



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. PPA – 128/ 23 – 24**

IN REGARD TO THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY (WBSEDCL) FOR APPROVAL OF A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) EXECUTED ON 29.11.2023 BETWEEN WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (WBPDCL) AND WBSEDCL FOR PURCHASE OF ENTIRE EXPORTABLE SOLAR POWER BY WBSEDCL FROM THE SOLAR POWER PLANT OF WBPDCL AT SAGARDIGHI TPP WITH A CONTRACT PERIOD OF 25 YEARS AT REGULATED PRICE TO BE DETERMINED BY WBERC, IN TERMS OF REGULATIONS 7.4.1 OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:

**DR MALLELA VENKATESWARA RAO, CHAIRPERSON
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

DATE: 04.04.2024



Approval of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed on 29.11.2023 between West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC) and the West Bengal Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for purchase of entire exportable solar power by WBSEDCL from the Solar Power Plant of WBPDC at Sagardighi TPP with a contract period of 25 years at regulated price to be determined by WBERC, in terms of regulations 7.4.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended.



Facts in Brief

- 1.0 The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short 'WBSEDCL') submitted an application vide letter dated 09.02.2024 for approval of a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed on 29.11.2023 between West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDC) and the West Bengal Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) for purchase of entire exportable solar power by WBSEDCL from the Solar Power Plant of WBPDC at Sagardighi TPP with a contract period of 25 (twenty five years) at regulated price to be determined by the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short "the Commission), in terms of regulations 7.4.1 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended from time to time (in short 'Tariff Regulation'). The Commission admitted the application and registered it in Case No. PPA – 128/ 23 – 24.
- 2.0 WBSEDCL in its application inter-alia submitted the following:
 - 2.1 WBPDC has implemented 15 MW Solar Project (10 MW Grid connected Ground mounted Solar PV + 5 MW Grid connected Floating Solar PV) at Sagardighi TPP in Murshidabad, West Bengal. The project is entirely (100%) funded by Government of West Bengal as grant. WBPDC proposed to sell entire solar power generated from such project to WBSEDCL at a tariff to be determined by the Commission.
 - 2.2 The Commission in its order dated 08.09.2021 allowed WBSEDCL to enter into a PPA for purchase of Solar power from projects funded by State Govt. as grant without going through competitive bidding process. Accordingly, WBSEDCL entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) on 29.11.2023 with WBPDC for purchase of net exportable solar PV power from WBPDC. The Board of Directors of WBSEDCL had given in principle approval of the PPA in its 117th meeting held on 10.11.2023.
- 2.3 Brief terms & conditions of the PPA:
 - (i) Quantum of Power: Entire sent out energy from the 15 MW Grid connected Solar PV Project at Sagardighi, WBPDC
 - (ii) Delivery point: At Monigram distribution sub-station end of WBSEDCL. Location of the meters shall be at delivery point.