



**Before the
JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR MANIPUR AND MIZORAM**

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Order No. 4 (SM/JERC (M&M)) of 2020.

**CORAM:
MR. NG. SARAT SINGH, CHAIRPERSON
MR. LALCHHARLIANA PACHUAU, MEMBER**

In the matter of proposal for Reduction of late payment Surcharge (LPS) during social lockdown w.r.t. COVID-19.

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Commission on its own motion

V/S

All interested parties.

**ORDER
(Date of Order : 29/04/2020)**

1. The Managing Director, Manipur State Power Distribution Company Limited vide letter No.MSPDCL/HT CELL/OFFICE ORDER/2019-20 (Part-1)/2764-68, dated 25.04.2020 has proposed the following proposal reproduced as below:-

“To,
The Chairman,
Joint electricity Regulatory Commission,
(Manipur & Mizoram)

Subject:- Proposal for Reduction of Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) during social lockdown w.r.t. COVID-19

Sir,

In view of the restrictions imposed by the Ministry of home Affairs, Government of India vide order dated 24.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 pandemic and the social lockdown prevailing in Manipur vide order No.9/6(1)/2020-H(pt), dated 20th April, 2020 issued by the Government of Manipur and also referring to the directions issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India vide Lettter no. 23/22/2019-R&R Part-4, dated 28th march, 2020 as well as the guidelines issued by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi vide order No.6/SM/2020, dated 3rd April, 2020, the following interim measures in connection with the bill preparation & revenue collection of all consumers under MSPDCL are hereby proposed for your kind suggestion or approval, so as to provide bebenefit to the consumers during the lockdown period:-

1.The late payment Surcharge (LPS) may be reduced to 1% leviable during the period of lockdown starting from 24th March, 2020 to 30th June, 2020. It may be noted that as per the JERC Tariff Schedule for FY 2020-21, the LPS is 2% leviable after due date.

2.It is also proposed that no consumer be disconnected on account of non-payment of the outstanding dues or the late payment surcharge (LPS) during the period starting from 24th March, 2020 to 30th June, 2020.

The letter to the CERC from the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India written on 28th March, 2020 as mentioned above is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

24/4/2020

(L. Priyokumar Singh)
Managing Director,
MSPDCL

2. In consideration of the above proposal, the Commission is pleased to issue the following order:-

1. The Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) shall be leviable at the rate of 1% during the period of lockdown starting from 24th March, 2020 to 30th June, 2020 against 2% stipulated in the Tariff Schedule of Tariff Order for FY 2020-21 in respect of MSPDCL.
2. No consumer shall be disconnected on account of non-payment of the outstanding dues or the Late Payment Surcharge during the period starting from 24th March, 2020 to 30th June, 2020.

The above order shall be implemented with immediate effect.

3. With the above order, the Commission feels that the Distribution Company is complying with the order issued by CERC, New Delhi in respect of payment to the Central generating company as per order **SUO MOTU PETITION NO. 6/SM/2020, DATED 3rd APRIL, 2020.**



(LALCHHARLIANA PACHUAU)
Member



(NGANGOM SARAT SINGH)
Chairperson

Place: Aizawl
Date: 29/04/2020