CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 514/MP/2020

Subject : Petition under Section 63 and 79(1)(c) and 79(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking reliefs due to the occurrence of certain Force Majeure and Change in Law events under the Transmission Service Agreement dated 6.8.2009.

Date of Hearing : 14.10.2021

Coram : Shri P. K. Pujari, Chairperson Shri I. S. Jha, Member Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P. K. Singh, Member

Petitioner : East-North Interconnection Company Limited (ENICL)

- Respondents : Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited and 18 Ors.
- Parties Present : Shri Sanjay Sen, Sr. Advocate, ENICL Ms. Mandakini Ghosh, Advocate, ENICL Shri Deep Rao Palepu, Advocate, ENICL Ms. Parichita Chowdhury, Advocate, ENICL Ms. Neha Dabral, Advocate, ENICL Shri TAN Reddy, ENICL Shri Gaurav Kumar, ENICL

Record of Proceedings

Case was called out for virtual hearing.

2. During the course of hearing, the learned senior counsel for the Petitioner advanced detailed submission in the matter by relying upon his pleadings.

3. In response to the specific query of the Commission as to whether any study/ investigation was carried out by any independent agency/Government body including the Central Electricity Authority regarding the collapse of the transmission towers covered in the present Petition, the learned senior counsel for the Petitioner replied in negative. The learned senior counsel, however, pointed out that ERPC as well as the Committee constituted by ERPC in this regard have recognized that the collapse of the towers was due to change in the course of river Ganga and heavy velocity of the flow of water.

4. The Commission, however, directed the Petitioner to file on affidavit by 8.11.2021, the findings of investigation/study, if any, carried out by any independent agency/Government body including the Central Electricity Authority regarding collapse of these transmission towers. The Commission further directed the Petitioner to comply with the above directions within the specified timeline.

5. None was present on behalf of the Respondents despite notice.

6. After hearing the learned senior counsel for the Petitioner, the Commission reserved the matter for order.

By order of the Commission

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