

May 2021 and the office was remain closed till 30th May 2021. After the lifting of lock down, the office of the licensee has been functioning with limited staff strength. This resulted in delay in finalizing the truing up petition and its filing.

- b) The filing of truing up petition was again delayed as two of the licensee's employees were affected with Covid-19 and the office was shut for two more weeks. The authorization as signatory of the newly joined Company Secretary also got delayed till last week of June 2021 due to the pandemic.
 - c) The Smart City is running with limited staff and they were completely engaged during these time. This also contributed to the delay in filing the petition.
5. The licensee further requested to condone the delay caused by above and also requested for the truing up of income and expenditure as per the audited accounts for the year 2016-17. The licensee also remitted the prescribed filing fee for the petition.
 6. The Commission has examined the matter and the reasons given by the licensee for the delay. The Commission noted the fact that the licensee is new, started its operations only in the year 2016-17 and were having only very few consumers in the first year of operation. The Commission also notes that, being a new licensee, the petitioner was not fully accustomed with the regulatory process and the truing up requirements. Hence, the Commission is of the view that, considering the above position of the licensee and the reasons for delay submitted by them, the delay in filing the truing up petition for the financial year 2016-17 can be condoned, as a special case.

Orders of the Commission

7. After examining the matter in detail, the Commission hereby condones the delay of 1341 days in filing the Truing up petition for 2016-17 and admits the petition for further processing.

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Approved for Issue

Secretary