

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

**Petition No. 19 of 2018
Date of Hearing: 01.08.2018
Date of Order: 06.08.2018**

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

In the matter of : Petition under Regulation 6.3.2 of the Supply Code 2014 by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited for seeking approval of the Commission for extension in time period for Feasibility Clearance for release of EHT connection.

In the case of: New Connection of Load 200 MW and CD 200 MVA in respect of HPCL- Mittal Energy Limited, Village Phullokari under DS Sub Division, PSPCL, Raman (Distt. Bathinda).

AND

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

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1. Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala.
2. HPCL- Mittal Energy Limited, Village Phullokari under DS Sub Division, PSPCL, Raman (Distt. Bathinda).

Present:

For PSPCL: Sh. Iqbal Singh, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. Sanjeev Prabhakar, SE/TR-2
Sh. V.P.S. Kailay, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Beant Singh, Sr. Xen/Maur

For HPCL: Sh. Saurabh Kapoor
Mittal
Energy Ltd.

For PSTCL: Sh. Ravi Luthra, ASE
Sh. Damandeep Singh Mann, AEE

ORDER

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) filed the present petition under Regulation 6.3.2 of the Supply Code, 2014 seeking approval of the Commission for extension in time period for Feasibility Clearance for release of EHT connection of Load of 200 MW and CD 200 MVA applied by HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) upto 31.05.2018. The submissions of PSPCL, in brief, are as under:

- i HMEL has applied for electricity connection (Industrial) of 200 MW load/ 200 MVA Contract Demand on 04.10.2017 and Rs. 1,18,00,000/- have been deposited as initial security on 30.10.2017. The proposal for granting feasibility clearance with respect to HMEL's application for electricity connection at 400 kV supply voltage through LILO arrangement for a load of 200 MW, has been sent to CE/Commercial, PSPCL, Patiala, vide letter dated 22.11.2017 by Dy. CE, DS Circle, Bathinda. Director/Technical, PSTCL, Patiala vide memo. dated 26.09.2017 has sent the proposal for feasibility clearance to the Director, Power System Planning and Project Appraisal Division -1, CEA, New Delhi, for consideration. The case has been considered by the standing committee in the meeting held on 08.02.2018, wherein HMEL has also given its consent to the observations / issues raised during the meeting.
- ii That the proposal is likely to be considered in the upcoming standing committee meeting with CEA and the requisite clearance from CEA, is likely to be obtained by April, 2018. The feasibility clearance will be granted accordingly by May, 2018.
- iii That as per Regulation 6.3.2 of the Supply Code, 2014, the feasibility clearance for application for Demand exceeding 500 kW/kVA has to be granted within 60 days of the receipt of application and where such clearance is likely to take more than 60 days the distribution licensee shall seek the approval of the Commission for extending the period in which feasibility clearance would be granted. The feasibility clearance of the applicant is likely to be granted by 31.05.2018 after obtaining clearance from CEA.

2. The petition was admitted vide Order dated 25.05.2018 and the Commission directed PSPCL to submit the latest status of feasibility clearance to the applicant alongwith the Central Electricity Authority's (CEA) instructions/guidelines pertaining to prior approval of the committee for

feasibility clearance by PSPCL before the next date of hearing. The petition was fixed for hearing on 06.06.2018.

3. PSPCL vide Memo No. 12196 dated 05.06.2018 requested the Commission to implead Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited (PSTCL) in the instant petition since the applicant HPCL - Mittal Energy Limited (HMEL) has asked for 200 MW/200 MVA load specifically at 400 kV supply voltage and the 400 kV network is under the jurisdiction of PSTCL, who has taken up this case with CEA, New Delhi.

4. The petition was taken up for hearing on 06.06.2018. The Commission observed that PSPCL has not submitted the latest status of feasibility clearance to the applicant alongwith CEA instruction/guidelines pertaining to prior approval of the Standing Committee for according feasibility clearance and directed PSPCL/PSTCL to submit the requisite information/data by 04.07.2018.

During the hearing, PSPCL submitted in writing that HMEL has asked for 200 MW/200 MVA load specifically at 400 KV voltage which is under the jurisdiction of PSTCL. PSPCL further stated that it shall take six months more to complete the work/release the EHT connection whereas the prayer in the petition is to extend the time period for feasibility clearance for releasing the EHT connection to HMEL upto 31.05.2018 which has already passed. Considering the above submission of PSPCL, the Commission vide Order dated 11.06.2018, directed to implead PSTCL and HMEL as respondents. PSPCL was directed to file the amended memo of parties and amend the prayer in the petition by 04.07.2018 indicating a realistic estimation of the expected date of completion of the work. The petition was fixed for hearing on 01.08.2018.

5. PSPCL in compliance to the Commission's Order dated 11.06.2018, vide Memo. No. 5311/TR-5/900 dated 20.07.2018, filed the amended petition as well as amended prayer for extension of the time period of Feasibility clearance for release of EHT Connection to HMEL upto 31.01.2019.

6. HMEL vide its letter dated 26.07.2018 referring to the amended petition filed by PSPCL submitted that it is setting up a new petrochemical project and power connection at 400 kV supply voltage for a load of 200 MW has been applied through single windows system of PSPCL with application RID No. 18446 dated 04.10.2017. The proposal for feasibility clearance for the same is under consideration in the Standing Committee meeting of CEA to be held on 22.06.2018 and the minutes for the said meeting are expected in the 1st week of August, 2018.

It further submitted that as per the commissioning schedule of the project, power supply shall be required starting from January, 2020. PSPCL has been requested vide letter dated 19.07.2018 to start works for construction of Phase -1 facilities for 400 kV substation and 400 kV D/C line, which shall be owned, operated and maintained by PSTCL.

HMEL requested that pending feasibility clearance, PSPCL and PSTCL authorities may be requested to start work to enable HMEL to receive/consume power as per the commissioning schedule i.e. from January, 2020 onwards.

7. The matter was taken up for hearing on 01.08.2018 wherein PSTCL informed that the minutes of the CEA meeting have been uploaded on the website of CEA on 31.07.2018, wherein a go ahead has been given for the feasibility clearance subject to certain conditionalities.

Decision of the Commission

Keeping in view the averments made by the parties, the Commission notes that the power is required by HMEL by January, 2020. As the work involves LILO arrangement of TSPL's 400 kV Moga - Nakodar Circuit, it would be in the fitness of the matter if the case for feasibility clearance is considered by PSPCL at the earliest. Further, as the clearance of the same has already been received from CEA, there is no reason for the same to be delayed any further. Accordingly, the Commission finds it appropriate to allow extension for granting feasibility clearance upto 15.09.2018 by PSPCL. The Commission further

directs that PSTCL shall, within one week, furnish all the relevant and requisite details/documents to PSPCL to enable it to consider the case for granting the said feasibility clearance. PSPCL, thereafter, shall complete the process and convey its final decision with regard to the grant of feasibility clearance to all concerned, latest by 15.09.2018.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

-Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Chandigarh
Dated: 06.08.2018

-Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

-Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

