

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 57 of 2008

In the matter of
Petition of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., seeking increase in
load shedding hours as a temporary measure

Shri A. Velayutham, Member
Shri S. B. Kulkarni, Member

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.

... Petitioner

ORDER

Dated: September 2, 2008

At the hearing held on 20.8.2008, Smt. Deepa Chawan, Advocate appeared for Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd (“MSEDCL”). She submitted that it would be appropriate for MSEDCL to withdraw the present petition so that a fresh petition could be filed wherein the following information could be furnished as directed by the Commission:

- (i) Compliance with the specific load shedding protocol specified by the Commission and the specifics relating to non-adherence thereof by MSEDCL;
- (ii) Day-wise and Unit-wise Load requirements and Quantum of Availability for the past periods;
- (iii) Day-wise and Unit-wise quantum of shortfall;
- (iv) Unit-wise status with regard to the power procurement plan; actual quantum of power procured; power that could not be procured; reasons for non-procurement by identifying the specific power procurement sources;
- (v) MSEDCL will need to justify the load shedding undertaken for specific days with reasons for such specific hours of load shedding and also substantiating the need for the load shedding for such specific

hours as against the inability to procure power for each specific day and the reasons therefor;

- (vi) MSEDCL also needs to substantiate as to on how many occasions underdrawal by MSEDCL has occurred, the quantum involved and the reasons therefor;
- (vii) MSEDCL will need to explain what steps they have specifically taken to enforce the load shedding protocol already specified by the Commission and what steps have been taken for mitigating situations beyond the control of MSEDCL;
- (viii) MSEDCL also needs to explain the steps that are being taken by MSEDCL for arresting non-compliance of load shedding protocol in future and the efforts taken by MSEDCL to give advance information to consumers regarding the load shedding undertaken by MSEDCL.

2. Smt. Chawan submitted that she wishes to withdraw the Petition with liberty being given to file a fresh Petition. Smt. Chawan undertook to submit the fresh Petition with the desired data, within two weeks of the hearing. The consumer representatives authorized on a standing basis under section 94(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003 did not have objection to the request made by Counsel for MSEDCL.

3. In view of the request made by Counsel for MSEDCL, the present petition numbered as Case No. 57 of 2008 is hereby dismissed as withdrawn with liberty being granted to file a fresh Petition.

Sd/-
(S.B. Kulkarni)
Member

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(A. Velayutham)
Member



(P.B. Patil)
Secretary, MERC