CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION New Delhi

Petition No. 2/TT/2020

Subject : Petition for truing up of transmission tariff of 2014-19 tariff period

and determination of transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff period in respect of Spare Converter Transformer at Rihand for Rihand-

Dadri HVDC Bipole Terminal in Northern Region

Date of Hearing : 10.3.2021

Coram Shri P.K. Pujari, Chairperson

Shri I.S. Jha, Member Shri Arun Goyal, Member

Shri Pravas Kumar Singh, Member

Shri Prakash Mhaske, Member, Ex-officio

Petitioner : Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL)

Respondents : Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd. and 16 others

Parties Present : Shri R.B. Sharma, Advocate, BRPL

Shri Mohit Mudgal, Advocate, BYPL

Shri S.S. Raju, PGCIL Shri B. Dash, PGCIL

Shri Ved Prakash Rastogi, PGCIL

Shri A.K. Verma, PGCIL Ms. Megha Bajpayee, BRPL

Record of Proceedings

Case was called out for virtual hearing.

- 2. The representative of the Petitioner made the following submissions:
 - a. The instant petition is filed for truing up of tariff of 2014-19 tariff period and determination of tariff of 2019-24 tariff period in respect of Spare Converter Transformer at Rihand for Rihand-Dadri HVDC Bipole Terminal in Northern Region. He submitted that the COD of the asset was 1.12.2011.
 - b. The capital cost has been claimed after adjusting 50% of the quantified LD (liquidated damages). The deduction of LD has resulted in double deduction and hence it may be added back to compute the opening capital cost as on 1.4.2014. Additional information sought through Technical Validation letters has been filed vide affidavits dated 22.7.2020 and 27.10.2020. He further submitted that UPPCL has filed its reply vide affidavit dated 6.6.2020 and rejoinder to the reply has been filed vide affidavit dated 9.3.2021.

- 3. Learned counsel for BRPL submitted that the reply has been filed *vide* affidavit dated 9.3.2021 and made submissions in the instant petition for not allowing the tariff for spare asset not in use. He submitted that the capital cost and other components of the tariff cannot be allowed under the 2014 Tariff Regulations and the 2019 Tariff Regulations as per APTEL judgment in Appeal No. 98 of 2015. He submitted that contentions pertaining to income tax on transmission business, Indian Accounting Standards and Return on Equity have already been explained and submitted before the Commission *vide* affidavit dated 9.3.2021, which may be considered.
- 4. The learned counsel of BYPL submitted that BYPL is adopting the submissions made by the learned counsel for BRPL.
- 5. Upon hearing the parties, the Commission directed the Petitioner to file rejoinder to reply of BRPL, if any, by 19.3.2021, and observed that no extension of time shall be granted.
- 6. Subject to above, the Commission reserved order in the matter.

By order of the Commission

Sd/-

(V. Sreenivas) Deputy Chief (Law)