

**JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RANCHI**

Case No. 03 of 2008

Shri P.C. Verma, Member (Tech)

IN THE MATTER OF

Non-providing of electrical connection to the residents of village Hendebilly (Sagatoli), Block & P.S. Ormanjhi, District Ranchi (Jharkhand).

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

Raghu Bedia & others Complainants

Versus

Jharkhand State Electricity Board Opposite Party

For the complainants : S/Shri Balram Kumar Bedia
& Dhanesh Bedia

For the Opposite Party : S/Shri Rajesh Shankar & Abhay Prakash
Advocates
Shri K.K. Verma, SEE, JSEB, Ranchi
Shri A. Kamath, EEE, JSEB, Ranchi (East)

ORDER

(02.08.2008)

Both the parties are present.

Heard.

This is a case in which 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 are that the applicants of the village Hendebilly submitted petition on 06.05.2008 that Jharkhand State Electricity Board has received applications and security deposit and estimate cost for providing electrical connection from forty villagers in March, 2006 itself but the licensee JSEB has failed to provide them with the connection within specified period as per the provisions of the Act, even after lapse of more than two years. On receipt of the complaint from the applicants, the Commission issued notice dated 7.5.2008 followed by a show-

cause dated 26.5.2008 to the distribution licensee (JSEB) in the matter. The distribution licensee (JSEB) appeared and filed reply stating, inter-alia, that the village Sagatoli will be electrified by NTPC under RGGVY programme and the name of the said village is included in the DPR of the NTPC. After hearing the parties and on receipt of the reply from the distribution licensee (JSEB), notices to DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi were issued on 6.6.2008 and 28.6.2008 directing him to appear in person for making submission with all the relevant records and to file an affidavit stating specifically by which date the NTPC shall electrify the village Sagatoli, P.S. Ormanjhi, District Ranchi. But neither the DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi appeared nor any affidavit has been filed on behalf of NTPC.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, the DGM (NESCL), NTPC, Ranchi was given one more chance to appear and file affidavit stating the plan and up-to-date progress of electrifying the villages allotted to NTPC in the State of Jharkhand, specifically the date by which NTPC will electrify the village Sagatoli, Block & P.S. Ormanjhi, District Ranchi (Jharkhand), and the case was adjourned for hearing on 19.7.2008.

On 19.07.2008 Shri S. Chakraborty, DGM, submitted on behalf of the NTPC that the scheme of the electrification of villages in the districts of Jharkhand allotted to NTPC has been sanctioned on 11.03.2008 only. He further contended that the initial processing for awarding the work to its agencies for carrying out electrification is completed and the same, as per the procedure, has been communicated to REC/Ministry of Power on 26.06.2008 for final approval and release of fund. The final approval and release of fund is expected by the end of the month after which the work order for carrying out the work will be issued to the agencies and the work will be completed within 18 months thereafter. He further contended that, the village Sagatoli in question being a Tola of the electrified village Hindebilly of Ormanjhi Block Census Code No.-02439800 is not included in their DPR and as such they are not in a position to carry out the electrification of the applicant's Tola belonging to village Hindebilly.

After hearing both the parties it was held that it being statutory obligation of the licensee JSEB to provide electricity connection to the applicants within specified period, the respondent licensee JSEB should submit a specific time frame based on reasonable grounds in which JSEB will provide the connections to the applicants and the case was fixed today for hearing.

In compliance of the aforesaid direction the officers of JSEB appeared and stated that due to rainy reason and paucity of material it is not possible to carry out the work for providing electricity at present. However, it was stated and assured that by February 2009 the JSEB will provide electrical connection to all the applicants of the village Hendebilly (Sagatoli) of Ormanjhi Block in the district of Ranchi and intimate the Commission about completion of the work.

Keeping in view the difficulty expressed by the officers of JSEB in executing the work for electrification in the said village and the assurance given by the officers of JSEB, the distribution licensee-JSEB is allowed time till February 2009 for providing electrical connection to all the applicants/complainants.

Accordingly the application is disposed off.

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