

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 368/GT/2019

Coram:

**Shri P.K Pujari, Chairperson
Shri I.S Jha, Member
Shri Arun Goyal, Member
Shri Pravas Kumar Singh, Member**

Date of Order: 23rd December, 2021

In the matter of

Petition for determination of project specific levelised tariff for 100 MW Floating Solar Photo Voltaic Plant at water reservoir of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station (RSTPS), Ramagundam, Telangana

And

In the matter of

NTPC Limited,
NTPC Bhawan,
Core-7, Scope Complex, 7,
Institutional Area, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi- 110003

.... Petitioner

Vs

1. Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited,
Mint Compound, Corporate Office,
Hyderabad – 500 063
2. Telangana Northern Power Distribution Company Limited,
H.No. 2-5-31/2, Vidyut Bhavan,
Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda,
Warangal – 506 001
3. Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited,
P&T Colony, Seethammadhara,
Vishakapatnam-503013
4. Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited,
Beside Srinivassakalyana Mandapam,



Tiruchanur Road, Kesavayana Gunta,
Tirupati- 517501

5. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Krishna Rajendra circle,
Bangalore- 506001

6. Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,
MESCOM Bhavana, Corporate Office,
Bejai Kevai Cross Road,
Mangalore-575004

7. Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Corporate office No. 29, ground floor,
Kaveri Grameena Bank Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage,
Mysore – 570017

8. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Revansiddeshwar Colony, Khuba Plot,
Brhampur, Kalaburagi,
Karnataka 585102

9. Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Navanagar, PB Road,
Hubli- 580025

10. Kerala State Electricity Board Limited,
Vaidyuthibhavanam, Pattom,
Thiruvananthapuram- 695004

11. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
NPKRR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai,
Chennai- 600002

12. Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited,
Shakti Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar, Rampur,
Jabalpur-110003

13. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited,
Prakashgad, Plot No. G-9, Anant Kanekar Marg Bandra (East),
Mumbai–400051

14. Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited,
Vidyut Sewa Bhawan, Dagania,
Raipur - 492001

15. Electricity Department of Goa,
3rd Floor, Vidyut Bhawan,



Panaji, Goa - 403001
16.DNH Power Distribution Corporation Limited,
Vidhyut Bhavan, 66 KV Road,
Near Secretariat, Amla,
Silvassa - 396230

17. Electricity Department,
Administration of Daman & Diu, Vidyut Bhavan,
Somnath-Kachigam Road, Kachigam,
Daman - 396 210

...Respondents

Parties Present:

Shri Anand K Ganesan, Advocate, NTPC
Ms. Swapna Seshadri, Advocate, NTPC
Ms. Ritu Apurva Advocate, NTPC
Shri Jai Dhanani Advocate, NTPC
Shri Sriharsha Peechara, Advocate, TSSPDCL & TSNPDCL
Shri S.Vallinayagam, Advocate, TANGEDCO
Ms. B.Rajeswari, TANGEDCO
Ms. R.Ramalakshmi, TANGEDCO
Ms. R.Alamelu, TANGEDCO

ORDER

The Petitioner, NTPC Limited has filed the present petition under Sections 62 and 79(1)(a) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Chapter-V of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 along with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2017 for determination of project specific levelised tariff for 100 MW Floating Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (in short 'the Plant') at water reservoir of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station (RSTPS), Ramagundam in the State of Telangana.

Hearing dated 25.11.2019

2. During the hearing on 25.11.2019, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner intended to use the solar power generation to replace the power



supply from generating stations having high energy charge rate (ECR) of other thermal generating stations of Petitioner, namely Kudgi STPS and Solapur STPS respectively. However, the Commission, based on the submission of the learned counsel for the Petitioner that the prayers (ii) to (iv) in the said petition, may be considered as not pressed, directed the Petitioner, vide Record of Proceedings (ROP) to amend the petition, prior to seeking approval of levellised tariff of the Plant. Accordingly, the Petitioner has amended the petition vide affidavit dated 23.12.2019, after serving copies on the Respondents.

3. While so, the learned counsel for the Petitioner vide letter dated 16.12.2021 has informed that the Plant, which was expected to be commissioned during February 2021, could not be commissioned due to certain reasons beyond the control of the Petitioner including Covid-19 pandemic. It was also submitted that the declaration of commercial operation (COD) qua the entire capacity has been delayed and final cost is yet to be determined. Accordingly, the learned counsel for the Petitioner requested that the matter may be adjourned giving liberty to the Petitioner to move the matter upon achievement of COD of entire capacity.

Hearing dated 21.12.2021

4. During the hearing of the petition through video conferencing on 21.12.2021, the learned counsel for the Petitioner reiterated the submissions made in her letter dated 16.12.2021, as stated in paragraph 3 above. On a query of the Commission, as to the expected date of commercial operation of the Plant, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Plant is expected achieve COD during March-April 2022. On a further query by the Commission as to whether the Petitioner was willing to



withdraw the petition, with liberty to file a fresh petition, taking into consideration the actual COD of the Plant and firmed up completed cost of the Plant, the learned counsel for the Petitioner agreed to the same, subject to adjustment of the filing fees deposited for this petition.

5. Accordingly, the Petitioner is permitted to withdraw the present petition. The petition is, therefore, disposed of as withdrawn, with liberty to the Petitioner to file fresh petition, based on the actual COD of the Plant. The filing fees deposited by the Petitioner in respect of this petition, shall be adjusted against the fresh petition to be filed by the Petitioner, in terms of the liberty granted.

6. Petition No. 368/GT/2019 is disposed of in terms of the above.

Sd/-
(Pravas Kumar Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(I.S. Jha)
Member

Sd/-
(Arun Goyal)
Member

Sd/-
(P.K. Pujari)
Chairperson

