

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No. 40 of 2018
Date of order: 08.02.2019**

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson
Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member
Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member

In the matter of : Petition under Regulation 8.1(b) of the Supply Code 2014 by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited for seeking approval of the Commission for extension in time period of release of EHT Connection of 4500 KW Load/5000 kVA contract demand applied by Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./TRD), New Delhi.

AND

In the matter of : Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., The Mall, Patiala.

ORDER

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) has filed the present petition under Regulation 8.1(b) of the Supply Code 2014 for extension in time period for release of EHT Connection of 4500 KW Load/5000 kVA contract demand applied for by the Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./TRD).

2. PSPCL submitted that Divisional Railway Manager, New Delhi applied for electricity connection in the category of Railway Traction of 4500 kW Load/5000kVA Contract demand in the office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, DS Circle, Bathinda, PSPCL. The supply was

requisitioned at village Maiserkhana, District Bathinda. The erection of the line involves erection of 15 KM of 220 KV line and erection of 220 kV Bay. Due to heavy quantum of work involved, PSPCL had earlier filed a petition (P.No. 27 of 2017) before the Commission seeking extension for completion of the job upto 30.11.2017 and the same was allowed by the Commission vide Order dated 22.05.2017.

After the commencement of work at 220 kV line Talwandi Sabo to Maur, problem arose regarding the right of way at Tower raised at Location No. 9 & 14. The proposed route passes through the land of a religious sect on which a school is to be constructed. PSTCL and PSPCL made efforts with the head of the religious sect to allow the construction of the line. As such, further time was required to release the connection. As a result, a petition (P.No-18 of 2018) was filed by PSPCL and the Commission allowed the release of the connection by 31.10.2018. To overcome the problem of right to way to Tower Location No. 9 & 14, a re-routing plan of the proposed line was prepared. Further, ASE/PSTCL Division Patiala intimated that re-route estimate was already passed and the work regarding the same has been started. PSTCL also intimated that the work relating to 220kV line would be completed by 31.12.2018 and that the other works as required for the release of the connection will be completed by 31.01.2019. Accordingly, PSPCL prayed that the time for release of connection be extended upto 31.01.2019.

3. The Commission admitted the petition vide Order dated 14.11.2018 and observed that Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./TRD), New Delhi is required to be impleaded as a respondent, being a necessary party and accordingly directed Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./TRD), New Delhi to file its reply followed by rejoinder by PSPCL , if any.

4. Divisional Railway Manager (TRD), Delhi Division, Northern Railway, New Delhi (Respondent) filed its reply and submitted that Rohtak-Bhatinda-Lehra Mohabat Section was electrified and commissioned successfully on 14.03.2018. PSPCL has not released the connection to Maiserkhana Traction substations (one of the four traction substations in this section). Supply from adjacent traction substations was extended which caused a problem of voltage drop in Maiserkhana Traction substations due to which Railways was able to run only a limited number of coach trains upto Bhatinda on electric traction. Northern Railway, New Delhi submitted that the Commission has already granted extension of time to PSPCL twice for the completion of the work of the Grid substation and for the release of connection and further requested that in case more time is granted up to 31.01.2019 then PSPCL be directed to adhere to the time limit and release the connection by 31.01.2019 or earlier so that fast, pollution free train services can be rendered to the public in general and the financial loss to the Railways could be mitigated.

5. PSPCL filed its reply in compliance of the order dated 14.11.2018 and submitted that Additional SE, TLSC PSTCL Patiala has intimated that erection of 220 KV line from 220 KV Sub/S Talwandi Sabo to Maisar Khana is in process, the problem of right of way at tower no 8 B would be resolved shortly and the work is likely to be completed by 31.12.2018. After the completion of work by TLSC wing of PSTCL, the connection would be released by 31.01.2019. The problem of Voltage Drop would be resolved as and when the connection will be released. PSPCL reiterated that the release of the connection involved in the erection of 15 KM of 220 KV line from Talwandi S/S to Maisar Khana & in the erection of 220 KV Bay is taking more time than stipulated. The re-

routing of this line was proposed because of the hindrance so created by local religious groups regarding the right of way. Therefore, extension in time was sought for release of connection by filling the two petitions (P.No. 27 of 2017 and P.No. 18 of 2018) before the Commission.

6. PSPCL submitted during the hearing on 05.12.2018 that the erection of line work has been undertaken by PSTCL and that meeting with Deputy Commissioner (DC) regarding the issue of right to way could not be held. Therefore, the Commission directed PSPCL/PSTCL and Respondent to convene a meeting with the concerned DC for sorting out the said issue. Accordingly, a meeting was held on 14.12.2018 with DC Bathinda wherein DC, Bathinda directed that suitable compensation be paid for the land in order to carry out the installation of tower required for electrification of railway track of Bathinda-Delhi Route, to which PSTCL agreed. Thereafter, the owner of the concerned land asked for one kanal land at some other suitable location in lieu of the tower installation and did not make any commitment and sought more time. It was also intimated that the owner of the land had also filed a civil case in this regard.

7. The Commission vide Order dated 24.12.2018 directed PSTCL to submit the updated status in writing. Accordingly, PSTCL informed that attempts were made to arrive at a settlement and as per the decision taken in the meeting, the work was resumed at the site and the same would be completed by 31.12.2018. PSTCL further submitted that it is the Railways that is the beneficiary agency and is defaulting in submission of data to CEA. The Commission noted that none has appeared so far on behalf of the Respondent i.e. Railways and accordingly the railways was called for attending the hearing of the

Commission on 16.01.2019 and notice regarding the same was re-issued to Northern Railway, New Delhi.

8. PSPCL vide Memo No. 5445 dated 17.01.2019 submitted that the work of 220KV line from 220 KV Talwandi Sabo to RTSS, Maiser Khanna has been completed and that the line has been charged on no load by PSPCL on 27.12.2018 against the deposit estimate, duly revised due to change in route of the line. Accordingly Deputy Chief Electrical Engg. (HQ) Railway Electrification Ambala Cantt was asked to deposit the balance amount of Rs. 1,11,59,994/-. PSPCL further submitted that the connection to railways can only be released after deposit of the said balance amount and CT/PT unit of approved specifications are procured installed and got tested by Railways at RTSS, Maiserkhanna.

9. During the hearing on 23.01.2019, none appeared on behalf of Northern Railway, New Delhi. After hearing the parties and keeping in view the submissions made by the parties on record the Commission observed, that the erection work of 220 kV line from 220 kV Talwandi Sabo Sub-station to MaiserKhana Traction Sub-station has been completed and the line has been charged at no load on 27.12.2018. The connection to the Railways is pending since the consumer has yet to deposit the balance amount of the deposit estimate and install CT/PT units of approved specifications at Maiserkhana Traction Sub-station. Since the work for the erection of the line has been completed, therefore in view of the Right of Way issues faced by PSTCL, the Commission condones the delay on the part of licensees(s) to complete the erection work of 220 kV line. The Commission as per Regulation 8.1 (b) of the Supply Code, 2014 allows extension in the time period for release of EHT connection to Railways for a load of 4500 kW with a contract demand of 5000 kVA at Maiserkhana Traction Sub-station till the

consumer deposits the balance amount of the deposit estimate, if any, installs CT/PT units of approved specifications at RTSS, Maiserkhana and gets them tested.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Chandigarh
Dated: **08.02.2019**

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

