PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 23 of 2019
Date of Hearing: 23.10.2019
Date of Order: 29.10.2019

Petition on behalf of the petitioner seeking approval of procurement of 300 MW Solar Power and 200 MW Wind Power from NTPC Limited on Long Term basis through PSAs signed on dated 25.03.2019 & Approval of the Tariff and Trading Margin of (Seven) 7 Paisa/kWh to NTPC under Section 86(1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

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

...Petitioner

Versus

NTPC Limited, NTPC Bhavan, Scope Complex, Core-7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.

...Respondent

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson

Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member

Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member

PSPCL: Sh. Bhupinder Sharma, CE/ARR&TR

Sh. VPS Kailay, SE/TR-5

Sh. Mukesh Kumar, ASE/TR-5, Sh. Loveleen Gupta, AEE/TR-5

PSTCL: Sh. Ravi Lathuria, ASE

Sh. Y.P.S, Baath, CE. SLA

ORDER

PSPCL has filed the present petition for approval of the Commission for procurement of 300 MW Solar Power and 200 MW Wind Power from NTPC Ltd. on long term basis on the terms and conditions stipulated in the Power Sale Agreements (PSAs) and the back to back Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). During the hearing, the Commission raised the following queries:

- a) Reasons for the disparity in the tariff mentioned in PSAs and the back to back PPAs.
- b) Justification of trading margin of 7 paisa/kWh especially in the light of absence of accountability of NTPC in case of any default on its part in the PSA.
- c) PSA terms are not aligned to PPA terms despite stated to be back to back agreements.

- d) Comments on submissions made by PSTCL with respect to Transmission Capacity/Corridor.
- e) Whether the CTU delivery point is situated within or outside Punjab periphery.
- f) Justification for proposed Wind Power purchase which is usually available during the night hours considering the surplus scenario.

The above aspects require reconsideration by PSPCL. PSPCL shall file its reply to the queries raised by the Commission within one week. NTPC shall also file its reply within one week to justify its entitlement to claim trading margin of 7 paisa/kWh.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 06.11.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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(Anjuli Chandra) (S.S. Sarna) (Kusumjit Sidhu)
Member Member Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 29.10.2019