

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 54 of 2021
Date of Hearing: 27.10.2021
Date of Order: 01.11.2021

Petition under Section 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rule 8 of the Electricity Rules, 2005 and the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Purchase and Procurement Process of Licensees) Regulations, 2012, Regulation 45 of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 and other Applicable provisions for approval of the Power Procurement from the Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Power Plant of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited and Subansiri Lower the project of NHPC Limited.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala, Punjab.

.....Petitioner

Present: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Ms. Anjali Chandra, Member
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate
Sh. Gurchain Singh Banga, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. Deepak Gupta, SE/TR-2
Sh. Mukesh Kumar, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Bhupinderjit Singh (Dy.CE/ISB-2)
Sh. Er. Mandeep Singh Bansal (ASE/ISB-2)

ORDER

After hearing the learned counsel for PSPCL, petition is admitted.

Further, it is observed by the Commission that

1. Ministry of Power has increased the useful life of hydro projects from 35 years to 40 years. PSPCL to intimate useful life of the Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydropower project and Subhansiri lower hydropower project considered while calculating the Levelised Tariff of these projects.

2. PSPCL has not mentioned generation profile of these plants and is required to study the generation profile of these power plants as to whether it matches with load profile of Punjab.
3. Vishnugad Tapovan hydropower project was damaged in floods. PSPCL to intimate any impact of floods on the Vishnugad Pipalkoti hydropower project and its capital cost.
4. PSPCL has submitted the unapproved tentative Levelised tariff in respect of Subhansiri Lower hydro power project and has not provided the capital cost or other basis of calculation of the tariff.
5. In para 19 of the petition, PSPCL has submitted that the tentative commissioning date of Subhansiri Lower hydro power project is August 2023 and its PPA is valid only for 5 years i.e. up to August 2028 (tentatively). So its power may not be available to PSPCL during FY 2029-30.

PSPCL shall submit its reply to the above observations of the Commission within two weeks.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 07.12.2021 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-

(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **01.11.2021**