



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-Solar Hybrid renewable energy power by WBSEDCL



21.06.2021. Since, the scheduled commissioning date is 18 months from the effective date of PSA, thus no ISTS charges are applicable.

7.3 It is noted that, SECI being the nodal agency is acting as 'Intermediary Procurer'. SECI will purchase power from the Hybrid power developers through competitive bidding at Rs. 2.41 per kWh. CERC in its order in petition no. 179/AT/2021 dated 21.12.2021 had examined the adherence of SECI to the competitive bidding guideline issued by MNRE, Government of India under section 63 of the Act and found it in affirmative and adopted the tariff. CERC in its order has also observed that the trading margin of Rs. 0.07 per kWh as mutually agreed is in consonance with Regulation 8(1)(d) of CERC Trading License Regulations. The Commission also observes that the trading margin shall be governed by the direction of CERC given in paragraphs 38 to 42 of its order dated 21.12.2021. The trading margin shall be Rs. 0.07 per kWh subject to the fulfillment of the condition as detailed in the above paragraphs of the order of CERC otherwise the trading margin shall be limited to Rs. 0.02 per kWh.

8.0 In view of the above, the Commission concludes the followings:

- (i) The hybrid power will help WBSEDCL to improve its RE portfolio.
- (ii) The price being discovered following the competitive bidding guidelines issued by the Government of India under section 63 is stand-alone economic and is beneficial to end consumers.
- (iii) No ISTS charges for the above Wind Solar Hybrid power is required to be paid.

Order:

6.0 The Commission after considering the above facts and in order to promote procurement of renewable energy by WBSEDCL to fulfil its obligation and further keeping in mind clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 86 of the Act, approves the Power Sale Agreement dated 30.06.2021 executed by and between WBSEDCL and SECI for purchase of 100 MW Wind-Solar Hybrid renewable energy power by WBSEDCL from SECI for a period of 25 (twenty-five) years at a tariff determined through competitive bidding by SECI which is Rs. 2.41/kWh plus applicable trading margin (as per paragraph 7.3 of this order) in terms of regulation



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7.4.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended.

- 7.0 The Commission also directs WBSEDCL to comply with the provisions of applicable law regarding scheduling as per the provisions of intra-state ABT, State Grid Code, etc.
- 8.0 The petition is thus disposed of.
- 9.0 A copy of the order shall be posted in the website of the Commission.
- 10.0 WBSEDCL shall download the copy of the order from the website of the Commission and act on it. Certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of formalities laid down in the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2013, as amended and on submission of necessary fees.

Sd/-
(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA)
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 28.07.2022

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SECRETARY