

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

**Petition No.11 of 2018
Date of Order: 05.04.2018**

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

In the matter of: Petition for approval of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) Surcharge for 3rd quarter (October, 2017 to December, 2017) of FY 2017-18.

AND

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

ORDER

1. The Petition has been filed by PSPCL, for approval of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) Surcharge for 3rd quarter of FY 2017-18. The same was admitted vide the Commission's Order dated 16.03.2018. PSPCL was heard on 21.03.2018 and 23.03.2018 and the order was reserved vide interim Order dated 23.03.2018.

2. PSPCL in the Petition has claimed FCA on account of:

- (i) Increase in Fuel Cost of PSPCL's own Thermal Generating Stations on account of change in fuel prices w.r.t. Fuel Cost approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order for FY 2017-18 as ₹10.84 crore.
- (ii) Increase in cost of Power Purchase from all Thermal Stations under long term contract with PSPCL as ₹93.50 crore.
- (iii) Increase in power purchase cost due to change in fuel

cost because of payment to M/s NPL towards washing cost of coal, the transportation from the mine site via washing of coal to the project site inclusive of cost of road transportation etc., as per Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 05.10.2017 as ₹322.28 crore.

3. The Commission notes that, payment of ₹322.28 crore to M/s NPL as per Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement dated 05.10.2017, pertains to the prior period i.e. from FY 2013-14 to December 2017 (as per Annexure-6 of the Petition). Accordingly, the Commission decides to provisionally consider this amount under prior period expenses in the Tariff Order for FY 2018-19, subject to reconciliation/validation during the True-up of FY 2017-18.

4. Further, as the Tariff Order for FY 2018-19 is under process and likely to be issued shortly, the Commission decides to provisionally allow ₹104.34 (10.84+93.50) crore on account of increase in Fuel Cost of PSPCL's own Thermal Generating Stations and increase in Power Purchase Cost from all Thermal Stations under long term contract with PSPCL during the 3rd quarter of FY 2017-18, also in the Tariff Order for FY 2018-19, subject to reconciliation/validation during the True up of FY 2017-18.

The Petition is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 05.04.2018