

**BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BAYS No. 33-36, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA- 134112, HARYANA**

Case No. HERC/PRO – 29 of 2020

DATE OF HEARING : 08.06.2022
DATE OF ORDER : 09.06.2022

IN THE MATTER OF:

IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART METER PROJECT IN HARYANA.

Petitioner SUO MOTU

Respondents UHBVNL & DHBVNL

Present

On behalf of the Respondent

1. Shri Amit Dewan Director, Finance UHBVN, Panchkula
2. Shri Veer Singh Yadav, Director Finance, DHBVN, Hisar
3. Shri Chandan Singh, Chief Engineer, IT, UHBVN Panchkula
4. Shri Manish Dhariwal, SE/Projects UHBVN, Panchkula.
5. Shri Arun Kumar Mishra, CEO/EESL
6. Shri Rajneesh Rana, Chief General Manager, EESL.
7. Shri Abhishek Giri, State Head Intellismart Infrastructure(P) Ltd, Gurugram

QUORUM

Shri R.K. Pachnanda, Chairman
Shri Naresh Sardana, Member

INTERIM ORDER

1. The case was heard by the Commission on 08.06.2022 as scheduled in the Court room.
2. At the outset Sh. Arun Kumar Mishra, CEO EESL informed the Commission that post of MD EESL has been re-designated as CEO and submitted that due to the issue of meters supply in April,2022, EESL could not achieve the target but with the improvement of the meters

supply in the month of May,2022, EESL could achieve 60% of the target submitted by them.

He pointed out issues like intermittent stoppage of work in Kalka, Pinjore and Gharounda due to elections, therefore, it will be difficult to achieve installation targets in June 2022 and Discoms support is required for availability of cable pulling teams and creation of advance infrastructure for achieving meters installation target in these cities. Further, in DHBVN scope of 3 phase meters supply has been exhausted as per the contract agreement and new meters can be supplied only after rate and quantity approval from DHBVN. The Commission pointed out that with such a slack performance, it is going to take years to complete the project which started in 2018 and only 4 lacs meters have been installed so far and that too after regular review and directions by the Commission. Director, Finance, UHBVN has submitted that regular meetings are being held by Discoms with EESL, as per the directions of the Commission, to provide all the necessary help to resolve the field issues cropping up from time to time to improve the installation but the progress of EESL is not up to the mark. This statement is also supported by the Director, Finance, DHBVN.

3. The Commission observes that in spite of issuing repeated directions, there is hardly any improvement in achieving the self-declared target of meters installation and hence directs the EESL to achieve 100% target in the month of June for which UHBVN/DHBVN will provide all assistance including availability of front. The Commission further directs Directors of DISCOMs to conduct meetings with EESL at least once a week regularly to sort out day to day issues of ESSL and chalk out a comprehensive plan to ensure achievement of 100% target for the month of June, 2022, otherwise, the Commission would be constrained to take drastic action for any laxity, as the consumer cannot be made to suffer.
4. The Commission decides to review the progress for the month of June 2022 during the next date of hearing in July.

5. The matter to come up again on 13th July,2022.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 09/06/2022.

Date: 09.06.2022
Place: Panchkula

(Naresh Sardana)
Member

(R.K. Pachnanda)
Chairman

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