

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

**Petition No. 64 of 2023
Date of Order: 03.01.2024**

Petition for the approval of True-up of ARR for FY 2022-23 under Section 62, 64 and 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the Regulation 12 and 13 of PSERC (Terms and Conditions of Determination of Generation, Transmission, Wheeling and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2019 as amended from time to time and; approval of forecast of ARR for FY 2024-25 and determination of Tariff for FY 2024-25 under Section 62, 64 and 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 10 of PSERC (Terms and Conditions of Determination of Generation, Transmission, Wheeling and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2022

And

In the matter of : Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, having its Regd. Office at Shakti Vihar, Patiala Punjab.

.....Petitioner

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

ORDER

The petition was admitted vide order dated 07.12.2023 and PSPCL was directed to provide further information/clarification as mentioned in the order. PSPCL submitted its reply vide memo No. 803 dated 22.12.2023 in compliance of the order dated 07.12.2023. However, PSPCL is further directed to provide information as under:

1. PSPCL was directed to submit the scheme wise detailed list of approved works depicting capital investment approved vis-à-vis actual capital expenditure against each scheme/work. PSPCL was also directed to provide the reasons in respect of the schemes in which actual expenditure is more than the approved. However,

PSPCL has submitted only a broad list of schemes in its reply vide letter dated 22.12.2023. PSPCL to provide the requisite information as per the Order dated 07.12.2023.

2. PSPCL is again directed to submit the Tariff Proposal and the requisite compliance report desired by the Commission in order to consider covering all DS consumers with load exceeding 20 kW and NRS consumers with load exceeding 7kW under the contract demand system.
3. Status of the preparedness for implementation of the directions as per point 8a & 8b of Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2023 is pending.
4. PSPCL has submitted Urban AP meter readings of around 8450 No. consumers in Annexure E of the reply dated 22.12.2023 with many readings other than OK meter status including S code (Meter not at site) whereas in reply to the directive No. 5.4(ii), PSPCL has submitted total No. of AP consumers fed from urban feeders as 8341 with meter installation only at 6377 consumers. PSPCL to explain, clarify and provide month wise list of only ok status consistent meter readings and total number of connections where meters have been installed. PSPCL to ensure authentication and thorough checking of the readings with regards to its correctness before submission to the Commission.
5. The Commission had observed that power factor for “Bulk Supply” and ‘Railways’ is shown as 0.38 and 0.82 respectively in reply to which PSPCL has submitted that it is due to wrong kWh reading by it. PSPCL to rectify the error and submit the correct energy sale and other related parameters.
6. PSPCL to explain the reasons of increase in number of consumers during off-season than during season in respect of medium supply seasonal consumers. Similarly, also, PSPCL to also clarify difference of seasonal LS consumers during season & off season.
7. PSPCL has submitted that total NRSE power in the State excluding 662 MU of power exported to PSTCL is 1553.64 MU. PSPCL has also submitted that 365MU of power was directly available to PSTCL but PSPCL has included the 365 MU in its export to PSTCL. PSPCL to explain and clarify.

8. PSPCL has submitted that it has provided detailed breakup of NVVN bundled solar power in Annexure-N of reply dated 22.12.2023 which is missing. PSPCL to provide the same.
9. PSPCL has submitted UI charges for TSPL, NPL and GVK as Rs. 6.83 Crore, Rs. 26.92 Crore and Rs. 1.25 Crore respectively for FY 2022-23. PSPCL to submit the justification for incurring such high UI charges where in the previous years this amount has merely been around Rs. 1-2 Crore annually in total for all 3 IPPs.
10. Regarding T-GNA for short term energy, PSPCL has submitted that these charges are the transmission charges for TGNA (Temporary-GNA for Short Term Open Access, arrangements like Banking, Purchase under short term etc.) applicable for energy transfer exceeding the approved GNA capacity and are applicable due to the enactment of GNA/TGNA regulations by the Hon'ble CERC effective from 01.10.2023. PSPCL to clarify and submit the reduction in CTUIL transmission charges with payment of T-GNA charges on account of short-term energy, banking etc.
11. PSPCL has not submitted the details of disputed amount of Pragati Power Limited for COVID period and amount paid to NPL in compliance to Hon'ble District Court Patiala in Annexure-Q of reply dated 22.12.2023.
12. PSPCL to submit the reasons of allocation of the unallocated share from Anta/Auraiya/Dadri by Ministry of Power/NRPC without PSPCL consent causing payment of Rs. 30.73 Crore without availing any energy.
13. PSPCL has not provided actual power purchase costs of FY 2023-24 (up to September) as per D3 format.
14. PSPCL has submitted the net metering units as on 30-09-2023 as 33.84 MUs. PSPCL to confirm that the net metering units are the energy available to PSPCL at no cost.
15. PSPCL to submit the head under which amount paid to NPL in compliance to Hon'ble District Court Patiala and amount paid by BBMB on account of NRLDC charges is booked in balance sheet.
16. PSPCL to submit revised fuel cost (G-24 format) of GGSSTP with GCV of received coal as 4126 kCal/kg as submitted in reply dated 22.12.2023.

17. Net generation of GGSSTP has been submitted as 3194.83MU whereas GGSSTP generation vetted by SLDC is 3193.71 MUs. PSPCL to check the difference. Also, in reply to point 8(i), PSPCL has submitted unit wise net generation in respect of GHTP and unit wise gross generation in respect of GGSSTP. PSPCL to provide unit wise net generation of GGSSTP.
18. In format D24, surcharges and rebate amounts have been indicated. PSPCL to submit head wise surcharges and rebates break up.
19. PSPCL has submitted Rs. 2521 Crore as fixed charges for FY 2022-23 and Rs. 4064 Crore for FY 2024-25. PSPCL to provide detailed calculation of Fixed charges for FY 2022-23 and to submit slab wise/category wise revenue assed for FY 2022-23.
20. Number of Medium Supply industrial consumers and their sanctioned load have been projected less by 10-15% in FY 2024-25 than FY 2022-23 but increase in sales & contract demand has been projected. Similarly, the sales projection of 7% increase in Small Power does not commensurate with the growth of 0.15% and 3.6% in number of consumers and contract demand respectively for small power. PSPCL to review and resubmit the same.
21. PSPCL has not submitted MS Excel for its Voltage wise cost of supply calculations. Also, voltage wise cost of supply for 400kV consumer category has not been supplied.

PSPCL shall submit reply to the above information within three days without any delay (through hard copy & soft copy).

Sd/-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: **03.01.2024**