

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Petition No. OA-364/20-21

Date of hearing: 31st August, 2023

Time of hearing: 15.30 hours

Quorum:

DR. MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO, CHAIRPERSON

SRI 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 Limited (WBSEDCL) by The Durgapur Projects Limited

And

In the matter of

The Durgapur Projects Limited
New Administrative Building
Durgapur – 713 201

..... Petitioner

Representative attended:

The Durgapur Projects Limited (DPL)

Sri Alok Dutta Roy, General Manager (Commercial)
Sri Sudipto Pal, Dy. General Manager (PPC)

West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (WBSETCL)

Sri Ranjan Das, Addl. Chief Engineer, CPD

West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL)

Sri Subrata Chowdhury, Addl. General Manager, Regulatory Cell
Sri Rajib Nandan Sinha, Addl. Chief Engineer, Regulatory Cell
Sri Somanjan Ponda, Superintending Engineer

West Bengal State Load Despatch (WBSLDC)

Mrs Rita Chakrabarty Chief Engineer. SLDC

CASE IN BRIEF

DPL 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 220 KV / 132 KV auto-transformers to supply load to WBSEDCL. The 220 KV/ 132 KV autotransformer 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 220 KV bus.

The hearing was held on 18.05.2022 wherein DPL was directed to file petition duly sworn in seeking addition of parties namely WBSEDCL, WBSETCL and WBSLDC and also to serve the copies to the petition under consideration to WBSEDCL and WBSETCL within 10 days from the date of receipt of the order. It was also decided upon receipt of the petition along with proof of service of petition to WBSEDCL and WBSETCL the Commission will fix up the date of hearing of the parties involved. Written order was also issued on 30.05.2022. DPL on 04.08.2023 submitted following three petitions:

1. Petition for Condonation of Delay with regard to petition submitted by DPL vide no. OA-364/20-21 and order of the Commission dated 30.05.2022.
2. Petition for pleading with respect to addition of parties namely WBSEDCL, WBSETCL and WBSLDC in compliance to order of the Commission dated 30.05.2022.
3. Petition for information in regard to compliance of directive to the order of the Commission dated 30.05.2022.

On receipt of those 3 petitions filed by DPL an on line hearing was held on 31.08.2023 at 3.30 pm.

SUBMISSION DURING HEARING

On query from the Chairperson during hearing regarding reasons for delay to be condoned, the representative of DPL has submitted as follows:

DPL was trying to explore all possible option including the proposal of WBSETCL for increasing evacuation of power through 220 KV system by upgradation of AB zone substation (132 KV to 220 KV). After upgradation of the substation including two lines the generating station will be capable to evacuate full load power and the auxiliary consumption which is now at higher level will be lower.

ORDER

Upon hearing the submission made by the representative of DPL regarding reasons for delay, Commission in exercise of its inherent power in terms of regulation 3.10 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 2013, condoned the delay in filing the petitions by DPL in compliance with the order dated 30.05.2022.

WBSEDCL, WBSETCL and WBSLDC shall submit their reply, if any, through affidavit on the petition submitted by DPL dated 24.02.2021 within two weeks from the date of this order with a copy to DPL. Within next two weeks DPL shall file their rejoinder, if any, on the reply filed by WBSEDCL, WBSETCL and WBSLDC.

Sd/-
(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO)
CHAIRPERSON

DATE: 11.12.2023

Sd/-
SECRETARY