# BEFORE THE HON'BLE MEGHALAYA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA

### Case No. 32/2023

### IN THE MATTER OF:

Approval of Multi Year Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for 4<sup>th</sup> MYT Control Period FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2024-25 for the State of Meghalaya

#### AND

Meghalaya. Power Distribution Corporation Limited (MePDCL)
...Petitioner

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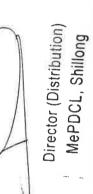
Sections 62 and 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003

The Humble Application of

The Petitioner MePDCL

## MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That the instant application is being filed by the Petitioner (MePDCL) bringing on record the order passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya dated 23.07.2024 passed in WP (C)



- 2. That it is submitted that the Petitioner had filed its petition for Multi Year Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for 4<sup>th</sup> MYT Control Period FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2024-25 for the State of Meghalaya on 29.11.2023.
- 3. This Hon'ble Commission vide order dated 06.06.2024 passed the Tariff order on the petition of the Petitioner.
- 4. The said order was passed in absence of the Chairman / Chairperson of this Hon'ble Commission and was in contravention of Regulation 18(3) of the MSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2006 and on a number of other grounds. There was no quorum and it is settled principles of the law that one who hears shall decide the matter. It is also not in dispute that the Chairman of the Hon'ble Commission retired on 12.05.2024 before the order dated 05.06.2024 and 06.06.2024. Therefore the orders above were no orders in the eyes of law. In other words, the orders dated 05.06.2024 and 06.06.2024 were non-est.



- 5. The Tariff order dated 06.06.2024 was challenged by the Petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya vide WP (C) 216 of 2024. The Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 25.06.2024 stayed the impugned order 06.06.2024. A copy of the order dated 25.06.2024 passed in WP(C) 218 of 2024 by the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya is annexed herewith and marked as **ANNEXURE A/2.**
- 6. That it is submitted that a statement was made by the counsel of the Commission that the orders dated 05.06.2024 and 06.06.2024 will be taken up for reconsideration afresh by this Hon'ble Commission. The said statement was duly noted by the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 23.07.2024. It is also relevant to mention here that the order was also passed by the Hon'ble High Court in the presence of one of the consumers i.e., Byrinhat Industries Association.
- 7. That it is submitted that in view of the statement made on behalf of the Commission, the prayer of the Petitioner in the Writ Petition was duly accepted and no *lis* survived in the Writ Petition. The Hon'ble High Court after noting the submissions closed the Writ Petition with liberty to reagitate the matter afresh before this Hon'ble Commission.

## PRAYER

In premises of the aforesaid, it is most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to grant the following:

i. Re-hear the petition filed by Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Ltd for Multi Year Aggregate

Revenue Requirement (ARR) for 4<sup>th</sup> MYT Control Period FY 2024-25 to FY 2026-27 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2024-25 for the State of Meghalaya on 29.11.2023 in terms of the order dated 23.07.2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya in WP (C) 218 of 2024; and

- ii. Recall the Order dated 06.06.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Commission in Case No. 32 of 2023; and
- iii. Pending recall of the Order, suspend the operation of the order dated 06.06.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Commission in Case No. 32 of 2023;
- iv. Pass any other order which the Hon'ble Commission deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the instant case.

It is prayed accordingly.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE HUMBLE PETITIONER SHALL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL.

For Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited

Authorised Signatory

Filed on: 31.07.2024

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Shri Pynkhrawbor Sahkhar, S/o(L) D. Blah, aged about 57 years, the Director (Distribution) of Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Shillong having office at MeECL Headquarters, Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong 793001, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:
- 1. That I am the Director (Distribution) of Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited, Shillong and in my official capacity I am conversant with the facts and records of the case and competent and authorized to swear this affidavit on behalf of Respondent Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited.



- 2. That the accompanying application on behalf of Respondent Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and information received and believed to be correct as derived from the official records of the Respondent Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited.
- 3. That to the best of my knowledge nothing in the accompanying application is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

DEPONENT
Director (Distribution)
MePDCL, Shillong

### **VERFICATION:**

Verified on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024 at Shillong that the content of the above affidavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and information received and believed to be correct as derived from the official records of the Respondent Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited and that nothing is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

DEPONENT
Director (Distribution
MePDCL, Shillong