



ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FILE NO. AERC. 536/2016

Petition No.: 1/2016

ORDER SHEET

16.09.2016

Before the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission
ASEB Campus, Dwarandhar,
G. S. Road, Sixth Mile, Guwahati – 781 022

Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APDCL) -----Petitioner

Representative for Petitioner:

Mr. S. K. Baisya, GM (Com-R)
Mr. B Medhi, AGM(Com-R)
Mr. A. N. Dev Choudhury, AGM (TRC)

Any other participants

(Representative from Supplier of Pre-paid meters):

Mr. S. Deb, Sr Engineer, Genus Power
Infrastructures Ltd.
Mr. M.Saikia, Manager (Marketing), Secure
Meters Ltd.

In the matter of

Hearing dated 16.09.2016 in the matter of
Petition (registered as Petition No. 1 of 2016)
for approval of Miscellaneous Charges of Meter
rent and Meter security of Pre-paid meters and
vending charges

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Shri Naba Kr. Das Chairperson
Shri Subhash Ch. Das, Member

ORDER

1. A Hearing was held on 16.09.2016, on the Petition (registered as Petition No. 1 of 2016) filed by APDCL for approval of Miscellaneous Charges of Meter rent and Meter security of Pre-paid meters and vending charges.
2. During the hearing, the Representative of Petitioner reiterated their submissions and stated the following:
 - 2.1. Meter rent for pre-paid meter is proposed to be introduced with recovery period of 90 months, with monthly rent of Rs 68/- for single phase meters and Rs 138/- for three phase meters.
 - 2.2. The Meter Security is refundable
 - 2.3. Presently, APDCL has proposed that for the first recharge Vending Charges will be borne by APDCL and from the 2nd recharge onwards the Vending Charges will required to be paid by Consumer. The proposed Vending Charge is Rs 15 per transaction
3. The Representative of Secure Meters Ltd. stated the following:
 - 3.1. The Vending Charge is for recovery of operation cost for providing various services to APDCL starting from maintaining data base, providing periodical reports etc.
 - 3.2. The Representative further stated that, the NIT floated by APDCL for

installation of Pre-paid meters mentions about requirement for payment of Vending charges and the NIT is also part of the Agreement. Therefore, Vending Charges should be paid by APDCL.

4. The Representative of both Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd. & Secure Meters Ltd. submitted that APDCL should directly pay the vending charges to them rather than the consumer paying the vending charge, because there is technical difficulty in collecting Vending charges from consumer. They pointed out that the present system has no provision for collection of Vending Charges while the consumer recharges their Pre-paid meter.
5. The Representative of both Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd. & Secure Meters Ltd. submitted that even though the presently proposed Vending Charge is Rs 15/- per transaction, they are open to negotiation for reduction of the proposed Vending Charge.
6. The Commission after hearing both the parties has ordered the following:
 - 6.1. The Petitioner and the Representative from Suppliers of Pre-paid meters are hereby directed to negotiate on the rate of Vending Charge
 - 6.2. The Representative from Suppliers of Pre-paid meters are hereby directed to assess/examine the technicality of inclusion of provision in the program itself for collecting Vending Charges directly from consumers at the time of recharging their pre-paid meters and intimate the same to the Commission.

The matter is posted for further hearing on 26.10.2016.

Sd/-
(Subhash Ch.Das)
Member
AERC

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(Naba Kumar Das)
Chairperson
AERC