# CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

#### Petition No. 629/TD/2020

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

Date of Order: 15th April, 2021

#### In the matter of

Application under Section 15(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 6(1) of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for grant of Category V licence for inter-State trading in electricity.

## And In the matter of

Amp Energy Markets India Private Limited 309, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Rectangle One, Behind Sheraton Hotel, Sake, New Delhi-110 017

..... Applicant

### The following were present:

Shri Anirban Mondal for the Applicant Shri Rakshika Kaul for the Applicant Ms. Yeshi Sinha for the Applicant

### **ORDER**

The Applicant, Amp Energy Markets India Private Limited, a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013) has made the present application under Sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") read with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for grant of Trading Licence and other related matters) Regulations, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as "the Trading

Licence Regulations") amended from time to time, for grant of Category 'V' licence for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India. In accordance with Sub-section (3) of Section 15 of the Act read with Clause (4) of Regulation 6 of the Trading Licence Regulations, notices were published by the Applicant on 8.9.2020. In response to the said public notice, no objections have been received.

- 2. In accordance with Clause (3) of Regulation 3 of the Trading Licence Regulations, a person applying for Category `V` trading licence should have net worth of Rs. two crore, and should have maintained minimum current ratio and liquidity ratio of 1:1, as on date of audited balance sheet accompanying the application. As per Special Balance Sheet submitted by the Applicant as on 25.8.2020, the Applicant possesses the required net worth, current ratio and liquidity ratio for grant of Category 'V' trading licence. Accordingly, the Commission came to conclusion that the Applicant is prima-facie qualified for grant of Category 'V' licence for inter-State trading in electricity.
- 3. On the above consideration, the Commission vide its order dated 8.3.2021 had proposed to grant Category 'V' inter-State trading licence to the Applicant. Relevant portion of the said order dated 8.3.2021 is extracted as under:
  - "13. On consideration of the above facts, after a preliminary examination, we find that the Applicant meets the net worth requirements specified by the Commission for grant of Category `V` trading licence. It also fulfills other conditions for grant of trading licence. In view thereof, the Commission proposes to grant Category `V` trading licence to the Applicant. We direct that a notice under clause (a) of subsection (5) of Section 15 of the Act be issued inviting further suggestions or objections to the proposal of the Commission."
- 4. Notice under Clause (a) Sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act was published on 18.3.2021 in all editions of Times of India (English) and Hindustan

(Hindi). No suggestions or objections have been received in response to the notice issued by the Commission.

- 5. Clause (9) of Regulation 6 of the Trading Licence Regulations provides as under:
  - "(9) On consideration of further objections or suggestions received and the reply of the applicant thereto, if any, the Commission may grant the licence or reject the application, for reasons to be recorded in writing if the application does not confirm to the provisions of the Act, the rules or regulations or provisions of any other law for the time being in force:

Provided that no application shall be rejected, unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard."

- 6. On consideration of the materials on record, we are satisfied that the Applicant company meets the requirements of the Act and the Trading Licence Regulations for grant of inter-State trading licence for Category 'V'. Accordingly, we direct that Amp Energy Markets India Private Limited be issued a Category 'V' licence for inter-State trading in electricity in whole of India.
- 7. The grant of trading licence to the Applicant (hereinafter "licensee") is subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions throughout the period of subsistence of the licence:
  - (a) The licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Act, the Rules and the Regulations, particularly, Trading Licence Regulations, orders and directions issued by the Commission from time to time and any other law in force;
  - (b) The licensee shall comply with orders and directions issued by the Commission from to time;
  - (c) The licensee shall not engage in the business of transmission in electricity during the period of subsistence of the trading licence;

- (d) The licensee shall charge the trading margin strictly in accordance with Trading Licence Regulations as amended from time to time;
- (e) The licensee shall continue to be governed by the qualifications and disqualifications specified in Chapter 2 of the Trading Licence Regulations during the subsistence of licence;
- (f) The licensee shall continue to abide by the terms and conditions of licence specified in Chapter V of the Trading Licence Regulations, as amended from time to time;
- (g) The licensee shall regularly pay the annual licence in accordance with the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) Regulations, 2012, as amended from time to time or any subsequent enactment thereof:
- (h) Non-compliance of the provisions of the Act, rules, regulations framed by the Commission and the provisions of Trading Licence Regulations shall make the licence of the petitioner liable for revocation;
- (i) If the licensee fails to undertake trading in electricity within one year from the date of licence, the licence shall be liable for revocation in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Trading Licence Regulations; and
- (j) The licensee shall submit all such report or information as may be required under Trading Licence Regulations or any other regulation of the Commission or as per the directions of the Commission as may be issued from time to time.
- 8. Petition No. 629/TD/2020 is disposed of in terms of the above.

Sd/- sd/- sd/- sd/- (P.K. Singh) (Arun Goyal) (I.S. Jha) (P.K. Pujari) Member Member Chairperson