THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
AHMEDABAD

Date 2nd April, 2002

CORAM: **Justice S.D. Dave, Chairman**
Shri B.M. Oza Member

CASE NO. 69 OF 2002

ORAL ORDERS

2/04/2002

This is a Petition, taken out by the Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB), for obtaining the approval of the Commission " **for the lowering of the rate of Delayed Payment Charges".**

The Petition has been singed by Shri C.N. Khorasia. Any how, when the Petition has been called out today, Mr. A.J. Buch appears for the GEB. Mr. Buch seeks permission to amend certain particulars, in the table, below Para-4.0. Permission as prayed for is granted. Petition therefore, shall stand amended accordingly.

The averments made in the Petition are un-equivocally clear. The prayer is for the lowering of the rate, at which the Delayed Payment Charges are being recovered by the GEB. It has been said in the Petition that 90% of the revenue of the GEB is being realized through the sale of power, while the remaining 10% portion account for all other sources of revenue and therefore, the Delayed Payment Charges have a non-significant contribution towards the revenue of the GEB.

We do not find any difficulty, in accepting the above said say, coming from the GEB. Moreover, it should not be over looked that, the Delayed Payment Charges are not being imposed with a view to create a source of income for the GEB, but it is, in fact, made to work as a deterrent to the Consumers who may delay the payment of the energy bills. On the other hand, it would also work as an

incentive for the Consumers, who make the payment within the time frame, and thereby avoid the payment on the head of the Delayed Payment Charges.

In the above said circumstances, we are of the opinion that, the prayer coming from the GEB, specified in Para- 7.0 require to be accepted and the GEB is required to be permitted to charge, levy and recover the Delayed Payment Charges, as shown in the table appearing below the above said Para. We order accordingly.

The Petition stands disposed off with these Orders.

Sd/- **Sd/-**

(JUSTICE S.D.DAVE) **(B.M.OZA)**
CHAIRMAN **MEMBER**

Place: Ahmedabad
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