

The HP State Electricity Board Limited
Versus
The HP State Load Dispatch Centre

IA 252 of 2023
in
Petition No. 113 of 2023

17.11.2023

Present: Sh. Anup Ram, Chief Engineer (Commercial) alongwith Sh. Sanjay Kaushal, Chief Engineer (Generation) for Petitioner.

Sh. Pratap Thakur, Chief Engineer alongwith Sh. Parveen Dhiman, Deputy Chief Engineer, HPSLDC for Respondent.

DAILY ORDER

This Petition has been filed by the Petitioner for the approval and inclusion of Capital Expenditure Schemes (CAPEX for short) for restoration of 3 x 42 MW Larji Power House in the CAPEX Plan of Generation Business of the HPSEBL for 4th MYT Control Period (FY 20 to FY 24).

Sh. Pratap Thakur, Chief Engineer, HPSLDC seeks time for reply. On query by the Commission regarding amount lying in Power System Development Fund (PSDF), he stated that a sum of Rs. 144 Crore is lying in PSDF and that the HPSEBL and HPSLDC have submitted schemes for Rs. 448.11 Crore and Rs.3.62 Crore respectively under State PSDF which are under consideration.

The Authorised Representative of the HPSEBL and Sh. Sanjay Kaushal Chief Engineer (Generation) submit that out of the three generating units of the Larji Power House, one unit is likely to be restored in the month of December, 2023, whereas the remaining two units will be

restored by May, 2024 and for restoring all the three generating units of Larji Power House in a time bound manner, the CAPEX, as prayed, is urgently required and may be approved so that the restoration work runs smoothly.

On careful perusal of the Petition, it is evident that the same lacks detailed engineering of the proposed Civil and Electrical works under the CAPEX as also bar chart and completion schedule of the various Civil and Electrical works without which the CAPEX can't be considered. The HPSEBL is, therefore, directed to supply the detailed engineering of the proposed Civil and Electrical work with bar chart and execution schedule of each activity which should be authenticated by the Director (Civil) and the Director (Technical) of the HPSEBL within a week so as to proceed further.

However, the Commission is aware of the importance of the Larji Power House and it's benefits to the general Consumers of the State. The Commission is also aware of the bleak financial condition of the HPSEBL. The approval of entire CAPEX may get delayed for the reasons mentioned above which in turn will result in delay in restoring the generating units and consequent elevated tariff for the Consumers of the State. The Chief Engineer (Generation), HPSEBL also stated that BHEL, being original equipment manufacturer, shall execute restoration and rehabilitation works of all three generating units costing to the tune of Rs.65.66 Cr.

A sum of Rs. 144.00 Crore is lying in the State PSDF. The Schemes of Rs. 448.11 and 3.62 Crore as mentioned by the HPSLDC have not yet been received and are for very higher amount.

Therefore, under the above circumstances and importance of Larji Power house to the electricity Consumers of the State, the Commission, in

exercise of the powers vested under Regulation 15 of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory commission (Power System Development Fund) Regulations 2020, as an interim measure, sanctions Rs. 35 Cr (Thirty five crore only) from the State PSDF especially for payments to be released to M/s BHEL for restoration and rehabilitation works of Larji Power House so that execution of restoration work is not delayed due to delay in funding. This interim amount of Rs. 35 Crore shall be inclusive of the CAPEX Scheme to be approved on supplying the requisite detail.

Let reply of the Respondent be also filed within a week.

List this matter on 29.11.2023 at 11:00 AM.

-Sd-
(Shashi Kant Joshi)
Member

-Sd-
(Yashwant Singh Chogal)
Member (Law)

-Sd-
(Devendra Kumar Sharma)
Chairman