

**Before the J&K State Electricity Regulatory Commission
Jammu**

Suo-moto Petition No. JKSERC/37/SM of 2013

In the matter of:

Implementation of the provisions of Section 49 of the Jammu & Kashmir Electricity Act, 2010 regarding consumer metering in the J&K State read with directions given by the commission from time to time and matters related thereto.

And

In the matter of:

1. Principal Secretary, Power Development Department, J&K Govt. Jammu.
2. Development Commissioner (Power), PDD, Jammu.
3. Chief Engineer, Electric Maintenance & RE Wing, Jammu.
4. Chief Engineer, Electric Maintenance & RE Wing, Srinagar.

(Respondents)

Present: Hon'ble Sh. Basharat Ahmad Dhar, Chairperson.

Present on behalf of Respondents:

S/Sh.

1. Shahnaz Goni, Chief Engineer, Commercial and Survey Wing, Jammu.
2. Khurshid Ahmad Badoo, Chief Engineer, Procurement & Material Management Wing PDD.

3. Ravi Chanyal, Chief Engineer, Planning & Designs J&K.
4. Azhar Vakil, AEE, DCP Office.

ORDER

(Passed on this 22nd Day of April, 2015)

The case came up for hearing before the Commission today. The Department has not filed the response on any of the directions contained in the Commission's order dated 13.3.2015. Development Commissioner (Power) as well as Chief Engineer EM & RE Jammu/Kashmir are conspicuous by their absence. Apparently there has been no movement forward on any of the commitments held out by them before the Commission for achieving 100% correct metering by the end of FY 2015-16. The Chief Engineer, P & MM representing the respondents stated that the process of procurement of one lac energy meters by his organisation is nearing completion. The minutes which have been approved by various Members of the Purchase Committee are to be signed by Member (Finance) only. The Commission noted with concern that the procurement process of these meters which constitute only a small portion of the total requirement of energy meters for achieving 100% consumer metering in the State, has not been completed by the Utility despite lapse of more than one year.

The J&K PDD is one of the highest loss making Utilities in the country. The system and consumer metering holds key to the implementation of power sector reforms in the State. Despite repeated directions of the Commission from time to time and commitments held out by the Utility for achieving 100% correct metering by the end of FY 2015-16, no meaningful efforts have been made towards achieving this objective. The Department has not taken any

serious steps even for furtherance of the action plans for procurement of meters.

Section 49 of the J&K Electricity Act, 2010 makes it mandatory for the Utility to achieve 100% correct metering for supply of electricity beyond two years of the notification of the J&K Electricity Act, 2010 i.e. by 28th. April, 2012. Keeping in view the seriousness of the issue, the Commission again directs that the Administrative Secretary PDD shall take a review of the entire matter at his level and apprise the Commission of the policy and programmes of the Department for achieving 100% system and consumer metering in the State in the context of the provisions of Section 49 of the Act and also the directions passed by the Commission in this case from time to time.

The case shall be listed for hearing on 24th of June, 2015 at Srinagar.

Announced

April, 22, 2015

Sd/-

(Basharat Ahmad Dhat)

Chairperson

No. JKSERC/Secy/42/2013/97-100

Dated:24 .04.2015

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(Abdul Hamid) KAS

**Secretary,
J&K State Electricity Regulatory Commission,
Jammu.**