M/s Swadeshi Distributors & M/s Jagdambey Hydro Project LLP Vs. the HPPTCL & Others.

Petition No. 45 of 2022

24.09.2022

Present: Ms. Nancy Vashishta, Ld. Counsel alongwith Sh. Rajesh Sharma for the Petitioner.
Sh. Vikas Chauhan, Ld. Counsel for the Respondent No.1 alongwith Sh. Vijay Thakur, GM (Project) HPPTCL.
Sh. Surinder Saklani, Ld. Counsel alongwith Sh. Kamlesh Saklani, Authorised Representative for the Respondent No.2. Sh. Mandeep Singh, Chief Engineer (Commercial) is also present.
Sh. Shanti Swaroop, Legal Consultant, for the Respondent No. 3.

DAILY ORDER

Deficient Court fee amounting to Rs.1,70,000/- has been filed. Reply of Respondents No.1 and 2 has come on record. No reply filed by Respondent No. 3. Further time prayed by Sh. Shanti Swaroop, Legal Consultant that due to unavoidable circumstances, the reply could not be prepared. Last opportunity granted to the Respondent No.3 to file reply within 2 weeks with advance copy to the opposite parties.

According to the Petitioners, the interim arrangement shall be discontinued on 15 days notice from the HPPTCL as the temporary connectivity was granted conditionally for 2 years or commissioning of Heiling Sub-station, whichever is earlier, as per agreement signed in 2018. Therefore, the petitioners apprehend that they may be asked any time to surrender the interim arrangement resulting in non-evacuation of power of the project of the Petitioners. Further that the interim connection agreement provides that on commissioning of Holi-II SHP, the injection of power will be limited to the capacity of 33kV line with WOLF Conductor which is presently carrying about 20 MW with overload as per prevailing site conditions. Therefore, the Petitioners are suffering on account of non-providing of committed evacuation arrangement.

In the circumstances, it has become necessary to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of Sh. V.D. Sharma, Retd. ED,HPPCL to look into the entire aspect of evacuation of power of the Project of the Petitioner in the event of withdrawal of interim connection /interim evacuation arrangement by HPPTCL. The Committee is directed to ascertain the following:-

- Whether Heiling Sub-Station at Dalli will be commissioned on or before March, 2023 based on ground realities;
- Status of 66kV line (remaining part from Central Pooling Station to 220/66kV Heiling Sub-Station at Dalli;
- Issues with the evacuation arrangement through 33kV Gharola Line connected to 33kV Gharola Sub-Station in respect of (a) capacity of line (b) loading conditions (c) losses (d) reliability of supply including impact of weather;
- 4. In case of n-1 contingency the time required to shift to original arrangement (for 33kV and 220kV level) and expected loss of generation of Holi-Bajoli HPS (180MW);
- 5. Expected date of commissioning of 400kV Lahal Rajera Transmission line; and
- 6. Alternate interim arrangement of evacuation of power from Central Pooling Station.

The Committee shall be assisted by HPPTCL and HPSEBL through the concerned Directors i.e. Sh. A. K. Khanotia, Director (Projects) and Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Director (Technical) respectively. The fee of Chairman of the Committee is assessed at Rs. 25000/. He will be provided all assistance including logistic assistance, lodging, boarding and conveyance etc. by HPPTCL to visit the site and any other place in connection with the matter. The fee of the Chairman of the Committee

shall be borne by the HPPTCL. The Committee is directed to file a detailed report within 2 weeks and well before 15.10.2022.

List this case for hearing on 27.10.2022 at 11:30 AM. Till then Order dated 30.08.2022 is extended.

-Sd--Sd--Sd-(Yashwant Singh Chogal)(Bhanu Pratap Singh)(Devendra Kumar Sharma)Member (Law)MemberChairman