

Before the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

Petition no. 9/2004, 10/2004 and 11/2004

Coram:

Sh. V.K. Sood, Chairman

In the matter of: Waiver of Developmental charges for JJ clusters

AND

In the matter of:

1. BSES Yamuna Power Ltd
2. BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.
3. North Delhi Power Ltd.

Date of Order: 26th of March 2004

Order

The DISCOMs have submitted the abovementioned petitions to the Commission to relax the provisions of "Schedule of Miscellaneous Charges" and also approve waiver of development charges for JJ Colonies. Since the petitions involve identical matter, the same are considered together. The NDPL have submitted to the Commission that while the development charges of Rs.4000/- may be waived, the service line charges of Rs.1250/- may be retained for the residents of the JJ colonies. The NDPL have further submitted that the development charges may be recovered as an expense in the ARR. The proposal of BSES is somewhat different, wherein it is submitted that both, the development charges and service line charges may be waived which would be recovered as an expense in the ARR. The DISCOMs, however, have made a common submission that as far as energy charges are concerned, a sum of Rs.175/- per month may be levied per connection. The consumers would also be responsible for payment of Advance Consumption Deposit at the rate of Rs. 600 and that the consumers would be supplied electricity through a 2 Amp MCB, to be installed at the distribution transformer itself.

2. The matter has been examined in the Commission and at the outset it may be clarified that the development charges of Rs.4000/-, enumerated in the Schedule of Miscellaneous Charges issued by the Commission on the 3rd of June 20003, does not apply in respect of the JJ colonies. The development charges of Rs.4000/- is meant for un-electrified areas, which is distinct from the JJ colonies and applicable to loads upto 10 KW.

3. The Commission also acknowledges the fact and in so far as JJ colonies is concerned, some reasonable figure would need to be worked out for providing the requisite infrastructure keeping in view the capacity to pay on part of the residents of the JJ colonies. The Commission is also alive to the fact that energy used has to be paid for by the consumers. It is well acknowledged that, as on date, there are innumerable instances of direct hooking from nearby LT mains by the residents of the JJ colonies which causes overloading and failure of distribution transformers. There is no doubt that direct hooking needs to be stopped and some viable alternative would have to be offered to the residents of JJ colonies.

4. The Commission has conducted a detailed analysis of the scheme for infrastructure and the cost of electrification of JJ colonies ranging from 100-3000 dwelling units. The technical and financial parameters have been mutually discussed amongst the officers of the Commission and that of the DISCOMs. The Commission is conscious of the fact that this scheme is meant for economically depressed class of consumers. Simultaneously, the Commission would like to ensure that the DISCOMS are able to recover their costs so that other consumers of the NCT of Delhi do not have to share the burden of electrification of the JJ colonies. Keeping the overall interests of all stakeholders in view as above, the Commission has determined the following scheme for electrification of JJ clusters:

- (i) 50% of the development charges would be paid by the consumers and the remaining 50% by the licensee which would be accounted for in the ARR. This is in line with the general formula adopted for developmental works in the NCT of Delhi.
- (ii) The consumers' share for the cost of electrification, including HT lines, distribution transformers, other equipment and service line charges shall be Rs.1200/- per consumer.

- (iii) The consumer will pay 50% of these charges, i.e. Rs.600/- at the time of connection and the balance 50% shall be payable in 24 monthly installments of Rs.25/- each.
- (iv) In addition to the cost borne by the consumer for the infrastructure, for the energy consumed, every consumer will pay Rs.175/- per month or any other sum as may be determined by the Commission from time to time.
- (v) The consumer shall also deposit Rs. 350 per connection towards Security Deposit (generally known as Advance Consumption Deposit) which shall be refundable.
- (vi) Initially, the service line will be laid by the licensee. In case, the service line is burnt/damaged, the same shall be replaced at the consumer's cost.
- (vii) Electricity to the consumer would be controlled through a 2 Amp MCB, installed at the distribution transformer.
- (viii) The licensee shall also provide a master MCB at LT side of the transformer to save it from overloading/burning. This master MCB shall remain in the control of the licensee.

With the aforesaid directions, the petitions are disposed off.

Sd/-
(V.K. Sood)
Chairman

Date: 26th March 2004