CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 685/TT/2020 along with IA No. 66/IA/2023

Subject: Petition for approval under Regulation 86 of the Central

Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 for determination of transmission tariff from anticipated COD to 31.3.2024 for ± 800 kV 6000 MW Raigarh (HVDC Station)-Pugalur (HVDC Station) HVDC Link along with ± 800 kV 1500 MW (Pole-I) HVDC terminals each at Raigarh (HVDC Station) & Pugalur (HVDC Station) under "HVDC Bipole link between Western Region (Raigarh, Chattisgarh) and Southern Region (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu)-North Trichur (Kerala)-Scheme 1: Raigarh-Pugalur 6000 MW HVDC

System" in Southern Regional Grid.

Date of Hearing : 20.9.2023

Coram: Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P.K. Singh, Member

Petitioners: Powergrid Corporation of India Limited

Respondents : Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited

& Ors.

Parties Present : Shri P. Wilson, Senior Advocate, TANGECO

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Shri Joy Nirupam, Advocate, R. No. 12 to 15

Shri D. Abhinav Rao, Advocate, R. Nos. 9, 10 and 16

Shri Rahul Jajoo, Advocate, R. Nos. 9, 10 and 16

Shri Sidhant Kumar, Advocate, R. Nos. 7 & 8

Ms. Manyaa Chandok, Advocate, R. Nos. 7 & 8

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Shri Gajendra Singh, NLDC

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Shri Debajyoti, NLDC

Record of Proceedings

The learned counsels for PGCIL, the Petitioner, TANGEDCO, Telangana Discoms, AP Discoms and KSEB made their submission on the IA No.66/IA/2023 filed by PGCIL limited to the prayers for directions to TANGEDCO, Telangana Discoms and other Respondents not to make any unilateral deductions/ adjustments of the transmission charges already paid towards ± 800 kV 6000 MW Raigarh (HVDC Station)-Pugalur (HVDC Station) HVDC Link along with ± 800 kV 1500 MW (Pole-I) HVDC terminals each at Raigarh (HVDC Station) & Pugalur (HVDC Station) and to release the payment that has already been adjusted by them pending final adjudication.

- 2. The learned counsels for AP Discoms, Telangana Discoms, KSEB and BSP(H)CL submitted that they would file a reply to the petition as well as the IA during the course of the day.
- 3. The learned counsel for the Petitioner further submitted that in view of hearing for a limited relief indicated by the Commission, IA No.66/IA/2023 is against the SR beneficiaries only, hence, the Respondents from the other regions may not be required to file a reply to the IA. The Commission directed the Respondents to accordingly file their replies in the main petition and the IA by the end of the day. The Commission further directed the Petitioner to make its submissions, if any, in response to the reply filed by the Respondents to the IA by 22.9.2023 and its rejoinder to the replies filed by the Respondents to the main petition by 27.9.2023 and observed that no further extension will be granted.



- 4. In response to a query of the Commission, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that POSOCO and CTUIL have filed their replies to the petition and no response has been received from the CEA. The Commission observed that it would like to have the benefit of the comments of CEA, especially in view of the APTEL's observations in its judgement dated 18.7.2023 in Appeal No. 433 of 2022.
- 5. The Commission after hearing the parties, reserved its order in IA No.66/IA/2023.
- 6. The Commission further directed to list the main petition at 3.00 p.m. on 27.9.2023 and in response to the submissions made by the learned counsel for KSEB, the Commission observed that if the arguments do not conclude on 27.9.2023, it shall be continued on 4.10.2023.

By order of the Commission

sd/-V. Sreenivas) Joint Chief (Law)