BEFORE THE HON'BLE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT AHMEDABAD

Date 31st March, 2001

CORAM: Shri B.M. Oza Acting Chairman & Member (Fin.)
Shri R. K. Sharma Member (Tech.)

IN THE MATTER OF SUBSIDY BY GOVERNMENT IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
Case no. 39/2000

ORDER
31/3/2001

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission in case No. 19/1999 of GEB issued a tariff order on 10/10/2000, determining the tariff applicable to the consumers receiving supply of electricity from Gujarat Electricity Board.

2. The Government of Gujarat Energy and Petrochemicals Department approached the Commission in their letter No.GEB-20-2000-Tariff-K dated 24/12/2000 intimating the decision taken by the Government to grant additional subsidy to the agricultural consumers with a view to continue the existing tariff till 30th June, 2001 and further with a view to provide incentives to encourage metering by offering them reduced rates of metered tariff till 30/6/2002. The Department requested the Commission to lay down the manner of payment of subsidy under the provisions of Section 29 (5) of Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act 1998.

3. The Commission vide its order dated 20/1/2001 allowed the Government as follows:

(1) The tariff in existence prior to award dated 10/10/2000 be continued till 30/6/2001 in case of agricultural consumers.

(2) Agricultural consumers who apply for energy meters upto 31st March, 2001 be charged @ Rs. 0.40 per unit inclusive of electricity duty w.e.f 1/7/2001 and these tariff be continued upto 30/6/2002.

(3) Agricultural consumers who apply for energy meters after 31st March 2001 but up to 30th June, 2001 be charged @ Rs.0.50 per unit inclusive of electricity duty with effect from 1/7/2001 and this tariff be continued upto 30th June, 2002.

(4) Agricultural consumers who do not apply for energy meters even by 30th June, 2001 be charged by GEB w.e.f 1-7-2001at the revised rates of tariff fixed by the Commission vide order dated 10/10/2000.

The Government of Gujarat has directed Gujarat Electricity Board vide letter No GEB-20-2000- Tariff-Ka dated 31/3/1001 to approach the Commission for extension of time limit and Shri M.M. Srivastava, Member (F) of GEB has approached the Commission vide his letter No. COM-GERC-AG dated 31st March, 2001 for extension of time limit for one month for agricultural consumers who apply for energy meters up to 31/3/2001.

The Commission having considered the request of GEB, directs that item No. 2 of Commission's order in the matter of subsidy by Government in agricultural sector dated 20/1/2001 be read as follows:

"**Agricultural consumers who apply for energy meters upto 30th April, 2001 be charged @ Rs. 0.40 per unit inclusive of electricity duty w.e.f 1/7/2001 and these tariff be continued upto 30/6/2002."**

Other conditions of Commission's order dated 20/1/2001 will remain the same .

Sd/- **Sd/-**

B.M.OZA **R.KSHARMA**
ACTING CHAIRMAN/ **MEMBER(T)**
MEMBER(F)

Place: Ahmedabad
Date: 31st March, 2001