



ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FILE NO. AERC. 614/2017

Petition No: 02/2018

ORDER SHEET

28.02.2018

Before the

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC)
ASEB Campus, Dwarandhar,
G. S. Road, Sixth Mile, Guwahati – 781 022

CORAM

Shri Subhash Ch. Das, Chairperson
Shri Dipak Chakravarty, Member

Assam Power Distribution Company limited (APDCL)

Petitioner

Representative for Petitioner:

Mr Binoy M Saikia, GM (TRC)
Mr Pankaj Kumar Bhuyan, CGM (Com.)
Mr. Ramendra Choudhury, DGM (TRC)
Mr. P K Baishya, AGM-I (TRC)
Mr Atul Boro, AGM-II(TRC)
Ms. Bonita Das, AM(TRC)

In the matter of

The Review Petition No. 2 of 2018 filed by Assam Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (APDCL) on the final Tariff for the 5 MW Solar PV plant set up at IGC, Balipara, Assam.

ORDER

1. This review petition (no. 2 of 2018) filed by Assam Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (APDCL) is directed against the Commission's order dated 29.11.2017 in petition no. 03/2017 filed by M/S SEIPL for determination of final Tariff for the 5 MW Solar PV plant set up at IGC, Balipara, Assam.
2. APDCL has also filed a petition for condonation of delay of six days on 13.02.2018 beyond the stipulated 60 days time for the date of order.
3. The final Tariff Order was issued on 29.11.2017. As per Regulation 34(1), of AERC (Conduct of Business Regulation), 2004 the petitioner has to file the review petition within 60 days of the date of decision/ order of the Commission. APDCL filed a condonation delay petition on 13.02.2018.
4. APDCLs submission is briefed below:
 - i. In absence of documentary proof, the Commission considered CERC norms for FY 2015-16 for determination of final tariff. However, APDCL mentioned that as plant was commissioned on August, 2016 so, CERC norms for FY 2016-17 have to be taken for tariff determination. As CERC while fixing the benchmark norms for Solar PV considers the past years data.
 - ii. APDCL prayed to consider the land cost of Rs 25 Lakh/MW as per CERC norms for FY2016-17. However, Commission considered the actual land cost as per AIDC which impacted the overall tariff by Rs 1.2 per unit.

- iii. The petitioner also mentioned that, Commission while determining Module cost, Mounting structure, Civil cost, Power Conditioning Unit etc considered an escalation of 15% over the CERC norms for FY 2015-16. However, the basis of calculation of 15% is not provided by the Commission. So, norms for FY 2016-17 by CERC are to be considered.
- iv. After considering all this parameters, APDCL prayed for reconsider the tariff at Rs 6.36 per unit.
5. The condonation petition for delay in filing the review petition is allowed.
6. The Commission while admitting the review petition of APDCL (02/2018) directed as follows:
 - i. The petitioner shall serve copy of the petition to the respondent on or before 03.03.2018
 - ii. The respondent shall submit their replies to the petition within 20.03.2018 to the Commission alongwith a copy to the petitioner..
 - iii. The next date of hearing is fixed on **29.03.2018** at **11.30 AM** in the court room of AERC.

Sd/-
(Mr. Dipak Chakravarty)
Member
AERC

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(Mr. Subhash Ch. Das)
Chairperson
AERC