

**BEFORE THE PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
CHANDIGARH**

Petition No. 17 of 2013

IN THE MATTER OF

**PETITION REGARDING CLAUSE-49.4 OF CONDITION OF SUPPLY—  
REGARDING REVISION OF PEAK LOAD EXEMPTION CHARGES.**

AND

IN THE MATTER OF  
PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED,  
THE MALL, PATIALA.

Petitioner

**Most respectfully showeth**

As per the provisions of Clause-49.4 of Conditions of Supply, Peak Load Exemption Charges(PLEC) at rates approved by the Hon'ble PSERC (Annexure 20 of COS) are leviable to the Large Supply (LS) and Medium Supply ( MS) Industrial Consumers who are permitted to use power during the notified peak load restriction hrs. The present rate of PLEC as approved by the Hon' able PSERC in the condition of supply are given as under :-

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| 1. | MS category consumers   | Rs. 100/KW/month    |
| 2. | LS Category Consumers up to 100 KW load   | Rs. 120/KW/month    |
| 3. | LS Category consumers up to 65%<br>of their sanctioned contract demand<br>for the load exceeding 100 KW         | Rs. 1.80/ KW/Hr/day |
| 4. | LS category consumers between<br>65 % to 90% of their sanctioned<br>contract demand for a load exceeding 100 KW | Rs. 2.70/ KW/Hr/day |

In the matter, it is submitted that :

Peak Load Restrictions are imposed on the LS industry due to inadequacy of the transmission and distribution system to meet the peak hr load. Due to high demand during peak load hrs the cost of power is also high. The PLEC is a commercial mechanism to restrict the load during high demand peak period. The exemption is allowed to the industry during peak load hrs on their specific request after watching the adequacy of the system to stand that much load and availability of power. For use of power during these hrs the industry has to pay the PLEC.

There is no change in the Peak Load Exemption Charges since the year 1998. The Power Regulatory Circular 11/1998 dated 29.7.1998 issued in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-A of this petition. The rates as applicable now are also approved by the Hon' able Commission in the year 2010 (applicable from 1.4.2010) with the issuance of the condition of supply.

Though the tariff rates has been revised almost every year by the Hon'ble Commission. The peak load exemption charges remained the same since 1998. The rise in tariff is being allowed on year to year basis taking into account the rise in input cost of raw material as well as the fixed charges w.r.t. own generating plants and the Central Sector share allocation and other sources of power input and the rise in wholesale price index etc.

An year-wise comparative chart for the LS category tariff approved by the commission viz-a-viz the applicable peak load exemption charges is given as under:-

Sr. No	Year	Industrial Category Tariff (Rs. per unit)			Applicable peak load exemption charges (Rs. per unit)		Remarks
		MS	LS	General	Up to 65% of SCD	Between 65% to 90% SCD	
1	1998	2.85	2.85	2.75	1.80	2.70	As per Clause 82.3.1 & 2 of Sales Regulation and PR Circular 11.98
2	2005	3.72	3.72	3.72	1.80	2.70	As per CC 42/2005
3	2006	3.72	3.72	3.72	1.80	2.70	As approved by PSERC
4	2007	3.98	3.98	3.98	1.80	2.70	As per CC 52/2007
5	2008	3.95	3.95	3.95	1.80	2.70	As per CC 63/2008
6	2009	4.33	4.33	4.33	1.80	2.70	As per CC 29/2009
7	2010	4.58	4.58	4.58	1.80	2.70	As per CC 22/2010
8	2011	4.95	4.95	4.95	1.80	2.70	As approved by PSERC
9	2012	5.61	5.61	5.61	1.80	2.70	As per CC 20/2012

From the position explained above, it is evident that though the year to year rise in tariff for the industrial category of consumers has been allowed by the Hon'ble Commission yet the peak load exemption charges have remained the same since 1998. Now as the cost of power has increased consistently, the existing peak load charges also needs to be revised proportionally. It is proposed that as the present tariff has doubled since 1998, the peak load exemption charges may also be raised accordingly.

**Prayer:**

In view of the position as explained above, it is prayed that the Hon'ble PSERC may kindly consider and allow:

The revision of peak load exemption charges as twice of the present charges.

**Chief Engineer/ARR & TR  
PSPCL, Patiala.**