CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 298/MP/2015

Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson Shri A.K. Singhal, Member Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member Dr. M.K.Iyer, Member

Date of Hearing: 17.12.2015 Date of Order : 30.12.2015

In the matter of

Application for up-gradation of inter-State trading licence in electricity from Category III to Category IV.

And

In the matter of

Solar Energy Corporation of India D-3,1st Floor, Wing-A, Religare Building, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi-110 017

Applicant

Following were present:

Shri Atulya Kumar Naik, SECI Shri M.M.Bhahogee, SECI

<u>ORDER</u>

This petition has been made by the Solar Energy Corporation of India for upgradation of its inter-State trading licence in electricity from Category III to Category II.

2. By order dated 1.4.2014, Solar Energy Corporation of India was granted trading licence for Category III to trade in electricity as an electricity trader in the whole of India, except the State of Jammu and Kashmir in

accordance with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions of Trading licence and other related matters) Regulations, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the "Trading Licence Regulations"), subject to the terms and conditions contained in the licence.

3. The third and fourth provisos to Regulation 7 (b) of the Trading Licence Regulations provides as under:

"Provided also that a licensee may make an appropriate Application accompanied by prescribed fees for upgradation of its licence to a higher category or down gradation of its licence to a lower category if it fulfills the conditions of these regulations for grant of such licence but it shall not be required to follow the procedure specified n Regulation 6 of these regulations.

Provided further that the licensee shall be heard by the Commission before taking a decision on the application."

4. The licensee has filed an application for up-gradation of its licence in accordance with Trading Licence Regulations. On perusal of the application, we find that the applicant being a Category III licensee fulfills all technical requirements for grant of Category II inter-State trading licence. As regards the net worth requirements for Category II, Regulation 3 (3) of the Trading Licence Regulations provides that a person applying for Category II trading licence should have net worth ₹ 15 crore and should have maintained minimum current ratio and liquidity ratio of 1:1 on the date of audited special balance sheet accompanying the application.

5. The applicant has submitted the audited special balance sheet as on 31.8.2015. Based on the Special Audited Balance Sheet submitted by the applicant, its net worth has been worked out as given below:

| | (₹ in lakh) |
|---|-------------|
| Particulars | 31.8.2015 |
| A) Paid up equity capital (1) | 12542.00 |
| B) Reserves and Surplus | 0.00 |
| B.1. Capital Reserves | 0.00 |
| B.2. Capital Redemption Reserve | 0.00 |
| B.3. Debenture Redemption Reserve | 0.00 |
| B.4. Revaluation Reserve | 0.00 |
| B.5. Share Options Outstanding Account | 0.00 |
| and Reserves other than free reserves | |
| B.6. Securities Premium Reserve | 0.00 |
| B.7. Surplus (P and L Account) | 295.66 |
| B.8. Other Free Reserves (i.e. General | 0.00 |
| Reserve) | |
| Total of Reserve and Surplus | 295.66 |
| Free Reserves and Surplus Considered for Net worth (2) | 295.66 |
| (B6+B7+B8) | |
| C) Loans and Advances given to | 0.00 |
| associates (3) | |
| D) Deferred Expenditure (including Misc. Expenses) not written off (4) | 0.00 |
| Net Worth (1+2-3-4) | 12837.66 |
| | 12007.00 |

6. The net worth of the applicant is further represented by the following:

| | (₹ in lakh) |
|---|-------------|
| Particulars | 31.8.2015 |
| Current Ratio and Liquidity Ratio | |
| Computation | |
| A) Non-current Assets | |
| A.1. Net block of Tangible Asset | 108.47 |
| A.2 Net Block of Intangible Asset | 25.94 |
| A.3 Capital work in progress | 11.97 |
| A.4 Intangible Assets under development | 0.00 |
| A.5 Non-Current Investments | 205.00 |
| A.6 Deferred Tax Assets | 0.00 |
| A.7 Long-term loans and advances | 8411.87 |
| A.7.1 Less: Loans and Advances given to | |
| Associates included in above | 0.00 |
| A.7.2 Net Long Term Loans and | |
| Advances (A.7 - A.7.1) | 8411.87 |
| A.8 Other Non-Current Assets | 0.00 |

| Net worth (4) | 55652.97 |
|---|----------|
| for EL, Gratuity, Post Retirement benefits) Total Current Liabilities considered for | 17.14 |
| D.4. Short-term provisions (i.e. Provisions | |
| power payables, Security Mechanism Funds payable etc.) | 47927.30 |
| Security Deposit, duties and Taxes, Solar | |
| disbursement, Advance from clients, | |
| D.3. Other Current liabilities (i.e. Subsidy for | |
| D.2. Trade payables | 7708.54 |
| D.1. Short-term Borrowings | 0.00 |
| D. Current Liabilities | |
| worth (3) | 59933.88 |
| Total Current Asset considered for Net | |
| Total Current Assets | 59933.88 |
| net worth & Liquidity purpose) | 0.00 |
| Expenses) not written off (not considered for | |
| C.7 Deferred Expenditure (including Misc. | 5005.50 |
| C.6 Other current assets (i.e. Interest Accrued but not due, Un billed power sale) | 3865.30 |
| Advances(C.5 - C.5.1) | 290.34 |
| C.5.2 Net Short Term Loan & | 200.24 |
| associates | 0.00 |
| C.5.1 Less: Loans & Advances given to | 0.00 |
| C.5 Short Term Loans & Advances | 290.34 |
| C.4. Cash and cash equivalents | 50402.12 |
| C.3. Trade Receivables | 5376.12 |
| C.2. Inventories | 0.00 |
| C.1. Current Investments | 0.00 |
| C. Current Assets | |
| Net worth (2) | 206.49 |
| other than free reserves considered for | |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities, Reserves | |
| B.7 Reserves other than free reserves | 0.00 |
| B.6 Long Term provisions | 206.49 |
| B.5 Other Long Term Liabilities | 0.00 |
| B.4 Deferred tax Liabilities | 0.00 |
| B.3 Long term Borrowings | 0.00 |
| B.2 Preference Share Capital | 0.00 |
| allotment | 0.00 |
| B.1 Share application money pending | |
| Reserves other than free reserves | |
| B. Non-Current Liabilities, Pref. Share and Share Application money and | |
| net worth (1) | 8763.24 |
| Total Non-Current Assets considered for | |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 8763.24 |
| for net worth computation) | 0.00 |
| Expenses) not written off (Not considered | |

7. Based on the above, the net worth, current ratio and liquidity ratio workout as under:

| Particulars | 31.8.2015 |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Net Worth (₹ in lakh) | 12837.66 |
| Current Ratio | 1.08 |
| Liquidity ratio | 1.08 |

8. On consideration of the above facts, we are satisfied that the applicant meets the net worth, current ratio and liquidity ratio requirements specified by the Commission for grant of Category II licence. Accordingly, we approve the upgradation of the licence of the applicant from Category III to Category II. The licensee shall remain bound by the terms and conditions contained in the order dated 1.4.2014.

A copy of this order be sent to the Central Government in Ministry of
Power and CEA in terms of sub-section (7) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act,
2003 for their information and record.

10. We direct that necessary endorsement be made on the licence issued to the applicant with regard to change of Category of the licensee.

11. The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

| Sd/- | sd/- | sd/- | sd/- |
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| (Dr. M.K.Iyer) | (A.S. Bakshi) | | (Gireesh B. Pradhan) |
| Member | Member | Member | Chairperson |