

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

Petition No. 76 of 2022
Date of Hearing: 25.01.2023
Date of Order: 27.01.2023

Approval of the Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and Procurement Process of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited in respect of Non-Conventional Generating Stations in pursuance to the Order dated 16.12.2020 passed by the Commission in Petition No. 17 of 2020.

AND

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

.....Petitioner

1. Hydro Energy & Infrastructure, Bhikhi, Sangrur (0.25 MW) H.No.15-A/224, Pakki Gali, Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur.
2. Salasar Hydro Urja Pvt. Ltd., Ferozepur (3 x 0.5 MW) Regd Office: Ward No. 7, Old Grain Market, Badhani Kalan, Distt. Moga, Punjab.
3. Preetech Power Pvt. Ltd., Kalabala, Gurdaspur (0.8 MW) Preetech Power Pvt. Ltd., Kalabala, Gurdaspur.
4. Preetech Power Pvt. Ltd., Tugalwala, Gurdaspur (0.85 MW) Regd Office: 701-L, Mall Road, Model Town, Jalandhar-144003.
5. M/s Chadha Sugar & Industries Private Limited (Project Cap. 23 MW) (Contract Cap. Upto 16-20.5 MW) 709-711, 7th Floor, Gate No. 4, Ambience Mall Ambience Island, NH-8, Gurugram (Haryana)-122002.
6. Nawanshahr Power Pvt. Ltd., Nawanshahr (Bagasse) (Proj. Cap. 15 MW) (Contr. Cap. 13.5 MW) Regd. Office: 159, Industrial Area, Phase-2, Chandigarh-160036.
7. Bhogpur Coop Sugar Mills Ltd., Bhogpur, Jalandhar (Bagasse) (Proj. Cap. 15 MW) (Contr. Cap. 8.54 MW) Bullawal Road, Bhogpur Distt. Jalandhar (Punjab) 144201

...Respondents

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

PSPCL: Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate
Sh. Rupinderjit Singh, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Sr.Xen/TR-5

Chadha Sugar &
Industries Private
Limited: Ms. Shubpreet Kaur, Advocate

ORDER

The petition was taken up for hearing. Vide Order dated 19.12.2022, the parties/generation stations listed at Sr. No. 22, 24 to 27, 29 and 31 of Para No. 08 of the petition were impleaded as respondents and notice was issued to the respondents to file their respective reply within two weeks. However, only Respondent No. 05 has appeared and the Ld. Counsel appearing for Respondent No. 05 requested for time to file its reply. The same may be filed within two weeks with a copy to the petitioner. The petitioner may file rejoinder to the reply filed by Respondent No. 05 within one week thereafter. In the interest of justice, the remaining respondents are also granted one more opportunity to file their reply to the petition with a copy to the petitioner.

The Commission observes that copies of PPAs have not been annexed with the petition. Further, in line with the Tariff Policy guidance that the States shall endeavour to procure power from RE sources through competitive bidding to keep the tariff low, the Commission, in Orders for Generic RE tariffs for previous years, has been continuously directing that till such time tariff based competitive bidding is resorted to, bidding may be carried out on the basis of discount to be offered by the prospective bidders on the generic tariffs determined by the Commission, which would be the maximum/ceiling tariff for the purpose. Thus, PSPCL needs to certify that the tariffs of impugned RE sources have been arrived at after following the due process of transparent biddings. Also, PSPCL is required to submit the "Reasonability of cost" of the tariffs submitted for approval as mandated under Regulation 13 of the PSERC (Power Purchase and Procurement Process of Licensee) Regulations 2012.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 03.05.2023 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: **27.01.2023**