

Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission Ranchi

Form of Proceedings Case No. 08 of 2020

M/s Jamshedpur Utilities & Services Co. Limited (JUSCO)..... Petitioner

**CORAM: HON'BLE SHRI R.N. SINGH, MEMBER (ENGINEERING)
HON'BLE SHRI P.K. SINGH, MEMBER (LEGAL)**

For the petitioner : Shri V.P.Singh – Representative of JUSCO

Sl.No	Date of Proceeding	Proceeding of the Commission with signature	Office action taken with date
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3	08.07.2020	<p>The representative of the petitioner was heard through virtual hearing.</p> <p>Perused the records.</p> <p>The petitioner Jamshedpur Utilities & Services Company Limited has filed a petition under Section 94 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Clause 12.3 and 12.4 of JSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Distribution Tariff) Regulations, 2015 with following prayers:</p> <p>a) To relax the clause on Power Factor Penalty in terms and Condition of power supply for the month of April, 2020 and May, 2020, so as to enable Licensee not to levy the same on its consumers.</p> <p>b) Condone any inadvertent omissions/errors/shortcomings and permit TSUISL, to add/change/modify/alter this filing and make further submissions as may be required at a future date.</p> <p>The representative of the petitioner submitted that in the</p>	

		<p>Tariff Order dated 7th June, 2018 passed in respect of JUSCO, this Commission has approved Terms and Condition of Power Supply related to penalty and rebates to consumer for maintaining the power factor as mentioned below:</p> <p><i>“..... Power Factor Penalty will be applicable in case of maximum demand meters. In case average power factor in a month for a consumer falls below 0.85, a penalty @ 1% for every 0.01 fall in power factor from 0.08 to 0.60; plus 2% for every 0.01 fall below 0.60 to 0.30 (up to and including 0.30) shall be levied on demand and energy charges; plus 3% for every 0.01 fall below 0.30.</i></p> <p><i>Power Factor Rebate: Power Factor Rebate will be applicable in case of maximum demand meters. In case average power factor as maintained by the consumer is more than 90%, a rebate of 1% and if power factor is more than 95%, a rebate of 2% on demand and energy charges shall be applicable....”</i></p> <p>The representative of the petitioner further submitted that during the Lockdown period announced by the Government of India and State of Jharkhand, most of the industries in the JUSCO area were closed since 23rd / 24th March, 2020, as such the load in the electricity distribution network had reduced significantly by 85% - 90% of normal loading levels and there was high voltage situation in the Grid Voltage as well as in the distribution network of the JUSCO, which might have adversely affect the Grid and network of JUSCO.</p> <p>It was pointed out by the representative of the petitioner that in order to control the situation, JUSCO advised all its 33kV consumers, wherein electrical system was running mostly with lighter loads to switch off their capacitor banks and subsequently JUSCO had also issued general information to all other consumers to switch off their capacitor banks. It is further submitted that above said process of switching off capacitor bank was technically needed to prevent the system voltage swell in the network due to low loading condition.</p>	
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It was pointed out that that due to switching off the capacitor bank, the metering power factor of the industries had gone down leading to putting them on penalty zone(as per the said order) for which the consumers were not responsible.

Commission's observation

Considering the submission of the petitioner and after perusing the records of the case, it has been observed that the consumers were advised by the petitioner company to switch off their capacitor bank for the safety of the Electrical network from high voltage, as such, power factor penalty should not be levied from the consumers. It was considered that it is a fit case in which power of relaxation under clause 12.4 in public interest in a condition of lockdown imposed by the Government of India and Government of Jharkhand under situation arisen due to Covid-19 has to be exercised.

In the result, it is ordered

ORDER

The prayers of the petitioner are allowed. The power factor penalty for the consumers of JUSCO for the month of April 2020 and May 2020 as earlier ordered are hereby relaxed and the licensee shall not levy the same from the consumers.

Accordingly, the petition is disposed off.

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