

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission
Viniyamak Bhawan, 'C' Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi – 17

F.11(384)/DERC/2007-08

In the matter of: Proposal on Amnesty Scheme for Tampered Meters.

And

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

ORDER

(Date of Order: 31.01.2008)

The BSES Yamuna Power Ltd., vide their letter of 18.01.2008, has submitted a proposal on Amnesty Scheme for tampered meters with the aim of minimising power theft to reduce the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses. The BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. vide its Scheme intends to afford a last opportunity to its consumers to voluntarily declare the cases of their tampered/suspected tampered meters/seals. It has been proposed that the Scheme shall remain in operation for 2 months only i.e. w.e.f. 01.02.2008 to 31.03.2008. The said Scheme would be applicable to consumers having a domestic or commercial connection only.

2. The Commission has examined the proposed Scheme and it is seen that a similar Scheme was approved by the Commission in the past also. The Commission is of the considered view that the Scheme is in the interest of both the Discom and the consumers. While the Scheme could help the Discom in its drive to change electro-mechanical meters with electronic meters, the consumer would get an opportunity to come clean and declare their suspected tampered meters. The Commission views this Scheme to be in public interest and accordingly exercises its power under Regulations 70 of the Delhi Electricity Supply Code & Performance Standards Regulations, 2007, relaxing the provision of Section 55.

3. The Commission, however, observes that the present Scheme is a little different from the Scheme which was approved by the Commission vide its

Order of 28.09.2007. In the previous Scheme, in the case of suspected electronic meters, there was provision of assessment which has been completely done away with in the Scheme under consideration. The Commission is of the view that on grounds of equity, it would not be appropriate to completely do away with the provision for assessment in the case of electronic meters.

4. The Commission, therefore, approves the Scheme submitted by BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. vide their letter of 18.01.2008 subject to the condition that the provision of assessment for electronic meter as provided in the earlier such scheme approved by the Commission vide Order of 28.09.2007 shall be effective for this Order also. In addition, the Petitioner is directed to do the following:

- a) The Petitioner shall give extensive publicity to the Scheme for at least one week and the Scheme will be valid for a period of two months from the date it becomes effective.
- b) 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.
- c) The Petitioner shall submit to the Commission, within 90 days of the closure of the scheme, the details of the Voluntary Declarations made under the scheme.

5. Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(K. Venugopal)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(Berjinder Singh)
CHAIRMAN