ORDER

OF

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN CASE NO. OA-242/16-17

IN RE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR ISSUANCE OF ORDER ON A SCHEME FOR REVENUE ENHANCEMENT THROUGH INCREASE SALE TO THE INDUSTRIES UNDER WBSEDCL THROUGH RATIONALIZATION UNDER REGULATION 8.10 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011 AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:
SRI R. N. SEN, CHAIRPERSON
SRI AMITAVA BISWAS, MEMBER

DATE: 08.02.2017
In RE an application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for issuance of order on a scheme for Revenue enhancement through increase sale to the industries under WBSEDCL through rationalization under regulation 8.10 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended.

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1.0 West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL), a deemed distribution licensee as per provision of the Electricity Act 2003 (here in after referred to be as “Act”) and engaged in the business of generation, distribution and supply of electricity has submitted an application for issuance of order under regulation 8.10 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended (in short Tariff Regulations).

2.0 It has been submitted by WBSEDCL in their application that the Commission vide its letters dated 19.06.2015 and 18.04.2016 requested WBSEDCL to send a proposal to resolve the disparity in power tariff between Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and WBSEDCL. The Department of Power and NES, Government of West Bengal, also vide letters dated 14.03.2016 and 08.04.2016 requested WBSEDCL to submit a report regarding the issue mentioned by the Commission.

3.0 It has further been submitted that a report along with a scheme “Revenue enhancement through sale to industries supplied at 33 kV and 132 kV under WBSEDCL through rationalization” was accordingly submitted by WBSEDCL to the Department of Power and NES, Govt. of West Bengal on 26.07.2016. It has been stated further that the said scheme has been approved by the Department of Power and NES, Government of West Bengal and approval conveyed vide their letter dated 25.10.2016 with the direction to move the Commission for the purpose. A copy of the said letter has also been enclosed by WBSEDCL along with their
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4.0 It has been submitted by WBSEDCL that the scheme has been prepared on the basis of tariff order in respect of WBSEDCL for the year 2016-17 and for the DVC 2015-16 keeping effective net rate of WBSEDCL at 50 paise/kWh for 132 kV and 68 paise/kWh for 33 kV more than the effective net rate of respective categories of consumers of DVC at highest performance level (i.e. 100% increased of contractual load / monthly consumption at 89.58% Load Factor).

5.0 It has further been submitted that the said scheme will be effective from the date of issue of the order on the said scheme and may continue till issuance of tariff order in respect of WBSEDCL for the year 2017-18. WBSEDCL has prayed before the Commission for according approval to the scheme under Regulation 8.10 of the Tariff Regulations.

6.0 The Commission, after due examination of the said proposal along with the scheme submitted by WBSEDCL, is hereby pleased to accord approval to it for implementation of the said scheme subject to the following :-

   (a) The minimum contractual load for new industries at 33 kV shall be 1.5 MVA instead of 3 MVA as mentioned under item (i) (a) in Annexure II of their proposal.

   (b) The load factor rebate as proposed in the scheme will be in addition to the rebates already allowed in the Tariff Order in respect of WBSEDCL for 2016-17 for respective categories of consumers.

   (c) Any loss suffered by WBSEDCL due to implementation of this scheme shall not be passed on through tariff to other categories of consumers.

   (d) WBSEDCL shall publish a notification in this regard
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clearly mentioning the rate of rebates and the applicable consumers before introduction of such scheme both in newspaper and website of WBSEDCL.

(e) The scheme will be effective on and from the consumption month in which the notification will be published.

(f) WBSEDCL shall also consider any suggestions / objections of any stake holders in this regard and due care should be taken by them.

7.0 The application of WBSEDCL is disposed of accordingly. Let a copy of this order be served upon WBSEDCL.

Sd/-

(AMITAVA BISWAS)
MEMBER

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(R. N. SEN)
CHAIRPERSON

Dated : 08.02.2017