



Approval of capital investment by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited for Strengthening and Extending Electricity Distribution Network (SEEDN) in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended.



agricultural consumers with reliable and quality power may be ensured. The scheme also proposes to reduce the technical and commercial loss and reduction of downtime and monitoring of O&M activities.

- 8.3 The Commission also observes that initial expenditure of Rs. 215.00 Crore owing to urgency to meet public demand was made from WBSEDCL's internal arrangement which has been subsequently included in the project cost. The cost of such internal arrangement has neither been included in the project cost nor will it be claimed through tariff.

Order:

- 9.0 The Commission after considering the above facts and submissions made by WBSEDCL in their petition dated 12.04.2017 along with supplementary petitions dated 30.05.2019, 11.12.2019, 16.01.2020 and subsequent submissions, clarifications, documents and duly noting the submission under letter dated 31.10.2019 approves the investment proposal of Rs. 1019.00 Crore (Rupees One Thousand and Nineteen Crores) under Strengthening and Extending Electricity Distribution Network (SEEDN) scheme in terms of regulation 2.8.2.3 of the Tariff Regulations which is fully funded by the State Government.

- 10.0 The Commission also gives the following directions:

- (i) In future, WBSEDCL shall not make any progress towards implementation of a project before obtaining prior approval of the Commission as per provisions of Tariff Regulations.
- (ii) Original project cost is required to be approved in terms of Regulation 2.8.5 of the Tariff Regulations. Commission may disallow any excess of project cost on capitalization over approved cost if it finds the justifications furnished are not adequate.
- (iii) WBSEDCL shall ensure proper metering arrangement in line with Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended from time to time.





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- (iv) In determination of tariff, the Commission will consider the loss as per prevailing Tariff Regulations.
- (v) On completion of the project WBSEDCL shall submit the date of commercial operation (COD) and a cost benefit analysis of the project separately before the Commission.
- (vi) In case of escalation in project cost, WBSEDCL shall take due approval from the Commission before capitalization of assets.

11.0 The petition is thus disposed of. Let a copy of the order be served upon WBSEDCL.

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Dated: 27.11.2020



(TK Mukherjee)
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