# CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

## Petition No. 37/RP/2022 in Petition 362/GT/2020

Coram:

Shri I.S Jha, Member Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri Pravas Kumar Singh, Member

Date of Order: 16th February, 2023

#### In the matter of

Petition for the review of the Commission's order dated 21.4.2022 in Petition No. 362/GT/2022 in the matter of truing up of tariff for the tariff period 2014-19 in respect of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-II (1500 MW).

#### And

#### In the matter of

NTPC Limited, NTPC Bhawan, Core-7, Scope Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

...Petitioner

#### Vs

- GRIDCO Limited,
   24, Janpath,
   Bhubaneswar-751007
- Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Kazi Road, Gangtok, Sikkim-737101
- 3. Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhawan, Race Course, Baroda-390007
- 4. Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited, Shakti Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar, Jabalpur-482008



- Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited, Prakashgard", Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051
- 6. Chhattisgarh State Power Trading Co. Limited, Po. Sundernagar, Dhagania, Raipur-492013
- 7. Electricity Department, Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa, (via VAPI)
- 8. Electricity Department, Administration of Daman & Diu, Daman-396210
- Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited Shakti Bhawan, 14, Ashok Marg Lucknow-226 001
- Uttaranchal Power Corporation Limited,
   Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road,
   Dehradun-248001
- 11. Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited,Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath,Jaipur-302005
- 12. Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited,Old Power House, Hathi Bhata, Jaipur Road,Ajmer-305001
- 13. Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, New Power House Road, Industrial Area, Jodhpur-342003
- 14. Power Development Department, Government of J&K, Secretariat, Srinagar-190009
- 15. BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019
- 16. BSES Yamuna Power Limited, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110006



- 17. North Delhi Power Limited,33 KV Sub-station Building, Hudson Lane, Kingsway Camp,Delhi-110009
- 18. Haryana Power Purchase Centre Limited, Shakti Bhawan, Sector-VI, Panchkula, Haryana-134109
- 19. Punjab State Electricity Board, The Mall, Patiala-147001
- 20. Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board, Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-171004
- 21. Power Department,Union Territory of Chandigarh,Additional Office Building, Sector-9D, Chandigarh-160009

...Respondents

#### **Parties Present:**

Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, NTPC
Shri Ashutosh K. Srivastava, Advocate, NTPC
Shri Kartikay Trivedi, Advocate, NTPC
Shri R.K. Mehta, Advocate, GRIDCO
Ms. Himanshi Andley, Advocate, GRIDCO
Shri Durga M Sahoo, GRIDCO
Shri Mahfooz Alam, GRIDCO

### <u>ORDER</u>

Petition No. 362/GT/2020 was filed by the Review Petitioner, for truing up of tariff of the Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station, Stage-II (1500 MW) (in short 'generating station') for the period 2014-19 and the Commission vide its order dated 21.4.2022 (in short 'impugned order') disposed of the same. Aggrieved by the impugned order, the Review Petitioner has sought review on the ground of error apparent on the face of the order, raising the following issues:



- (A) Disallowance of the following actual additional capital expenditure:
  - (i) Only Rs. 3451.31 lakh was allowed, out of the total actual additional expenditure of Rs. 5621.48 lakh incurred towards Ash Dyke works during the period 2014-19;
  - (ii) Disallowance of balance payment of allowed works and works after cut-off date on the ground that the works are beyond the cut-off date;
  - (iii) Disallowance of the total actual additional expenditure of Rs. 3821.57 lakh incurred towards Wagons during the period 2014-19;
  - (iv) Disallowance of the total actual additional expenditure of Rs. 243.40 lakh incurred towards Make-up Water System Package Stage-II, Unit-7 during the period 2014-19;
  - (v) Disallowance of the additional capital expenditure of Rs. 366.07 lakhs & Rs. 177.53 lakhs incurred towards Turbine Generator Civil & Structural works and Plant Building Civil Package Unit-7 on accrual basis in the year 2014-15;
  - (vi) Deduction of undischarged liability of Rs. 2005.55 lakh from the opening liability;
- **(B)** While allowing the rate of interest on loan, Commission has erroneously not considered the following items:
  - (i) Refinancing charges in case of ICICI-IV (Repayment of LIC IV loan); and
  - (ii) Methodology of calculation of interest rate in case of ADB-II Tranche A.
- **(C)** Error in considering the transit handling losses to 0.2% considering pit head station while coal is being transported through Merry-go-round (MGR) and Railways leading to fall in weighted average cost of coal to Rs. 2689.50/MT;
- **(D)** Disallowance of PRP/ex-gratia amounting to Rs. 588.29 lakh during the period 2015-19 from wage revision. Disallowance of Rs. 962.47 lakhs inadvertently from wage revision.

#### Hearing dated 24.1.2023

2. The Review Petition was heard on 'admission' on 24.1.2023. During the hearing, the learned counsel for the Petitioner made preliminary submissions in the matter. However, the learned counsel for Respondent GRIDCO raised objections on the 'maintainability' of the Review Petition, stating that an appeal has been filed by the Review Petitioner before APTEL against the impugned order, and the same is pending. He accordingly prayed that the Respondent may be permitted to file its submissions on



maintainability of the review petition. The learned counsel for the Review Petitioner sought permission to file its rejoinder to the same.

- 3. The Commission, after hearing the parties, directed as under:
  - (a) Respondent GRIDCO is permitted to file its reply on 'maintainability and on merits' on or before **13.3.2023**, after serving the copy to the review Petitioner, who may, file its rejoinder, if any, by **23.3.2023**. Pleadings shall be completed by the parties within the due date mentioned and no extension of time shall be granted.
- 4. Review Petition shall be listed for hearing on **25.4.2023**.

Sd/-(Pravas Kumar Singh) Member *Sd/-*(Arun Goyal) Member

*Sd/-*(I. S. Jha) Member

