ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN CASE NO. SM - 12 / 15-16

SUO MOTO ORDER OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO MITIGATE THE SITUATION OF OVER DRAWAL BY THE CONSTITUENTS AND THE STATE AS A WHOLE DUE TO SUDDEN OUTAGE OF UNIT(S) OF A GENERATING STATION.

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

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1.0 A substantial overdrawal by the State took place on 22.11.2015 and 29.12.2015. As per reports of West Bengal State Load Despatch Centre (in short 'SLDC') such overdrawals were due to sudden outages of one Unit (300 MW Capacity) at Haldia Power Plant of Haldia Energy Limited on 22.11.2015 and one Unit (250 MW Capacity) at Budge Budge Power Plant of CESC Limited on 29.12.2015. In order to mitigate such situation Commission convened a meeting on 05.01.2016 with SLDC and the representatives from all the utilities under the purview of the Commission.

2.0 After a vivid discussion to find out the remedies to overcome such situation in future following decisions were taken.

a) To ascertain hot spinning reserve available in the State on daily basis, all the Generating Stations shall submit unit wise DC based on nameplate rating and the equipment related constraints (excluding restriction due to fuel shortage), if any, to SLDC during submission of initial DC.

b) All the distribution licensees shall submit the quantum of unrequisitioned power (block wise) from time to time.

c) In case of such unforeseen deficit in supply of power due to sudden outages of units/constraints in Transmission system, SLDC, upon prudence checking, shall immediately schedule such power, as per availability, if required up to 105% capability of the machine to the concerned utility to establish the Demand – Supply balancing.
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d) All these transactions shall be routed through WBSEDCL and respective commercial settlement will be as per guideline of WBERC made in prevailing Tariff Regulations.

e) SLDC will test all the respective units of utility for 105% loading at least once in a month for ½ hr to confirm the fitness of the machine.

It was also decided that an appropriate order will be issued by the Commission in this regard. Copies of the minutes of the meetings held on 05.01.2016 has been served to the utilities vide letter No WBERC/B-8/12/1827-1832 dated 24th February, 2016.

3.0 The Commission now holds a suo-moto proceedings and directs as follows:

i) All the generating stations shall submit unit wise Declared Capacity (in short ‘DC’) based on name plate rating and the equipment related constraints (excluding restriction due to fuel shortage) if any, to SLDC during submission of initial DC.

ii) All the Distribution licensees shall submit the quantum of unrequisitioned power (block wise) to SLDC from time to time.

iii) To begin with all the generating stations in consultation with SLDC shall intimate voluntarily the date of demonstration for generation up to 105% capacity of the machine at least for ½ hr in a month but the date fixed for the purpose cannot be beyond 31.05.2016. SLDC will witness such volunteer demonstration and forward a machine wise report of such performance to Commission with 2 (two) weeks of succeeding month. Afterwards SLDC will ask for such demonstration every month.

iv) In case of unforeseen deficit in supply of power due to sudden
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outage of Unit(s) and/or constraints in transmission system, SLDC, upon prudence checking, shall immediately schedule power in tandem with requirement and availability, if required by ramping up generation up to 105% capacity of the running machines to the concerned utility to establish the demand supply balance.

v) For utilization of DVC's generation within the West Bengal State boundary under such exigencies, SLDC may interact with ERLDC and SLDC of DVC and based on availability – schedule gap which DVC shall provide to SLDC / ERLDC on daily basis, the unrequisitioned power may be scheduled through WBSEDCL as per requirement, assessed by SLDC for the deficit utility. The rate for such transaction will be as per the tariff approved by CERC for the respective generating station(s).

vi) All the transactions shall be routed through WBSEDCL and respective commercial settlement will be as per tariff approved by the Commission for sale of power for the concerned year to the concerned licensees viz. CESC Ltd, India Power Corporation Limited (formerly DPSC Ltd.) and DPL in the tariff order dated 04.03.2015 in respect of WBSEDCL for the year 2014-15. The single part tariff approved in the said order shall be applicable for the purpose.

vii) All the Distribution licensee shall submit to the SLDC the daily load shedding report both in MU and MW block wise w.e.f. 01.05.2016.

4.0 All the utilities shall adhere to the above directions.

5.0 Let a copy of this Order be served upon all the utilities under this Commission and SLDC of the State.

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MEMBER

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