

Before the
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Case No. 85 of 2017

Date: 21 September, 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 relating 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.)
Shri Amit Bute (Rep.)

Daily Order

Heard the Advocate/ Representative of the Petitioner.

1. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that:

- (i) Pursuant to the last hearing, MSEDCL has filed its submission yesterday and has uploaded the Petition on its Internet Website.
- (ii) MSEDCL proposes a new mechanism to provide banking to Renewable Energy (RE) sources in terms of Rupees in absolute terms instead of in terms of Energy (kWh) units. The banked Rupees currency units 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 the units.

- (iii) Prayas Energy Group (an authorised Institutional Consumer Representative) has also submitted its comments supporting MSEDCL's approach.
- (iv) The 10% surplus energy may be purchased every month instead of on annual basis, and may be allowed for RPO compliance of the Distribution Licensee.
- (v) Restriction on banking facility during 4 months of the year may also be not required if banking facility is provided in Rupee terms instead of kWh terms.
2. To a query of the Commission, Advocate of MSEDCL stated that it agrees that the calculations of lowest variable cost of backed down power at the time of banking would be complex. The intention of suggesting such mechanism is that MSEDCL would be revenue neutral. MSEDCL is not against the banking facility.

Case is reserved for Order.

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Member**

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