ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Petition No. TP 2 0f 2019

Subject : Petition on Interest Bearing Security Deposit for Old and New Consumers.

Petitioner : The Department of Power, Arunachal Pradesh,Vidyut Bhawan, Itanagar

Date of Hearing : 19.08.2019

Coram : Hon'ble Shri R.P Singh, Chairperson

Present : 1) Sri G.S.Meena, IAS, Commissioner (Power), Govt. of A.P.
2) Sri Gumdo Doji, Chief Engineer (E), Department of Power, WEZ.
3) Sri Hage Mima, SE (E), Deptt. Of Power, Dirang Elect. Circle.

Record of Proceeding

1) The Commissioner (Power), Govt.of Arunachal Pradesh, submitted before the Commission in the matter of Interest Bearing Security Deposit for Old and New Consumers;
   i) That the department is understaffed and cumbersome calculation of interest on Security Deposit and its adjustment in the consumer's bill for the 1st billing cycle of the ensuing financial year is an extra burden on department.
   ii) That the original old records are not traceable in the offices.
   iii) That the divisions are running without Designated Accounts section temporarily managed by an UDC.

2) That the Petitioner on the above ground Prayed before the Commission to;
   "Allow the department to implement the Interest Bearing Security Deposit for new consumer's from the financial year 2020-21 onwards by keeping all the old consumers in the prevailing system (without interest on Security Deposit)."

3) That in the matter above, the Commission made it clear that it cannot allow the request as per the provisions of section 47(4) of Electricity Act 2005 and as per section 4.119 of APSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation 2013.

4) After hearing the Petitioner, the Commission suggested the department to sort out the issue and start with Industrial and Bulk Power Consumers first and then followed by commercial, domestic consumers etc. therein, as the number of industrial consumer is less in comparison to the other consumers.

Further, the Commission also directed the Petitioners headed by Commissioner Power to discuss the matter with the Government and submit at the earliest.

5) The Petition shall be listed for hearing in due course for which separate notice will be issued.

By Order of the Commission

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