BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BAYS No. 33-36, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA- 134112, HARYANA

Case No. HERC/Petition No. - 53 of 2021

Date of Hearing	:	07.09.2022 & 08.09.2022
Date of Order	:	13.09.2022

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petition under Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 4 to 6 of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Grant of Connectivity and Open Access for Intra-State Transmission and Distribution System) Regulations, 2012 and Regulations 65 to 67 of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2019 as well as all other relevant enabling provisions, seeking approval of the Hon'ble Commission for amending the procedure for Grant of Connectivity to Solar Power Projects (Solar Plants/Parks) including the procedure for dealing pending applications seeking grid connectivity of Solar Power Projects (Solar Plants/Parks) from HVPNL/DISCOMs Sub-stations.

Petitioner

1. Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL), Panchkula

Respondents

- 1. Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (UHBVNL), Panchkula
- 2. Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (DHBVNL), Panchkula

Present on behalf of the Petitioner

- 1. Mr. Rajesh Sheoran, Advocate
- 2. Ms. Aerika Singh, Advocate
- 3. Ashok Muthuria, XEN HVPNL

Present On behalf of the Respondents

Nil

Quorum

Shri R.K. Pachnanda Shri Naresh Sardana Chairman Member

ORDER

- The present petition has been filed by HVPNL, seeking approval of the revised procedure for Grant of Connectivity to Solar Power Projects (Solar Plants/Parks) including the procedure for dealing pending applications seeking grid connectivity of Solar Power Projects (Solar Plants/Parks).
- 2. On preliminary consideration the Commission observed that Discoms viz. UHBVNL and DHBVNL are a necessary party in the present case and are required to be impleaded as the existing procedure for grant of connectivity and intra state open access was approved by the Commission, vide memo dated 15.04.2021, after detailed deliberations with MDs

of HVPNL and the Discoms. Resultantly, the Commission, vide its letter dated 25.01.2022, directed the petitioner herein to send a complete set of the present petition to both the Discoms, under intimation to the Commission. Further, the Discoms were directed to file their comments within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of the petition from HVPNL, with a copy to the petitioner as well.

- 3. Accordingly, HVPNL vide its letter dated 21.03.2022, intimated that they have supplied complete set of the petition to both the Discoms and HPPC through email dated 27.01.2022.
- 4. HPPC, vide its letter dated 06.04.2022, filed its comments on the revised guidelines/procedure for grant of connectivity prepared by HVPNL, raising serious concerns on the revised procedure which, according to them, was lacking in various aspects and suggested HVPNL to consider the detailed procedure for "Grant of Connectivity to projects based on renewable sources to inter-State transmission system" notified by CERC vide order dated 20.02.2021.
- 5. In the backdrop of the ibid factual matrix, the case was called for hearing today i.e. on 08.09.2022 in the court room of the Commission. Shri Rajesh Sheoran, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submitted that they have received a copy of the objections filed by HPPC yesterday only and requested for permission to amend the present petition in order to address the concerns raised by HPPC/Discoms.
- 6. Upon hearing the petitioner, the Commission is of the considered view that no purpose will be served by keeping the present petition pending till the time the same is amended and given a final shape. Consequently, the present petition is dismissed as infructuous. Needless to add that the existing guidelines, that has the approval of this Commission, shall continue to be operative.
- 7. The petitioner may, if they so desire, file a fresh petition after due deliberations with the distribution licensees.
- 8. In terms of the above order, the present petition is disposed of.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 13.09.2022.

Date: 13.09.2022 Place: Panchkula (Naresh Sardana) Member (R.K. Pachnanda) Chairman