ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN CASE NO. WBERC/PPA-77 /15-16

IN RE THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO BE EXECUTED WITH DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION (DVC) FOR PURCHASE OF 20 MVA POWER AT JAMURIA SUBSTATION BY WBSEDCL FROM DVC UNDER RADIAL MODE IN TERMS OF REGULATION 7.4.1 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011 AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:
SRI RABINDRANATH SEN, CHAIRPERSON
SRI SUJIT DASGUPTA, MEMBER
SRI AMITAVA BISWAS, MEMBER

DATE: 28.09.2015
Order of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission on the application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for approval of draft Power Purchase Agreement to be executed with Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for purchase of 20 MVA power at Jamuria Substation by WBSEDCL from DVC under Radial mode in terms of regulation 7.4.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended

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1.0 This is in regard to the application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short ‘WBSEDCL’) for approval of draft Power Purchase Agreement (in short ‘PPA’) to be executed with Damodar Valley Corporation (in short ‘DVC’) for purchase of 20 MVA power at Jamuria Substation by WBSEDCL from DVC under radial mode for a period of 5 (Five) years at a regulated tariff to be determined by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short ‘Commission’). WBSEDCL has submitted the application in terms of regulation 7.4.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended (in short ‘Tariff Regulations’).

2.0 WBSEDCL, through their application dated 13.08.2015 stated to approve purchase of 5 MVA power from DVC at Jamuria substation which subsequently was modified to 20 MVA through their further application dated 25.08.2015. WBSEDCL also stated that the proposal of purchase of 20 MVA power from DVC at Jamuria substation in radial mode for 5 (five) years has subsequent concurrence from DVC authority.

2.1 Accordingly, after admission of the application by the Commission, WBSEDCL was directed to publish the gist of their application as approved by the Commission in the newspapers in terms of the direction given in para 8.20 of the Tariff Order of WBSEDCL for the year 2014-15. WBSEDCL accordingly published the gist of the application in (i) Bartaman (ii) Sambad Pratidin and (iii) The Times of
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| 2.2 | In their application, WBSEDCL has stated that Jamuria 33/11 KV Sub-station of WBSEDCL is presently fed from one 33 KV feeder of Domohani 33 KV substation, load of which is required to be released. For that, load of DVC is proposed to be drawn from DVC at 33 KV in radial mode at Jamuria 33 KV substation by surrendering the existing 11 KV supply from DPSC Limited. Accordingly, DVC has agreed to supply load to WBSEDCL at Jamuria 33/11 KV substation. |
| 2.3 | It is further stated by WBSEDCL that tariff for this purchase of power will be as per tariff order of appropriate Commission from time to time but as per clause 13 in the draft agreement, the tariff for this power shall be notified by DVC as per Tariff Order of WBERC or any amendment thereof by WBERC or on provisional basis till such order as notified by DVC based on CERC tariff order (provisional or final) for its Generating Station & composite T&D System in pooled power concept. WBSEDCL in their Financial Involvement Computation has mentioned that the expected tariff for supply of this 20 MVA power shall be Rs.4.47/kWh as per bill claimed for the consumption month of May 2015 in radial mode. |
| 2.4 | WBSEDCL in their draft agreement has also stated that the point of supply shall be at the incoming terminals of the circuit breaker/ Isolator installed at WBSEDCL’s end from which the energy is to be conveyed to WBSEDCL. |
| 2.5 | It is stated by WBSEDCL that the agreement shall remain operative up to 5 (Five) years initially from the date of signing of the agreement and may be extended based on |
mutually agreed terms and conditions.

2.6 Regarding the need for procurement of such power from DVC, WBSEDCL has stated that

a) A long-term solution to supply uninterrupted power to the prospective consumers from Jamuria substation at required voltage through purchase of power at 33 KV in order to improve reliability and also for economic purchase.

b) This arrangement will be helpful in improving voltage profile to the areas concerned.

c) This will also help to mitigate peak shortage as far as possible.

d) Furthermore, since tariff for sale of power will be fixed by the appropriate Commission, both the investment and tariff will be subject to regulatory scrutiny resulting in rationality and reasonability of the power purchase from DVC without any added risk.

3.0 After considering the facts stated by WBSEDCL the Commission decides that WBSEDCL is at their liberty to execute the agreement as per draft submitted subject to the following conditions:

a) Modification of clause 9 in view of the fact that West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2007 has already been repealed by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013;

b) Clause 13 shall be substituted as follows:

i) “The price of purchase of power by WBSEDCL from DVC at the point of supply...
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shall be as per the power purchase price approved in the tariff order of the Commission in respect of WBSEDCL for the year 2014-15 with subsequent amendment, if any, thereof”.

c) Modification of contract demand from 5.0 MVA to 20.0 MVA in the Schedule-I and in the relevant clauses of the draft Agreement.

4.0 WBSEDCL shall submit a copy of the executed agreement to the Commission for records.

5.0 The petition is thus disposed of. Let a copy of the order be served upon WBSEDCL.

Dated : 28.09.2015