

**BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT
PANCHKULA**

Case No. HERC/P. No. 50 of 2024

Date of Hearing : 16/12/2024

Date of Order : 26/12/2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petition under Section 86 (1) (k) and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 16 & 17 of 'The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2014 dated 8th January, 2014 ('Electricity Supply Code Regulations, 2014') and 'Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2014 (4th Amendment) Regulations, 2024 dated 15th January, 2024 seeking modification/ amendment/ deletion of Regulation 4.4.3 and 4.10 of Electricity Supply Code Regulations, 2014.

Petitioner

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam, IP 3 & 4, Sector - 14, Panchkula

Present

On behalf of the Petitioner

1. Ms. Sonia Madan, Advocate
2. Sh. Deepak Popli, CE, UHBVN

QUORUM

**Shri Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman
Shri Mukesh Garg, Member**

INTERIM ORDER

1. The case was heard on 16/12/2024, as scheduled, in the court room of the Commission.
2. At the outset, Ms. Sonia Madan counsel for the petitioner UHBVN submitted that in compliance of interim order dated 18.11.2024, detail of data of expenditure for two financial years incurred by both DISCOMs with regard to the queries of the Commission has been filed.
3. Ms. Madan submitted that total amount recovered (20% of total cost) from the consumer is 244.43 Lacs in FY 2022-23 against 1760 stolen

transformers and 278.68 Lacs in FY 2023-24 against 2143 stolen transformers. Further total amount deposited by the beneficiaries for shifting of transformer within 60M is 19.93 Lacs in FY 2022-23 and 28.45 Lacs in FY 2023-24.

4. The Commission observed that the cases of theft of transformers in UHBVN area are much higher than DHBVN (3476 transformers in UHBVN and 427 transformers in DHBVN were stolen in two financial years i.e. FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24). Licensees are required to be more sensitive towards the security of the assets. The Commission further observes that burden of replacement of stolen transformers is being passed on to other consumers. The utilities are required to make effective procedure for fixing departmental responsibility for negligence in cases of theft of transformers.
5. The Commission enquired about the recovery of the stolen transformers and procedure for accounting of those recoveries but the petitioner could not submit any thing to the satisfaction of the Commission.
6. The Commission directs the petitioner to submit year wise report with respect to above stolen transformers on following points:
 - a) No. of FIR lodged.
 - b) No. of cases detected.
 - c) No. of cases decided in the court.
 - d) Amount recovered
 - i. From the scrap sold out.
 - ii. Recovery through court case.
7. The Commission is of the view that benefit of free of cost shifting of Connection, within 60M, should only be available to the marginalised farmers. The petitioner is required to clarify its stand in the matter.
8. The matter to come up next on 18/02/2025.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 26/12/2024.

Date: 26/12/2024
Place: Panchkula

(Mukesh Garg)
Member

(Nand Lal Sharma)
Chairman

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