

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Petition No. OA-364 / 20 – 21

Date of hearing: 18th May, 2022

Time of hearing: 14:30 hours

Quorum:

Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya, Chairperson

Shri Pulak Kumar Tewari, Member

In the matter of

Petition for issue of necessary direction to recover the auto transformer loss incurred in the process of selling power to West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) by The Durgapur Projects Limited.

And

In the matter of

**The Durgapur Projects Limited
New Administrative Building
Durgapur 713 201**

..... Petitioner

Representatives attended:

The Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL) (Petitioner)

1. Sri Parthapratim Roy, General Manager (Tech)/IC

CASE IN BRIEF

The Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL) has submitted a petition dated 24.02.2021 praying before the Commission to issue necessary direction to recover the loss incurred by DPL over and above normative auxiliary consumption while catering power through 132 KV feeders for consumers of WBSEDCL using auto transformers.

Subsequently, DPL vide their letter dated 19.01.2022 submitted single line diagram (SLD) of the plant along with detailed description. DPL submitted that it is operating as a generating company since 01.01.2019 along with 220/132 KV substation and sells its entire ex-bus generation to WBSEDCL. DPL is having two generating units at present i.e. Unit #7 (250 MW) and Unit #8 (300 MW), which are connected to 220 KV bus. The power from 220 KV bus to 132 KV bus are catered through 220KV/132KV auto-transformers to supply load to WBSEDCL. The 220KV/132KV auto-transformer losses are due to WBSEDCL load and therefore, DPL submitted that the loss is not a part of their auxiliary consumption and requested to compute the sent-out generation by measuring energy at 220KV bus.

SUBMISSION DURING HEARING

During submission by Shri Parthapratim Roy, General Manager, (Tech)/IC on behalf of DPL, the Commission enquired as to whether the petition submitted by DPL impleaded the parties involved i.e. WBSEDCL and West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL). The answer from the representative of DPL was in the negative.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission observes that the Commission issued an order dated 31.05.2021 in Case No. PPA-106/20-21 approving the Power Purchase Agreement by and between WBSEDCL and DPL for sale of power based on the request received from DPL. Therefore, an opportunity should be given to WBSEDCL and WBSETCL to be heard before proceeding further into the matter, in question.

ORDER

Upon hearing the representative present, the Commission is of the view that necessary parties are not added and to make a meaningful order of the issue raised in the petition under consideration it should be heard in presence of parties whose interest is involved with the dispute. Accordingly, DPL is directed to file petition duly sworn in seeking addition of parties namely WBSEDCL and WBSETCL. DPL is also directed at the same time to

serve copies of the petition under consideration to WBSEDCL and WBSETCL within 10 days from the date of receipt of the order. Upon receipt of the petition along with proof of service of petition to WBSEDCL & WBSETCL the Commission will fix up a date for hearing all the parties involved.

Sd/-
(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI
MEMBER

Sd/-
(SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA)
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: 30.05.2022

Sd/-
SECRETARY