CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 636/MP/2020

Subject

: Petition under Section 79(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Article 10 of the Case-1 long-term Power Purchase Agreement dated 27.11.2013 along with Addendum No. 1 dated 20.12.2013 entered into between Dhariwal Infrastructure Ltd. and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. for the supply of 100 MW Contracted Capacity from Unit 2 of its 2 x 300 MW Coal based thermal generating station located at Tadali, Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra, seeking an in principle approval of the Additional Capital Expenditure to be incurred on account of installation of based Wet Flue Gas De-Sulphurization necessitated by a Change in Law event i.e., Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2015 dated 7.12.2015 and Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2018 dated 28.6,2018 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) read with the letter issued by Central Pollution Control Board dated 11.12.2017

Date of Hearing : 11.1.2022

Coram : Shri P. K. Pujari, Chairperson

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

Petitioner : Dhariwal Infrastructure Ltd. (DIL)

Respondents: Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution

Corporation (TANGEDCO)

Parties Present : Shri Sanjay Sen, Senior Advocate, DIL

Ms. Mandakini Ghosh, Advocate, DIL

Ms. Anusha Nagarajan, Advocate, TANGEDCO Ms. Aakanksha Bhola , Advocate, TANGEDCO

Ms. Srishti Rai, Advocate, DIL Ms. Divya Chaturvedi, DIL Shri Rabi Chowdhury, DIL Shri Subir Kumar Saha, DIL Shri Aveek Chatterjee, DIL

Record of Proceedings

Case was called out for virtual hearing.



- 2. The learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the finalisation of the tender could not take place as the bidding process failed and, therefore, re-tendering will take place. He further submitted that the whole process of re-tendering is likely to take at least 3 (three) to 4(four) months to complete and, accordingly, requested the Commission to keep the matter in abeyance till the finalisation of re-tendering process. He submitted that the Petitioner will also place on record the tender documents once the finalisation of tender takes place. He further submitted that as per the categorization done by CPCB Task Force, the installation of FGD is mandated to be completed by 31.12.2023.
- 3. The Commission initially agreed to the Petitioner's proposal to adjourn the matter. However, on reconsideration of the submissions made by the Petitioner, the Commission observed that as seen in many such cases, the completion of the process of tendering, award of contracts and furnishing the details of the capital cost to be recovered to the Respondents/ beneficiaries would take a minimum period of six months and that no purpose would be served by keeping the petition pending for such a long time. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that the petition may be disposed of and the Petitioner should file a fresh petition on completion of tendering process and award of contracts and after furnishing the details of the capital cost to be recovered to the Respondents/ beneficiaries. The Commission observed that filing fee paid towards the instant petition will be adjusted against the petition to be filed in this regard.
- 4. A separate order disposing of the matter will be issued.

By order of the Commission

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