

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Viniyamak Bhawan, 'C' Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi- 110017

In the matter of: Proposal on Amnesty Scheme for voluntary declaration of tampered meters.

AND

In the matter of:

North Delhi Power Ltd.
Through: its **Managing Director**
Sub-Station Building,
Hudson Lines, Kingsway Camp,
Delhi-110009.

BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.
Through: its **CEO**
Shakti Kiran Building,
Karkardooma,
Delhi-110092.

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited
Through its: **CEO**
BSES Bhawan,
Nehru Place,
New Delhi-110019.

ORDER

Date of Order: .09.2007

All the three Distribution Companies, namely, M/s BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (BRPL), M/s BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (BYPL) and M/s North Delhi Power Ltd. (NDPL), have submitted an identical proposal to introduce a time bound Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for tampered meters for consumers within their respective areas of supply. The proposal has been submitted keeping in view Clause 55 of the Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards Regulations, 2007 wherein there is a provision for Voluntary declaration of tampered meters. The Distribution Companies have submitted that the Commission under Clause 70 of the Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards Regulations, 2007 has the powers to relax any of the provisions of the Regulations, such as, Clause 55 of the same Regulations, in public interest. A copy of the scheme is enclosed. It has been supported by GNCTD.

2. The proposed Amnesty Scheme has been examined in the Commission and has also been discussed with the Distribution Companies. It was explained for the DISCOMs that at the present juncture there is ample justification for the

Scheme because with the enforcement activities becoming much more stringent by the deployment of CISF, creation of Special Courts, amendment of Law making theft a cognizable offence etc., the consumers having tampered meters can be given one last chance to come clean. It was pointed out that enforcement actions are not easy either for the DISCOM or for the consumer and therefore, it is in the interest of both that the tampered meters gets changed at the earliest and consumers start paying fully for their electricity. It was stated that after the conclusion of the Scheme, the DISCOMs will be in a better position to go after the defaulters because then they will have no excuse for continuing with the tampered meters. The Scheme, it was explained, would also help the DISCOMs in their drive to change electromechanical meters with electronic meters. The Commission is in agreement with the views of the Distribution Companies that all possible efforts should be made to bring in as many consumers as possible into the billing net. This objective, the Commission feels would be well served by this proposed scheme and in addition to that, it would help in overcoming the stiff resistance the Distribution Companies are facing for installation of electronic meters. The argument that in view of the changed circumstances, the consumers with the tampered meters can be given a chance to come clean also seems valid. The scheme proposed by the Distribution Companies is thus considered to be in public interest and would serve the larger interest of the Power Sector in Delhi and is accordingly approved.

3. Extensive publicity shall be given to the Scheme by the Distribution Companies for at least 10 days before the commencement of the Scheme. If during the period of operation of the Scheme, any premises is inspected and a meter is found tampered, the consumer shall be given the option to settle the matter in terms of the Scheme. The Distribution Companies shall submit to the Commission, within 90 days of the closure of the Scheme, the details of the number of voluntary declarations made under the Scheme and the total revenue collected.

4. Ordered accordingly.

Encl.: A copy of the scheme.

(Berjinder Singh)
CHAIRMAN