

**ORDER OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

IN Case No. FPPCA-07/02-03

**IN RE THE FPPCA APPLICATION OF WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION LTD. (KOLAGHAT) IN TERMS OF THE TARIFF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2000-
01**

Present :

Justice (Retd.) S. K. Phaujdar, Chairperson
Shri A. K. Jain, Member (Finance & Accounts)

DATED 30th October, 2002

In its tariff order dated 12th July, 2001 on tariff petition no. TP-5/00-01, the Commission indicated that in addition to the tariff fixed by the above order the utility would also be entitled to a further sum towards fuel surcharge and cost of enhanced purchase price, if any.

The Commission had set out a formula under which the calculation of fuel and power purchase cost would be made. It was made clear in the tariff order itself that adjustments will be allowed every 6 months and date of adjustment would be 30.9.2000 and 31.3.2001 for the year 2000-01.

In terms of the above order, the utility has submitted an application for adjustment of the fuel cost only for the period between 1st April, 2000 to 31st March, 2001. The question of purchase of power does not arise so far WBPDCCL is concerned. The year in question is already over and audited accounts for the year is now available. The Commission had also insisted that audit certificate so far the claim is concerned be also made available and the utility has complied with the direction. The claim of the utility relates to variation in the purchase price of coal and oil and this claim has been advanced on the formula enunciated in the tariff order. In the instant application, the utility has projected the figures in the original application and those confirmed by the auditor. The Commission observes that there are differences in specific oil consumption, gross calorific value of coal and oil and their prices as stated in the petition, the audit certificate and audited accounts. The Commission has, therefore, acted on actuals limited to norms based on the documents now submitted and the audited accounts. The fuel handling charges, fuel related cost and costs disallowed (which is included in the price while working out the average price of fuel) have been disallowed by the Commission as already considered under a separate head in the main petition.

In terms of the above approach of the Commission, the admissible fuel surcharge for the concerned year comes to 1.18 p./kwh. The details of the calculation is available in Annexure-1 attached to this order. This enhanced fuel surcharge would be made admissible for a past period from only one single consumer i.e. WBSEB and we direct that the sum for the whole period be calculated for proper adjustment / recovery from WBSEB.

The order has been recorded and signed by only two of us [Justice (Retd.) S. K. Phaujdar, Chairperson and Shri A. K. Jain, Member (Finance & Accounts)] as the Member (Technical), Shri N. C. Roy has voluntarily abstained from taking part in the proceedings because he had been involved as an objector on behalf of WBSEB in the original tariff petition no. TP-5/00-01.

Sd/- 30.10.2002 (A. K. Jain) Member (F&A)

Sd/- 30.10.2002 (S. K. Phaujdar) Chairperson

