

HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO NO. 180, SECTOR 5, PANCHKULA

Date of Order : 12.12.2006

IN THE MATTER OF:

Review petition filed vide Memo NO. Ch-60/SE/RA/N/F-25/Vol.XI Dated 06.09.2006, by UHBVNL under regulations 78(1) & 78(2) (c) of the HERC Regulations No. 06/HERC/2004 on conduct of Business Regulations, seeking review and / or modification and / or clarification of Commission's Memo No. HERC/784 dated 7th August, 2006 in respect of withdrawal of UHBVNL's Sales Circular No. U-19/2006 dated 17.04.2006 regarding billing of domestic and non-domestic consumers during the period when the meter remains defective / dead stop and bill raised on 'faulty meter basis'.

The mater was initially considered in the Commission's meeting held on 02.11.2006. Thereafter as desired by the Commission, additional informations were supplied by the UHBVNL regarding defective meters.

The Commission examined the details furnished by the power utility including the practice followed by DHBVNL. It was brought to the notice of the Commission that in October, 2006 DHBVNL has passed an order on the subject which is reproduced below:-

The DHBVNL, Hisar is adopting the highest of the following three options for billing domestic and non-domestic consumers where the meter is found defective / dead stop:-

1. Consumption of corresponding month(s) of previous year.
2. Average Consumption of last six months.
3. If period of installation of meter is less than six months, average consumption of previous months.

After detailed deliberations the Commission came to the conclusion that the recent order of DHBVNL on the subject as mentioned above is reasonable and appropriate.

Moreover, it was also felt that there is no need to follow varying procedure on the same issue in different parts of the State. Consequently the Commission orders that DHBVNL's practice would also be followed by UHBVNL in their area with regard to billing of consumers during the period when the electric meter remain defective / dead. If UHBVNL feels that this order need any modification, then the necessary details may be supplied latest by the end of February 2007 so as to enable the Commission to examine their documents and pass appropriate order while passing ARR order for UHBVNL for FY 2007-08.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on December 12, 2006.

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Place: Panchkula

T.S.Tewatia
Member

T.R.Dhaka
Member

Bhaskar Chatterjee
Chairman