ORISSA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN UNIT-VIII, BHUBANESWAR-751 012

Present: Shri H.S. Sahu, Member

Shri B.C. Jena, Member

Case No.22 (B) of 2001

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Bramhani Left Basin, Samal Applicant

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Managing Director, CESCO, Bhubaneswar Respondent

For Applicant: Mr. G.K. Singha, Executive Engineer,

R.I. Project, Samal.

For Respondent: None

Date of argument : **03.10.2001**

Date of Order : **30.10.2001**

ORDER

1. The Executive Engineer and Basin Manager, Bramhani Left Basin, Samal Barrage Township has submitted an application for separation of individual electrical connections in Samal Barrage Township colony. He has stated that one agreement bearing No.1R/7 was drawn during the year 1983 by the Executive Engineer, Field Machinery Division, Badajhara with erstwhile OSEB for bulk supply of electricity to Samal Barrage project when the construction work of the project was in full swing. But the project work has already been completed since 1994 and the power requirement has been reduced, but the agreement has not been revised. At present an amount of Rs.13.50 lakhs per month is being paid towards energy consumption on an average basis since the meter is out of order. He has

therefore requested for suitable instruction by the Commission to the M.D., CESCO for drawl of a fresh agreement with them taking into account the present consumption of electricity for operation of gates of Samal Barrage along with energy consumption of various offices separately. Instructions may also be issued to CESCO for installation of individual energy meters for supply of residential buildings, market complex and other commercial establishment located in the project area which will be borne by the respective consumers.

- 2. In response to that, the CESCO authorities have indicated that the maximum demand of the consumer from August'99 to April'2001 is always much more than the contract demand. Hence, it is not possible for the CESCO to accede to the consumer's request for reduction of the contract demand. Moreover, installation of separate meter for residential buildings, market complex and other commercial establishment cannot be agreed to as the agreement has been executed for single point meter in the project area.
- 3. We have heard the representatives of Samal Barrage. The contract demand for supply to the Samal Barrage Project was limited to 900 KW/1000 KVA. As seen from the Maximum Demand Indicator (M.D.I.) report of various months from August'99 to April, 2001, the maximum demand recorded is always more than 1000 KVA. As such, there is no scope for reduction in the contract demand. Moreover, the agreement has been executed for single point meter in the project area. Hence, there is no scope for installation of separate individual meters for residential buildings, market complex and other commercial establishment by CESCO. CESCO has also submitted that it is not agreeable to give separate supply for residential buildings, market complexes and other commercial establishment with separate meters in the project area after which agreement has been signed for single point bulk supply.
- 4. As the recorded maximum demand for the past several months is more than the existing contract demand, the application of Samal Barrage Project for reduction of contract demand by CESCO is rejected.

- 5. The request for installation of separate meter for individual residential buildings, market complex and other commercial establishments by CESCO was examined. The Regulation has been framed with a very clear objective that in campuses where there is a mixture of loads like domestic, commercial establishment, water supply points, clubs, offices, workshops, etc. and providing service connection to individual consumers from the supply line of the licensee is directly not available due to the absence of a frontage or a public path way, in such cases a composite tariff is taking care of these loads. The arrangement was that the owner of the campus will avail power supply at a single point and maintain the system and be responsible for the service connection to individual consumers within the campus. With this in view, the agreement with the barrage authority in the past has been executed for a single point bulk supply for the entire project area. Therefore, the request for installation of separate meters for individual residential building, market complex and other commercial establishments by CESCO inside the project area is not in accordance with the agreement or Supply Regulation and hence is rejected.
- 6. However, the Barrage authorities are advised to take up the following modifications in the existing system to avail benefit of domestic bulk supply tariff:
 - a) A separate HT line for all domestic consumers can be arranged and a fresh agreement with CESCO for such one point supply can be executed. In accordance with para 3(ii) of OERC (Exemption from License) Regulation, 1998, the project authorities can continue to supply electricity to their own employees' colony including ancillary facilities provided that no amount towards profit is charged for such supply.
 - b) Further the project authorities have the liberty for termination of the subsisting agreement and enter into a fresh agreement with a reduced contract demand after regrouping of all other non-domestic loads of the project under appropriate consumer classification.
 - c) CESCO is directed to provide a correct and appropriate meter immediately if present meter is not in working order and bill accordingly.

(B.C. JENA) MEMBER (H.S. SAHU) MEMBER