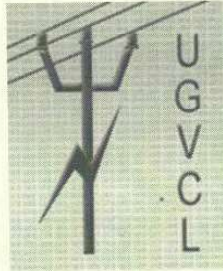


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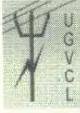
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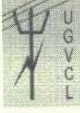
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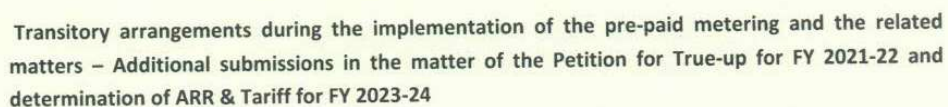
1 TRANSITORY ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRE-PAID METERING AND RELATED MATTERS

- 1.1 The Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, have announced Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) vide Office Memorandum dated 20th July, 2021.
- 1.2 The scheme involves installation of prepaid smart metering for consumers along with the associated Advanced Metering Infrastructure to facilitate reduction of the distribution losses along with other benefits, including, but not limited to enabling energy accounting.
- 1.3 The Distribution Utilities (DISCOMs) in Gujarat is in the process of implementation of the RDSS scheme in the state and as a part of scheme implementation, existing consumer meters will also be replaced by prepaid smart meters under the RDSS scheme.
- 1.4 It is submitted that the replacement of all the existing consumer meters with smart pre-paid meters is an enormous task and will be executed by the DISCOMs in a phased manner.
- 1.5 Accordingly, during the transition phase, certain consumers will continue to be under the post-paid regime and certain consumers will transit to the prepaid regime. Further, it is also envisaged that the replacement of the meters will be a continuous activity and the switchover from existing meters (post-paid) to smart prepaid meters may happen during the ongoing billing cycle and accordingly, the consumer will be billed as per the post-paid tariff for part of the billing cycle and as per the prepaid tariff for the remaining part of the billing cycle.
- 1.6 The transition phase is likely to continue during the FY 2023-24 and hence, the Hon'ble Commission is requested to pass appropriate orders (continuation of same tariff for both post-paid and prepaid category consumers and associated conditions during the transition phase) in this regard in its Tariff Order for FY 2023-24 so as to ensure the smooth transition from the existing regime to the prepaid metering regime. Since, as provided in the Electricity Act, 2003 at Section 47(5), DISCOM cannot recover Security Deposit from the consumer being supplied through pre-payment meter. Therefore, the existing Security deposit amount of the consumer shall be set-off against equivalent amount of pre-payment, after net-off arrears if any, on installation of pre-payment meter.
- 1.7 The Hon'ble Commission is requested to consider the request and pass appropriate orders related to the transitory arrangements as part of the Tariff Order for FY 2023-24.

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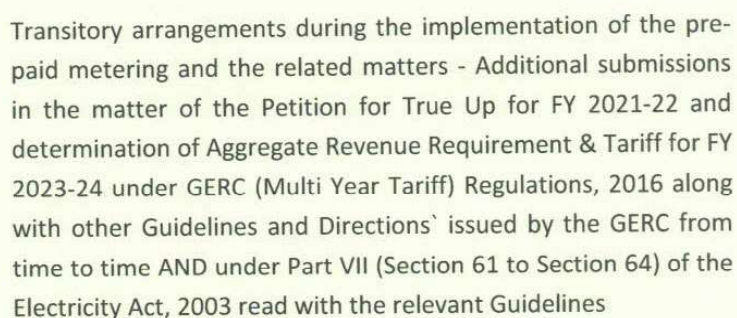


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Affidavit verifying the Petition

I, Mr. Vinod Shroff, son of Mangaldas Shroff, aged 57 years, residing at Ahmedabad do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

- I. I am the Chief Engineer (Operation) of the Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited (UGVCL), the Petitioner in the above matter and am duly authorized by the said the Petitioner to make this affidavit.
- II. The Statements made in the Petition application herein above are true to my knowledge and belief, which I believe them to be true.

Solemnly affirmed at Mehsana on this 20th February, 2023 that the contents of the above affidavit are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.



(V M Shroff)

Chief Engineer (Operation)

Identified before me

Place: Mehsana

Date: 20th February, 2023



Solely Affirmed & Signed BEFORE ME

Jayesh Kumar M. Chaudhary
NOTARY
(GOVT. OF INDIA) MEHSANA
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