

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. 22 of 2007-08

IN THE MATTER OF

Non-providing of electric connection in village Hapwa, P.O. Selhara, P.S. Chauparan, District Hazaribagh.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Narendra Kumar Pandey & others	Complainants
Versus		
Jharkhand State Electricity Board & another	Opposite Parties

For the applicants/complainants:		Shri Guddu Kumar Pandey
For the Opp. Party – JSEB	:	Shri Rajesh Shankar & Shri Abhay Prakash Advocates
For the Opp. Party – DVC	:	Shri C.S. Singh, Advocate Shri B.K. Singh, Dy. C.E., DVC (RE Project)

ORDER
(05.07.2008)

Heard the parties.

An affidavit has been filed on behalf of Opp. Party-DVC.

Perused the affidavit, the reply filed on behalf of the distribution licensee (JSEB) and the petition filed by the applicants/complainants.

In the instant case the distribution licensee (JSEB) has not provided the electrical connection to the applicants/complainants despite of receiving security deposits from them.

The brief facts of the case is that on receipt of the complaint from the applicants the Commission issued notice dated 19.3.2008 to the distribution licensee for providing electrical connection to the applicants/complainants and to report to the Commission within 15 days of the receipt of the notice. In response to the said notice a reply was filed on behalf of the distribution licensee (JSEB) stating, inter-alia, that

this is a case of rural electrification and the JSEB has already filed an appeal before the Appellate Tribunal against the order dated 11.1.2008 passed by the Commission in connected matters being Case No.04(X)/2007-08, Case No. 04(XI)/2007-08 and Case No. 20/2007 which also relate to the issue of rural electrification. It has further been stated that earlier JSEB had proposed to go for rural electrification work in the State of Jharkhand under the State plan and thereby invited applications for release of the electrical connection in various villages and accordingly the security amounts were also accepted by the local offices of JSEB. This work was earlier awarded to M/s Rites Ltd. and was to be completed in 12 months time i.e. upto 15.3.2005. Since the work was not taken up extension was granted upto 15.3.2006 but the agency could not complete the work due to litigation with subcontractor which ultimately led to termination of all contracts with M/s Rites Ltd. In the meantime the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India notified National Electricity Policy according to which the Government of India planned to implement the rural electrification project under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojna (RGGVY). Under this NTPC was allocated eight districts including Ranchi, DVC was allocated eight districts including Hazaribagh and six districts were allocated to JSEB to carry out the work of rural electrification and all these agencies started the work within their allocated jurisdictions. In view of this it was stated that the JSEB is at present not in a position to extend the electrical connection to the applicants' village which is situated in the district of Hazaribagh unless the work of rural electrification is completed by DVC. The same will be provided as soon as the rural electrification infrastructure is constructed and made available by the DVC.

In view of the above the DVC was issued notice to appear and file an affidavit stating specifically by which date they shall electrify the said village Hapwa, P.S. Chauparan, District Hazaribagh. In response to the said notice the Opp. Party-DVC appeared and filed an affidavit stating inter-alia that the survey work for the electrification of the aforesaid village has been completed and the vendor approvals for the materials inspection and issuing of despatch clearance as well as the road permit to bring the material from outside of the State is being processed. It has

further been stated that the work of electrification usually gets delayed due to the rainy season and as such it cannot be completed before December 2008. However, it has specifically been stated on affidavit that the electrification in the said village Hapwa will be done by the end of December 2008.

Keeping in view of the facts and circumstances stated hereinabove the DVC is allowed time till December 2008 to complete the electrification work of the said village Hapwa, P.S. Chauparan, District Hazaribagh. Simultaneously, the distribution licensee (JSEB) is directed to give electrical connection to all the applicants/complainants of the said village within one month from the date of completion of electrification work by DVC.

With the above observation the complaint is disposed off.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(P.C. Verma)
Member (Tech)