



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. OA-250/17-18**

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR INVESTMENT APPROVAL FOR STRENGTHENING AND EXTENDING ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK (SEEDN) IN TERMS OF REGULATION 2.8.2.3 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:

**SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON
SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

DATE: 27.11.2020



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Approval of capital investment by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited for Strengthening and Extending Electricity Distribution Network (SEEDN) in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended.



Facts in brief:

- 1.0 West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL') submitted an application vide letter dated 12.04.2017 for approval of investment for Strengthening and Extending Electricity Distribution Network (SEEDN) as detailed under paragraph 2.0 below in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended (in short 'Tariff Regulations'). WBSEDCL vide letter dated 31.03.2018 submitted complete project report along with annexures before the Commission. Subsequently, WBSEDCL has submitted additional information vide letter dated 26.02.2019, 01.04.2019 and 31.10.2019. WBSEDCL has also submitted supplementary petitions to their application dated 12.04.2017 vide letter dated 30.05.2019, 11.12.2019 and 16.01.2020. The Commission admitted the application submitted by WBSEDCL on 12.04.2017 along with the additional information and supplementary petitions (altogether referred to as 'petition') on 11.02.2020 in Case No. OA-250/17-18.
- 2.0 The application of WBSEDCL dated 12.04.2017 read with the project report inter-alia states the following:
 - 2.1 WBSEDCL, while executing 100% electrification programme through Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme in 11 backward districts of West Bengal found the need of accommodating some additional villages. Accordingly, WBSEDCL has formulated 'Strengthening and Extending Electricity Distribution Network (SEEDN)' scheme to accommodate such enhanced scope of work covering 19 districts of West Bengal with the following salient features:
 - a) Installation of 33/11 kV substations at various load centres to accommodate future load growth;
 - b) Reduction of length of 11 kV line for enhancing system reliability as well as reduction of Technical Loss;

