

Before the
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Case Nos. 18 of 2009 and 19 of 2009

In the matter of
MSEDCL's Petition for continuation of zero load shedding model for Thane and Vashi and for approval of Reliability Charges to be recovered thereof.
[Case No. 18 of 2009]
and
MSEDCL's Petition for continuation of zero load shedding model for Pune and for approval of Reliability Charges to be recovered thereof.
[Case No. 19 of 2009]

Shri. V. P. Raja, Chairman
Shri. S. B. Kulkarni, Member
Shri. Vijay L. Sonavane, Member

ORDER

Dated: February 03, 2010

M/s. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) submitted a Petition under affidavit before the Commission on May 14, 2009, for continuation of Zero Load Shedding (ZLS) model for Thane and Vashi and for approval of Reliability Charges to be recovered thereof [as numbered as Case No.18 of 2009]. MSEDCL further submitted inter alia that it is in the process of filing a separate Petition for approval of Reliability Charges for Thane and Vashi consumers before the Commission.

2. MSEDCL, under its Petition in Case No. 18 of 2009, prayed as under:

“The Hon’ble Commission may please therefore extend the applicability of its order dated 30th May 2008 (Case No. 10 of 2008), beyond 31st May 2008 [to be read as 31st May 2009] till such period the proposed petition of MSEDCL for



approval of reliability charges for Thane and Vashi consumers is disposed of after the due regulatory process.” (Emphasis added)

3. MSEDCL submitted a similar Petition under affidavit before the Commission on May 14, 2009 for continuation of zero load shedding model for Pune Circle and for approval of Reliability Charges to be recovered thereof [numbered as Case No. 19 of 2009].

4. MSEDCL, under its Petition in Case No. 19 of 2009, prayed as under:

*“The Hon’ble Commission may please therefore extend the applicability of its order dated 20th June 2008 (Case No. 5 of 2008), **beyond 31st May 2008 [to be read as 31st May 2009]** till such period the proposed petition of MSEDCL for approval of reliability charges for Pune consumers is disposed of after the due regulatory process.”(Emphasis added)*

5. The Commission, vide its Notice dated May 20, 2009, scheduled a combined hearing in the matter on May 28, 2009 in respect of both the above Cases, as the issues under the Petitions were identical, and directed the Petitioners to serve a copy of their Petitions along with accompaniments to the four authorised Consumer Representatives.

6. Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA) and Thane Belapur Industries Association (TBIA), authorised Consumer Representatives, filed their written submission on May 27, 2009.

7. During the hearing on May 28, 2009, Shri. M.K. Deore, Executive Director (CP), appeared on behalf of MSEDCL and Shri. N. Ponrathnam appeared as an Intervener.

8. After hearing both the cases, the Commission extended the applicability of the existing Orders, and directed the Petitioner to submit a comprehensive Petition covering inter-alia the following issues in particular:-

- a. Steps taken by MSEDCL to incentivise decentralised additional power generation capacity and the roadmap for the same.
- b. Steps taken by MSEDCL to minimise load shedding in its licensed area of supply, and the roadmap for the same.
- c. The road map of MSEDCL to supply continuous power to the consumers specifying the mile stones to be achieved with time frame.



- d. Steps taken by MSEDCL for appointment of franchisee through competitive bidding process, and the road map for the same.
- e. MSEDCL has to submit the data for increase in power availability due to global meltdown and ground water exploration, and at the same time considering the fact that additional power will be required for the agricultural crops.
- f. If MSEDCL fails to submit its Comprehensive Petition latest by June 30, 2009, the Order in Case No.10 of 2008 and Order in Case No.5 of 2008 will be discontinued from July 1, 2009, after affording an opportunity of hearing to MSEDCL.

9. MSEDCL submitted a Petition under affidavit before the Commission on June 15, 2009 [numbered as Case No. 31 of 2009], for determination of Additional Supply Charges for withdrawal of load shedding in the headquarters of Revenue Divisions in MSEDCL licence area, viz., Amravati, Nagpur, Aurangabad, Nasik, Pune, Thane and Vashi.

10. Subsequently, the Commission, vide its Notice dated December 16, 2009, scheduled the combined hearing in Case Nos. 18 and 19 of 2009 on January 7, 2010.

11. During the hearing held on January 7, 2010, Shri. Abhijit Deshpande, Executive Director (Commercial) appeared on behalf of MSEDCL and Shri N. Ponrathnam appeared as an Intervener in the Petition.

12. Shri. Abhijit Deshpande, Executive Director (Commercial) submitted that the Petitions in Case Nos.18 and 19 of 2009 had become infructuous, in view of the proceedings in Case No. 31 of 2009. In view of this admission made by the representative of MSEDCL, there is no need to go into the matters any further.

Accordingly, the Petitions filed by MSEDCL in Case Nos.18 of 2009 and 19 of 2009 stand disposed off.

Sd/-
(V. L. Sonavane)
Member

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(S. B. Kulkarni)
Member

Sd/-
(V. P. Raja)
Chairman



(P.B. Patil)
Registrar, MERC

