

ORISSA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN

UNIT-VIII, BHUBANESWAR - 751 012

Present : Shri B. K. Das, Chairperson
Shri K.C. Badu, Member
Shri B.K. Misra, Member

Case No. 123/2009

Mr. Bijay Senapati, Secretary, Biju Pani Panchayat	Petitioner
Vrs.		
CEO, SOUTHCO & Others	Respondents

In the matter of: U/s 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

For the petitioner: Mr.R.P.Mohapatra, authorized representative of the petitioner

For the Respondents: Mr. Lambodar Misra, E.E., BNED, SOUTHCO.

Date of Hearing : 14.01.2010

Date of Order: 08.02.2010

ORDER

The petitioner being the Secretary of Biju Pani Panchayat has filed this petition for poor quality of power supply to the LI points in his area as per order of the Commission passed in Case No.70/2008. The allegation of the petitioner is that in spite of several approaches to the concerned authorities of the licensees the power situation in his area has not been improved and particularly the poor farmers are suffering prolongly due to low voltage of supply to LI points and the crops of the farmers have been damaged.

2. The counter reply E..E.(Electl.) Bhanjanagar, SOUTHCO stated that the allegations made by the petitioners are not true and the licensee has taken necessary steps to maintain proper voltage of supply to the LI points of the petitioner.
3. For verification of facts, the Commission vide its order dt.13.11.2009 constituted a committee consisting of the authorized representative of petitioner Sri R.P.Mahapatra, the representative of SOUTHCO Corporate office, and Sri B.D.Patra, Retd S.E., to make a field inspection and furnish a report to the Commission about the power supply situation in the petitioner's area. The said committee after due inspection furnish the report to the

Commission and suggested the following points for normal running of the LI point of the petitioner.

- 1. The existing single phase conductor to the unauthorized L.I.point along with the service cable needs to be removed within 2 (two) days.*
- 2. The unauthorized connections (Single Phase household) is to be removed by removing one span of conductor from the transformer towards village end or y any other method to be adopted by SOUTHCO.*
- 3. It is observed that a portion of the village Udaipur is proposed for electrification under RGGVY and work is under progress, On completion of the project the existing consumers of Udaipur village will avail supply from RGGVY scheme and that portion of the load can be reduced from the existing Udaipur -25 KVA substation.*

Hence, there will be no problem at all to run the LI point by the petitioner as there will no low voltage, when the other 10 HP pump is permanently disconnected.

4. Mr.R.P.Mohapatra, authorized representative of the petitioner in his oral submission stated that the motor of the petitioner is running perfectly and non-operation of the motor is not due to low voltage but mainly due to unauthorized running of another 10 HP LI points availing power supply by a 'T' connection from the main supply line. As the petitioner pump is at tail end, due to unauthorized use of aforesaid 10 HP motor the voltages drops about 10-12%. Further, reason of low voltage is due to rampant hooking by the villagers of Udaipur village. SOUTHCO should take action to up-grade the existing substation before extending quality power supply to L.I. points. Further, AB conductor has been deliberately cut and twisted with copper wires to avail unauthorized power supply.
5. Sri Mishra, E.E., BNED said that as per the observation/recommendation of joint verification report, SOUTHCO has disconnected the single phase conductor to the unauthorized LI point and dismantled the service cable. SOUTHCO had also lodged FIR against the consumer availing power supply for running of 10 HP LI point. SOUTHCO is taking steps for provision of M-seals in AB conductor joints and intentional cut on the AB conductors by the miscreants.

6. After hearing the parties and perusal of the inspection report, we direct SOUTHCO as follows:-
- a. The recommendation mentioned in the joint inspection report should be implemented in true spirit, No-compliance to this shall invoke section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and personal penalty will be fixed on the persons responsible for it.
 - b. SOUTHCO should take immediate steps to insulate the cut marks on the AB conductor and conductor joints with proper sealing material.
 - c. To avoid reported hooking and reduce loss LT less distribution system should be in place. Strong action should be taken against the unauthorized consumers and staff's of SOUTHCO (if involved).
 - d. SOUTHCO should approach/convince the villagers of Udaipur to have legal power supply connection, and complete all the formalities of extension of new power supply within time schedule as specified in the Regulations.
7. As the motor of the petitioner is running perfectly as per the report of the joint verification committee, we do not find any sufficient ground to proceed under section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003.
8. Before parting with these orders, we would like to place on record our thanks to Mr. R.P. Mahapatra who had voluntarily taken all the pains in visiting the site and finding the solution as mentioned in his report. We would also expect SOUTHCO to be more proactive and take expeditious steps to solve the problems of the genuine consumers to avoid penalty in future.

With the above directions the matter is disposed of.

(B.K. Misra)
Member

(K. C. Badu)
Member

(B.K. Das)
Chairperson