CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No.20/MP/2023

Subject : Petition under Section 79(1)(f) read with 79(1)(b) of the Electricity

Act, 2003 and Agreements for Procurement of Power (APP) dated 3.3.2022 and 10.3.2022 challenging the Termination Notice dated 18.8.2022 issued by South Western Railways under Article 4.4 of the APP dated 3.3.2022 and consequential actions

pursuant to the Termination Notice.

Date of Hearing : 19.7.2023

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

> Shri I. S. Jha, Member Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P. K. Singh, Member

Petitioner : Jindal India Thermal Power Limited (JITPL)

Respondents : South Western Railways (SWR), Indian Railways and Anr.

Parties Present : Shri Akshat Jain, Advocate, JITPL

Ms. Shefali Tripathi, Advocate, JITPL Shri Shikhar Verma, Advocate, JITPL Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, TPTCL Shri Jatin Ghuliani, Advocate, TPTCL Shri Vedant Choudhary, Advocate, TPTCL

Shri Sanjeev Kumar, TPTCL

Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate, SWR Ms. Shikha Sood, Advocate, SWR Ms. Anumeha Smiti, Advocate, SWR

Ms. Kanupriya Sharma, IR

Record of Proceedings

Due to a paucity of time, the matter could not be taken-up for a detailed hearing. However, learned counsel for the Respondent, SWR pointed out that the Petitioner has yet to furnish the certain details/information as sought by the Commission vide Record of Proceedings for hearing dated 2.5.2023. In response, learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that its response is ready and that it be permitted to file the same. Learned counsel also prayed that the interim protection granted by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, which was extended by the Commission vide the aforesaid Record of Proceedings, be further extended till next date of hearing.

Considering the above, the Commission directed the Petitioner to file its 2. affidavit in compliance with the direction issued vide para 4 of the Record of Proceedings for the hearing dated 2.5.2023 within a week. The Commission further directed that the stay granted by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court on the encashment of bank guarantee will be continuing till the next date of hearing.

- 3. The Petitioner is directed to submit the following information on an affidavit within three days with copy to the other side:
 - A copy of the communication made with the Respondents, TPTCL and SWR, during the period from 1.3.2020 to 31.3.2020 regarding the claimed Change in Law.
 - Actions taken to commence the supply, subsequent termination notice dated 18.8.2022.
- The Respondent, TPTCL is directed to submit the following information on an affidavit within three days with a copy to the other side:
 - Actions taken for commencement of supply of power from the Petitioner, to the Respondent, SWR in terms of APP i.e. from 1.4.2022.
 - Actions taken for commencement of supply of power from the Petitioner, to the Respondent, SWR, after termination notice dated 18.8.2022.
 - Energy sold by JITPL in the short term through TPTCL during the period (c) from 1.4.2022 to 17.8.2022.
- 5. The Respondent, SWR is directed to submit on an affidavit within a week the reason for the issuance of a termination notice dated 18.8.2022, inspite of agreeing to the request of the Petitioner to commence the supply from 1.12.2022 through its NoC dated 8.6.2022.
- 6. The Petition shall be listed for hearing on **31.7.2023**.

By order of the Commission

Sd/ (T.D. Pant) Joint Chief (Law)