

ORDER OF THE

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION IN CASE NO. PPA- 114 /21-22

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (WBSEDCL) FOR APPROVAL OF POWER SALE AGREEMENT EXECUTED ON 30.06.2021 BY AND BETWEEN WBSEDCL AND SOLAR ENERGY CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED (SECI) FOR PURCHASE OF 100 MW WIND POWER BY WBSEDCL IN TERMS OF REGULATION 7.4.1 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:

SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER

DATE: 27.04.2022



In regard to the application submitted by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for approval of power sale agreement executed on 30.06.2021 by and between WBSEDCL and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) for purchase of 100 MW hybrid power by WBSEDCL



Facts in brief:

- 1.0 The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) submitted an application vide letter dated 11.08.2021 for approval of Power Sale Agreement (PSA) executed on 30.06.2021 by and between Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) and WBSEDCL for purchase of 100 MW of Wind Power for a period of 25 years. The Commission admitted the application in Case No. PPA 114/21-22. Subsequently, on 08.03.2022 WBSEDCL submitted a copy of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission order related to confirming the competitive bidding procedure under section 63 of the Electricity Act 2003 and adopting the tariff.
 - 2.0 The application of WBSEDCL read with the Power Sale Agreement dated 30.06.2021 interalia state the following:
 - 2.1 SECI has been identified by the Government of India as the nodal agency for implementation of MNRE Scheme for setting up of ISTS connected Wind Power Projects and shall be acting as an 'Intermediary Procurer' under the guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for procurement of 2500 MW ISTS Connected Blended Wind Power Projects issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Gol. Accordingly, SECI has implemented a scheme to procure 970 MW renewable energy under the provisions of Request for Selection (RfS) dated 20.03.2020 on a long-term basis from the selected Blended Wind Power Developers and has signed a Power Purchase Agreement with the project company.
 - 2.2 WBSEDCL has agreed to purchase 100 MW Wind power from SECI and has accordingly signed a Power Sale Agreement with them on 30.06.2021 for a period of 25 years from the scheduled commissioning date of the project.
 - 2.3 The tariff for procurement of the wind power is Rs. 3.00 per kWh plus Rs. 0.07 per kWh as trading margin fixed for the entire term of the agreement.
 - 2.4 The power shall be delivered by the power developer at its interconnection point with Inter State Transmission System.
 - 2.5 WBSEDCL submitted that the Wind power shall help them to meet the non-solar Renewable Purchase Obligation requirement.