ORDER

OF THE

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN CASE NO. WBERC/FPPCA-61/12-13
AND
IN CASE NO. WBERC/FPPCA-67/13-14

IN RE THE SUBMISSION MADE BY THE WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (WBPDCL) FOR RECOVERY OF ARREAR FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT CLAIMS (FCA) ON ACCOUNT OF FCA ORDERS FOR THE YEAR 2011-12 AND 2012-13.

PRESENT:
SRI SUJIT DASGUPTA, MEMBER

DATE: 11.12.2014
Order on the submission made by The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL) for recovery of arrear fuel cost adjustment claims (FCA) on account of FCA Orders for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13

1.0 The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL) has made their submission before the Commission for recovery of arrear fuel cost adjustment of Rs1169.54 crore on account of FCA for 2011-12 and 2012-13 as shown below:

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2.0 It is submitted by WBPDCL that Government of India has introduced “Cash and Carry” system for purchase of coal from Coal India Subsidiaries which causes huge impediment in running the power stations as there lies a huge outstanding dues against the old supplies, due to prolonged recovery period of tariff and the coal suppliers are restricting supplies unless the entire outstanding dues...
are cleared. It is also stated that recently they have made an arrangement with the coal suppliers by which a part of their current payment is adjusted against old dues and from coal value of current supply is adjusted against the balance amount. This arrangement is however stated to be putting extreme pressure on the resource of WBPDCL for purchase of the required quantity of coal and to maintain reasonable level of coal stock to avoid any interruption in generation.

3.0 WBPDCL has requested the Commission to consider issuance of direction for recovery of the arrear FCA claims of Rs1169.54 crore to tide over the crisis.

4.0 In this context, WBPDCL has also stated that installment payment against FCA order dated 30.08.2012 for the year 2009-10 amounting to Rs419.09 crore is already complete in January 2014. It is also stated that adjustment towards Tariff Orders dated 26.12.2013 for the year 2013-14 amounting to Rs123.44 crore (adjusted in nine equal monthly instalments) has also been ended in September 2014.

5.0 The Commission in the FCA order dated 04.07.2013 for the year 2011-12 in Case No. FPPCA-61/12-13 admitted
Rs 21664.65 lakh being recoverable by WBPDCL through adjustment in the Aggregated Revenue Requirement (ARR) of the respective generating stations of WBPDCL for the year 2013-14 or that of any other ensuing year or through a separate order. The Tariff Order for 2013-14 of WBPDCL has already been issued by the Commission and the recoverable amount of Rs 21664.65 lakh has not been adjusted in the ARR for the year 2013-14. The Commission now decides to allow WBPDCL to recover the amount of Rs 21664.65 lakh from their energy recipient West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) in 9 (nine) equal monthly installments commencing from the month of January, 2015.

6.0 In the FCA order dated 06.06.2014 for the year 2012-13 in Case No. FPPCA-67/13-14 the Commission admitted Rs 95288.57 lakh to be recoverable by WBPDCL from WBSEDCL through adjustment in the ARR of the respective generating stations of WBPDCL for the year 2014-15 or that of any other ensuing year or through a separate order as may be decided by the Commission. The Tariff Order due for 2014-15 is yet to be passed by
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the Commission. The Commission now decides to allow WBPDCL to recover the entire amount of Rs 95288.57 lakh from their energy recipient WBSEDCL in 38 (thirty-eight) equal monthly instalments commencing from the month after the month of completion of recovery of Rs21664.65 lakh in instalments.

7.0 WBSEDCL may pay additional instalments on account of arrear FCA of WBPDCL as stated in Paragraphs 5 and 6 above in any month and such payment will then be considered as payable in that month.

8.0 Let a copy of this order be served upon WBPDCL and WBSEDCL.

Sd/-
(SUJIT DASGUPTA)
MEMBER

Dated : 11.12.2014

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