CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Record of Proceedings

PETITION NO. 102/2008

Sub: Approval of incentive based on availability of transmission system for the year 2007-08 for Northern Region.

Date of hearing	:	26.5.2009
Coram	:	Shri R.Krishnamoorthy, Member, and Shri.S.Jayaraman, Member
Petitioner	:	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Gurgaon
Respondents:		 Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited, Jaipur Ajmer Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd., Ajmer Jaipur Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd, Jaipur Jodhpur Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Ltd, Jodhpur Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board, Shimla Punjab State Electricity Board, Patiala Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd, Panchkula Power Development Department, Govt. of J&K, Jammu Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd, Lucknow Delhi Transco Ltd, New Delhi BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd., New Delhi North Delhi Power Ltd., New Delhi Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd, Dehradun North Central Railway, Allahabad
Parties present	:	Shri U.K.Tyagi, PGCIL Shri S.K.Mondal, PGCIL Shri J.Mazumder, PGCIL Shri R.Prasad, PGCIL Ms. Sangeeta Edwards, PGCIL

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks approval for incentive based on availability of the transmission system in Northern Region for the year 2007-08.

2. The representative of the petitioner requested to direct NRPC to recalculate availability for Northern Region transmission system for the year 2007-08 on account of following factors:

(a) Outage due to dense fog is not attributable to the petitioner and it should be considered as natural calamity as per clause 6 (i) of Appendix-III of tariff regulations, 2004.

(b) Outage on account of Ministry of Power instructions for cleaning of lines in March 2008 should not be considered as attributable to the petitioner.

3. The representative of the petitioner stated that during the previous year's fog related trippings had been considered which was not attributable to it. He argued that the same practice should be adopted for the year 2007-08 also.

4. The representative of the petitioner further submitted that the cleaning of transmission lines in Northern Region was normally done during the months of September and October every year, before onset of winter season. However, because of cascading trippings of the transmission lines on 8th and 9th March 2008, Ministry of Power had directed for cleaning of a number of transmission lines. Accordingly, some of the transmission lines had been cleaned once again during the month of Mach 2008, by taking shut down. He argued that as the cleaning was done at the instance of Ministry of Power, the outage of lines on that account should not be considered as outage attributable to it.

5. The Commission directed the Member-Secretary, NRPC to file his comments on the issue raised by the petitioner. His representative should be present before the Commission at the next date of hearing to clarify any issue related to the matter.

6. This petition shall be re-notified on 9.7.2009.

sd/-(K.S.Dhingra) Chief (Legal)