



ORDER

OF THE

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

CASE NO. WBERC/OA-340/20-21

APPLICATION MADE BY THE WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE ORDER UNDER REGULATION 2.1.3 (C) OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS) REGULATIONS, 2013 AS AMENDED REGARDING HIGH ENERGY COST OF THERMAL POWER STATION LOCATED AT RAGHUNATHPUR, PURULIA DISTRICT, WEST BENGAL (RTPS) OF DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION (DVC).

PRESENT:

SRI MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO, CHAIRPERSON

SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER

DATE: 14.11.2022



FACTS IN BRIEF

- 1.0 The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) has made an application on 04.08.2020 for issuance of appropriate order under regulation 2.1.3 (c) of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013 as amended so that the consumers of WBSEDCL do not require to bear high energy cost of Thermal Power Station located at Raghunathpur, Purulia District, West Bengal (RTPS) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). The Commission admitted the application and registered it in Case No. OA – 340/20 – 21.
- 2.0 Upon receipt of the petition, the Commission heard both the parties on 05.01.2021, 18.05.2021 and 09.12.2021. During the last hearing held on 09.12.2021, the Commission vide interim order dated 27.12.2021 directed WBSEDCL to submit their rejoinder on the written note of the DVC to the extent of reference of the new case of Motilal Padampat -vs- State of UP only within two weeks from the date of the order.
- 3.0 No rejoinder from WBSEDCL on the written note of DVC has been received by the Commission within the stipulated time.
- 4.0 Subsequently, WBSEDCL has made a further petition on 08.08.2022 praying before the Commission to allow WBSEDCL not to proceed with the case no. OA-340/20-21 considering the fact that the tenure of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between WBSEDCL and DVC for purchase of power from Raghunathpur TPS has already expired on 30.04.2022 and that WBSEDCL has stopped taking power from Raghunathpur TPS after the expiry of the PPA.
- 5.0 Upon receipt of the withdrawal petition dated 08.08.2022 from WBSEDCL, the Commission sought the views of DVC on the same. In reply, DVC vide letter dated 29.09.2022 has informed that they have no comment to offer against the prayer of WBSEDCL on the issue.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- 6.0 The Commission accedes to prayer of WBSEDCL for withdrawal of their petition dated 04.08.2020 since DVC has no objection to it.

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- 7.0 Based on the above, the Commission directs that the petition of WBSEDCL in Case No. OA-340/20-21 stands withdrawn.



Issuance of appropriate order under regulation 2.1.3 (c) of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013 as amended regarding high energy cost of Thermal Power Station at Raghunathpur, Purulia District, West Bengal (RTPS) of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).



- 8.0 With the above direction, the petition of WBSEDCL is disposed off.
- 9.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.
- 10.0 WBSEDCL and DVC shall download the copy of the order from the website of the Commission and act on it. Certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of formalities laid down in the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013, as amended and on submission of necessary fees.

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(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER

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(MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO)
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 14.11.2022

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SECRETARY