

Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

Application seeking removal of difficulty in implementing the Prepaid Metering system provided in Tariff Order for FY 2016-17 dated 5th April, 2016 and accordingly modifications and deviations in provisions of the said Order.

In the matter of:

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd.

... Petitioner

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Shri Subhash Kumar Chairman

Shri K.P. Singh Member

Date of Hearing: August 2, 2016

Date of Order: August 2, 2016

Heard the Petitioner in the matter. Ordered that the Petition be admitted.

The Commission directs the Petitioner to publish a public notice, incorporating the salient features of the proposal in the instant Petition in at least two daily newspapers (one Hindi and one English) widely circulated in the area of its operation both in Hindi and English languages for comments by all stakeholders and public at large, enclosed as Annexure-A in this Order within 3 days. The Petitioner is also directed to place the Petition on its website and its headquarters/other offices for inspection or making relevant extracts available to the public.

The Commission also directs the Petitioner to seek the approval of GoU for mandatory installation of prepaid meters in all the Government connections upto 25 kW as proposed by UPCL.

Judgment reserved.

(K.P. Singh)
Member

(Subhash Kumar)
Chairman

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting Comments on the UPCL's proposal for relaxation in General Conditions of supply and new provisions in the implementation of Prepaid Metering Scheme

1. Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), the sole Distribution and Retail Supply Licensee in the State, has filed a Petition before Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC or Commission) seeking removal of difficulty in implementing the Prepaid metering system provided in Tariff Order for FY 2016-17 dated 05 April, 2016 and, accordingly, modifications and deviations in provisions of the said order.
2. The relaxations in General Conditions of supply and new provisions proposed by the Petitioner are as follows:
 - (a) To do away with the consumption based fixed charges for the domestic consumers opting for prepaid connection and be replaced by fixed charges based on the contracted load.
 - (b) In case any consumer has pending arrears, transfer of post paid connection to prepaid connection shall not be allowed.
 - (c) For special categories like Non Domestic consumers having contracted load upto 4 kW and consumption upto 50 units/month & domestic consumers having contracted load upto 2 kW and consumption upto 200 units/month where some premises of Consumer is used for Non Domestic purpose, prepaid metering option shall not be allowed.
 - (d) Solar rebate adjustments applicable to consumer during usage of certain recharge shall be adjusted only after completion of those months and that too after next to next recharge be fed / configured in the meter.
 - (e) Any recharge shall be allowed only when the 20 digit special meter reading code is available at all times in meter and changes once in a month, be made available until and unless there will be some defect in the meter or licensee seems deviation necessary.
 - (f) The maximum limit of recharge shall be Rs. 15,000/- irrespective of being single phase or three phase connection.
 - (g) The time validity of recharge shall be unlimited.

- (h) Prepaid metering option shall not be allowed for Seasonal industries due to complexity in tariff and several conditional parameters.
- (i) Prepaid metering option shall be made mandatory for the Government connections upto 25 kW load under different applicable categories.
3. Responses/suggestions, if any, are sought from consumers and other stakeholders on the Proposals. Responses may be sent to the Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission, either in person, or by post at 'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near ISBT, PO-Majra, Dehradun-248171 or through e-mail to secy.uerc@gov.in by 26.08.2016.
4. Petition can be seen free of cost on any working day at the Commission's office or at the offices of General Manager (Regulatory Management) at Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun /General Manager (Distribution), Garhwal Zone, UPCL, 120-Haridwar Road, Dehradun/General Manager (Distribution), Kumaon Zone, UPCL, 132-KV Substation, Kathgodam, Haldwani. Relevant extracts can also be obtained from the above mentioned offices of the Petitioner.
5. The Petition is also available at the website of the Commission (www.uerc.gov.in) and at the Petitioner's website (www.upcl.org).