

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No. 62 of 2016
Date of hearing: 01.11.2017
Date of Order: 08.11.2017**

In the matter of: Petition under section 142 of Electricity Act, 2003 for taking suitable action against the respondents for mis-interpreting the order dated 28.10.2013 passed by the Hon'ble PSERC in petition No.3 of 2012 and treating the "Electro Slag Refining" machine / process installed in the premises of the petitioner as PIU though as per order dated 28.10.2013 only the billet heaters / Surface Hardening Machines are to be treated under PIU Category;
Further petition under regulation 10 & 69 of PSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 for issuance of necessary clarification, directions to the respondents to treat the load of the "Electro Slag Refining" machine installed in the premises of the petitioner as General Industrial Load instead of PIU because the system / process involve in "Electro Slag Refining" process is totally different than principle / process of billet heaters/ Surface Hardening Machines;
And further for setting aside the order dated 23.01.2015 passed by the Forum for Redressal of Grievances of Consumers, PSPCL, vide which the case of the petitioner has been remitted back to the Zonal level Dispute Settlement Committee to decide the status of the petitioner as General Industry or PIU, because only this Hon'ble Commission has jurisdiction to decide the status of an industry and Licensee is not competent to decide or change the status of an Industry.

AND

In the matter of : Antarctic Industries Ltd. B-25, Phase-III, Focal Point, Ludhiana – 141010, through its authorized signatory Harjinder Kumar Rana s/o Sh.Chaman Lal Rana, Liaison Officer of the company.

.. Petitioner

Versus

1. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, through its Managing Director, The Mall, Patiala.

2. Addl. S.E. Focal Point (Spl.) Division, PSPCL, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

.... Respondents

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson
Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member
Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member

For Petitioners: Sh.Tejinder Joshi, Advocate
Sh.Sandeep Jain (Director)

For PSPCL: Sh.Jagdeep Singh Rana, Advocate
Sh.A.K.Sharma, SE/TR-2
Sh. Kanwal Preet Singh Sidhu, ASE/Focal Point Div.
Ludhiana.
Sh.V.P.S.Kailay, ASE/TR-5.
Sh.Gursatinder Singh, AAO (Rev.)

ORDER

After hearing the parties, the Commission considers it appropriate to refer the issue, as to whether Electro Slag Refining / Remelting Plant is covered under Power Intensive Unit (PIU), to CPRI, Bengaluru.

In the meantime, PSPCL shall treat the consumer under "General Category" and not PIU and issue bills accordingly, till the issue is finally decided by the Commission.

The staff of the Commission is directed to refer the matter to CPRI, Bengaluru forthwith. The petition shall be taken up for further hearing after receipt of report from CPRI.

Sd/-
(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-
(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-
(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: 08.11.2017