Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ranchi Form of Proceedings

Case No. 04 of 2016

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited Petitioner

For the petitioner : Mr. Amit Sinha, Advocate

Sl.No	Date of Proceeding	Proceeding of the Commission with signature	Office action taken with date
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04	26.05.2016	The case was fixed for 3.6.2016. But by order	
		dated 17.5.2016, the petitioner was given liberty to	
		mention the case for early hearing, if they are ready with	
		the supplementary affidavit required to be filed in the	
		case.	
		The petitioner has filed supplementary affidavit	
		today and on the prayer of the learned counsel for the	
		petitioner the matter is taken up and heard.	
		The petitioner has filed this petition praying, inter-	
		alia, for allowing them to implement Domestic Efficient	
		Lighting Programme (DELP) by extending 'On Bill	
		Financing' (EMI) facility upto 6 LED bulbs to its all	
		domestic consumers and allow JBVNL to recover the	
		project cost of equipment in 8 monthly installments	
		through the electricity bill.	
		Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that	
		identical order has been passed in Case No. 25 of 2015	
		approving the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme	
		(DELP) for distributing LED bulbs limiting upto 3 LED	
		bulbs on the option of upfront payment of cost subject to	

Rs.105/- per LED bulb to be recovered over a period of 10 months @ Rs.10/- approx for each LED bulb by adding the amount in the monthly electricity bill.

Learned counsel submitted that the occasion for approval has now arisen as JBVNL seeks to extend 'On Bill Financing' facility upto 6 LED bulbs instead of 3 LED bulbs (as distributed earlier), to its all domestic consumers of Urban and Rural areas. Learned counsel submitted that since there has been decline in the LED price, JBVNL aims giving direct benefit to its domestic consumers on upfront price of Rs.85/- per LED bulb and under 'On Bill Financing' (EMI) facility at the rate of Rs.90/- per LED bulb. In that case upfront cost of Rs.10/- per bulb is to be paid at the time of purchase of bulbs and the remaining amount shall be recovered by adding the installment amount in the bill for next eight (8) months.

Learned counsel further submitted that in the earlier case i.e in Case No. 25 of 2015, the cost of the bulb was inadvertently mentioned as tentative project cost instead of 'Actual Project Cost'. The petitioner, on that basis, has also sought for modification of the order dated 4th November 2015 passed in Case No. 25 of 2015..

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and considered the facts, submissions and materials on record.

In the instant petition, the petitioner has sought approval of the DELP scheme to be extended 'On Bill Financing' upto 6 LED bulbs to all its domestic consumers (Urban and Rural). The LED bulbs are to be given to the consumers either 'On bill financing' or upfront payment option. In view of the decline in the LED cost, upfront price per LED bulb has been reduced from Rs.100/- to Rs.85/- and in case of 'On bill financing' Rs.90/- per LED bulb.

The said scheme appears to be beneficial for the domestic consumers (rural and urban). Identical prayer was allowed in case No. 25 of 2015, approving the scheme of distribution of 3 LED bulbs at the price of Rs.100/- per bulb on upfront price and Rs.105/- per bulb on bill financing price. There is, thus, no impediment in allowing the petition.

We, therefore, allow the petition and approve the above mentioned scheme. The petitioner, accordingly, is allowed to distribute 6 LED bulbs on upfront price of Rs.85/- per LED bulb and Rs.90/- per LED bulb under 'On bill financing' scheme with permission to recover the price of Rs.85/- per LED bulb on upfront basis and in case of 'On bill financing' at upfront cost @ Rs.10/- per bulb payable at the time of purchase of bulb and balance amount to be recovered in 10 equal monthly installments by adding an item in the electricity bill.

So far as the petitioner's prayer for modification in the order passed in Case No. 25 of 2015 is concerned, we have not gone into the said point in the instant case. The petitioner, however, shall explain as to whether the

benefit of reduced price is to be give	ven to the consumers	
who have earlier purchased the LED bulbs on up		
price of Rs.100/- per LED bulb	and under 'On bill	
financing' scheme at the rate of Rs.105/- per LED bul		
For that purpose, the petitioner sh	all file Miscellaneous	
Petition in that case within a period	of four weeks, failing	
which the petitioner shall be	e liable for legal	
consequences.		
The petition is accordingly disposed of.		
Sd/-	Sd/-	
Member (E)	Chairperson	