

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
(Constituted under Section 82 (1) of the Electricity Act 2003
Central Act 36 of 2003)

PRESENT:-

Thiru.K.Venugopal Member
and
Thiru.S.Nagalsamy Member

P.P.A.P. No.4 of 2012

Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Limited
No.144, Anna Salai
Chennai – 600 002.

..... Petitioner
(Thiru P.H.Vinod Pandian,
Advocate for Petitioner)

Vs

Nil Respondent

Hearing date : 02-06-2012

Daily order

Thiru. P.H. Vinod Pandian, Standing Counsel for the petitioner was present. Thiru. K. Seshadri, Chief Engineer (PPP) presented the case. The prayer of the Petitioner is to purchase upto 434.5 MW and a quantum of 313 MU of power for the month of June 2012 at a unit rate of Rs.5.05 per Kwhr involving a total cost of Rs.158.1 crores. This power is being procured from 12 generators located within Tamil Nadu. The Petitioner further states that the Letter of Award issued earlier based on the approval given in PPAP No. 5 of 2011 expired on 31-05-2012. This present petition P.P.A.P. No. 4 of 2012 is filed on 31-05-2012 seeking extension for one month for June 2012 on the same terms and conditions. The learned Counsel for TANGEDCO and Thiru K.Seshadri, Chief Engineer (Private Power Projects) elaborated the details and the necessity for continuing with these agreements for a further period of one month i.e. June 2012.

Thiru S.Gandhi who was present in the Court suggested that the rate of Rs.5.05 per Kwhr at which power is sought to be procured is on the higher side and it will reflect in the overall losses of the TANGEDCO. Another view was also expressed that load shedding may be continued and power need not be procured from the private generators at a high cost. Thiru S.Gandhi had also submitted his request for holding public hearing during the proceeding before the Commission on 21-05-2012. The Commission in its daily order has already dealt with this matter.

In his argument, Thiru K. Seshadri explained that the power for which extension is sought for one month of June 2012 was already being used by TANGEDCO upto May 2012. Although wind generation has increased, wind power being infirm in nature, base load power is required. Load shedding and power holidays have also been relaxed from today. Further the Short Term Open Access for which they have filed applications before the competent authorities has resulted in availability of only 76 MW in June 2012 and 185 MW in July 2012.

Keeping in view the demand supply position and current availability of power which includes the power available from these power stations, the Commission allows the Petitioner, TANGEDCO, as a special case, to avail power at the rate of not exceeding Rs.5.05 per Kwhr for the month of June 2012, as an interim measure. All other terms and conditions indicated in the order in P.P.A.P. No. 5 of 2011 shall continue to apply. The Petitioner should take all efforts to negotiate price keeping in view the type of fuel used. Since this case was presented as a fait accompli at the last minute, with a view to not to disturb the power supply arrangements, the Commission reluctantly approves this proposal.

(Sd.....)
(S.Nagalsamy)
Member

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(K.Venugopal)
Member

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Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission