CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No.244/MP/2016

- Subject :Petition under Section 79 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulations 111 and 115 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 for removal of difficulties and for consequential orders on the measurement of GCV of Coal from the samples taken from the Railway Wagon Top.
- Date of hearing : 21.11.2017
- Coram : Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson Shri A.K. Singhal, Member Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member Dr. M.K. Iyer, Member
- Petitioner : NTPC Limited
- Respondents : GRIDCO & Others
- Parties present : Shri M.G. Ramachandran, Advocate, NTPC Ms. Anushree Bardhan, Advocate, NTPC Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate, NTPC Shri Sanjay Sen, Senior Advocate, TPDDL Shri Buddy A. Ranganathan, Advocate, BRPL & BYPL Shri Anupam Varma, Advocate, BRPL & BYPL Shri Rahul Kinra, Advocate, BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL Shri Ashutosh K. Srivastava, Advocate, BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL Ms. Swapna Seshadri, Advocate, GUVNL & PSPCL Shri S. Vallinayagam, Advocate, TANGEDCO Shri Raj Kumar Mehta, Advocate, GRIDCO Ms. Himanshi Andley, Advocate, GRIDCO Shri Amit Kapur, Advocate, WBSEDCL Shri Janmali Manikala, Advocate, WBSEDCL Shri Tabrez Malawat, Advocate, WBSEDCL Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, MPL Shri Pratvush Singh, Advocate, MPL Shri Vikas Maini, Advocate, MPL Shri T. Vinod Kumar, NTPC Shri Uday Shankar, NTPC Shri Vikram P. Singh, NTPC Shri Ajay Dua, NTPC Shri Nishant Gupta, NTPC Shri Umesh Ambati, NTPC Shri Pramod Kumar, NTPC Shri Shyam Kumar, NTPC Shri Manish Garg, UPPCL Shri Ravin Dubey, MPPMCL

Shri Gagan Swain, BYPL Shri Sameer Singh, BYPL Shri Sunil Kakkar, BYPL Shri Haridas Maity, BYPL Shri Haridas Maity, BYPL Shri Abhishek Srivastava, BYPL Shri Kanishk, BRPL Shri Sanjay Srivastava, BRPL Shri Sanjay Srivastava, BRPL Shri Vishal Vij, TPDDL Shri Vishal Vij, TPDDL Shri Vishal Vij, TPDDL Shri Pratyush Pandey, TPDDL Shri S.K. Nair, GUVNL Shri C.K. Das, GRIDCO Shri A.K. Samantaray, GRIDCO

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During the hearing the learned counsel for the respondent, BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL prayed for grant of eight weeks' time to file response to CEA report on the ground that the same was received on 16.11.2017. He further submitted that in light of the CEA report and the orders passed by the Commission, the present petition is not maintainable.

2. The learned counsel for the respondent, GRIDCO raised issue on the 'maintainability' of the petition and submitted that the Petitioner in garb of 'removal of difficulty' has sought a second review of the Commission's orders dated 25.1.2016 and 30.6.2016. He further submitted that the respondent has preferred an appeal against the order dated 25.1.2016 before the Tribunal and since the same is pending, this petition may not be heard.

3. The learned counsel for the respondent, WBSEDCL submitted that the documents referred in the report of CEA namely, (a) letter of the Commission in response to CAG report, (b) the views of State Regulators, CIMFR and CPRI may be made available to the respondents in order to file response in the matter. He further submitted that the petition is not maintainable since an appeal is pending before the Tribunal against order dated 25.1.2016. However, the learned counsel prayed for grant of four weeks' time to file its response to the report of the CEA.

4. The learned counsel for the respondent, MPL submitted that the prayer of the respondents may not be granted as they had enough time to file their response to the report of the CEA. He further submitted that CEA being the technical advisor, the said report may be considered by the Commission.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petition has been filed in terms of the observations made by Hon'ble High Court in its order dated 10.11.2016 in W.P.(C) 1641/2014. He also stated that the report of CEA is technical in nature and the same can be considered by the Commission, since CEA is the technical advisor of the Commission. He further submitted that the parties may be directed to file their written submissions on the said report and the matter may be decided accordingly.

6. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties, the Commission directed the parties to file their response on the report filed by CEA, on affidavit, on or before 4.12.2017 with advance copy to the other.

7. The petition shall be listed for hearing on **7.12.2017**.

By order of the Commission

-Sd/-(B. Sreekumar) Deputy Chief (Law)