

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Keonthal Commercial Complex, Khallini, Shimla-2**

In the matter of:

Approval of Power Purchase Agreement to be executed by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board with M/S Trident Power Systems Ltd., in respect of Lower-Uhl (5.0 MW capacity), situated in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh under Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

And

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| <p>1. Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board,
Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-4.</p> <p>2. M/s Trident Power Systems (P) Ltd.
Regd. Office/Head office at 6-3-248/1/1A
4th Floor, Bhaskar Plaza, Road No.1
Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034 (AP)</p> | | Petitioners |
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Petition No. 108/08

Decided on 31.5.2008

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YOGESH KHANNA
CHAIRMAN**

Present:-

for H.P. State Electricity Board

For Trident Power Systems (P) Ltd

Sh. V.K.Kaushal,
Director (PSP)

Er.Bhaskar Basu,
G.M.

Order

Through this joint petition the HPSEB and M/s Trident Power Systems Ltd. Hyderabad have prayed for the approval of the modifications/amendments in the approved PPA in respect of Lower-Uhl Hydro Electric Project (5.0 MW capacity) situated in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh. The modification concerning the change in tariff, is proposed to be conditioned as –

“However this rate of tariff shall be subject to change depending upon the decision of the Hon’ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity at New Delhi/Apex Court on the appeal filed by the HPSEB against the tariff order of the HPERC on Small Hydro Power Projects tariff and other issues dated 18.12.2007.”

The orders of the Commission are always subject to the decision of the Appellate Tribunal/The Apex Court. Thus the Commission finds no reason to make such stipulations in the PPAs. Besides this Sh.V.K. Kaushal, appearing for the Board, has conceded to restrict the proposed amendment from Rs. 2.50 per Kwh to 2.87 per Kwh.

Keeping in view the above submission, the Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003, accords its consent for –

- (a) omission of the State Govt. Guarantee clause;
- (b) incorporation of stipulation with regard to royalty and water usage as per Govt. of H.P. Hydro Policy, 2006,
- (c) rectification of the local address of the Company, in clause 2.2.16;
- (d) in clause 2.2.56, substitution of “Lower Uhl Hydro Electric Project of 5 MW capacity proposed to be established on Uhl Khad, a tributary to Beas River in Distt. Mandi” for “Taraila –II Hydro Electric Project of 5 MW capacity proposed to be established on Teralla Khad, a tributary of of Baira river in Distt. Chamba”;
- (e) in clause 2.2.66, rectification of “2x2500 Kw Taraila-II Hydro Electric Power Station as “2x2500 Kw Lower Uhl Hydro Electric Power Station”;
- (f) in clause 3.2 the substitution of “22 months” for “24 months” ;
- (g) substitution rebate of clause 8.2, as under :-
“If the payment of a bill is made before the Due Date of Payment, the Board shall be entitled for a rebate at normal prime-landing rate of interest of the State Bank of India calculated for each day of payment before the Due Date.”
- (h) Change in tariff in clauses 6.2, 6.4 and 16.5 from Rs. 2.50 per Kwh to 2.87 per Kwh.

in the Power Purchase Agreement approved vide Commission order dated 31.1.2008.

Copies of the executed PPA also be furnished to the Commission within a period of 30 days from the date of this order.

It is so ordered and signed on the 31st May, 2008.

(Yogesh Khanna)
Chairman

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Heard. Order signed and placed below.
After needful, the file be consigned to the record room.

(Yogesh Khanna)
Chairman.