the provisions of banking.
- (ii) Regulation 20 of the DOA Regulations 2016 provides for the banking of the Renewable Energy generation. As per the present mechanism, the energy injected from a non-firm Renewable Energy Generating Station shall be banked with the Distribution Licensee after set off with consumption/withdrawal of units in Energy (kWh) terms. Also, withdrawals of banked units are not allowed in certain months.
- (iii) MSEDCL proposes a new mechanism to provide banking from the Renewable Energy sources in terms of Rupees in absolute terms instead of it in terms of

Energy (kWh) units. The banked Rupees currency unit shall be considered at the lowest variable cost of power purchase for respective 15 minutes time slots of a month. The consumer may avail these banked units in the subsequent months by paying the difference between the variable cost, i.e. lowest variable cost of backed down power at the time of banking and the highest variable cost of on-bar power at the time of utilization of units.

2. To a query of the Commission, Advocate of MSEDCL stated that it would file a detailed additional submission on the exact dispensation required for banking. The additional submission would also cover the restrictions for withdrawal of banked energy for 4 months, peak and off peak TOD slots, banking arrangements, etc.
3. The Commission observed that it has received 14 representations from various consumers/RE Generators seeking permission to file their objections and requesting a copy of the Petition. The Commission clarified that, if it prima facie satisfied regarding the need for amendment of the Regulations it has to undertake a public consultation process in which the representationists will also get opportunity for objections/suggestions. The amendment of the Regulations cannot be done through an Order, and hence there is no need to file Intervention Applications in the matter. Representative of the Applicants accordingly did not press the matter, but sought a copy of the Petition.
4. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that it would upload its Petition on its Internet Website, and provide a copy to the applicants also.
5. The Commission directed MSEDCL to file its additional submission within three weeks and upload it along with its Petition on its internet website.

Next date of hearing will be communicated by the Secretariat of the Commission.

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

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(Azeez M. Khan)
Member**