

**ORISSA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAVAN
UNIT – VIII, BHUBANESWAR – 751012**

**Present: Shri H.S. Sahu, Member
 Shri B.C. Jena, Member**

CASE No.39/2002

M/s Orient Paper Mills,
Plot No.7, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar

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Petitioner

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Managing Director,
WESCO, Burla, Dist. Sambalpur

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Respondent

For the petitioner : Mr. P.K. Das, Liaison Officer
For the respondent : Mr. C.R. Mohapatra, S.E. (Elect.)

Date of hearing : **27.09.2002**

Date of order : **02.11.2002**

ORDER

1. M/s Orient Paper Mills (petitioner) has filed an application for grant of consent u/s 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 r/w Sec. 21(3) of the Orissa Electricity Reform Act, 1995 to establish a 75 KVA Diesel Generating Set (D.G. set) at its factory premises situated at Brajarajnagar in the district of Jharsuguda.
2. The case of the petitioner, in short, is that there is no production and business activity of the paper mill since January, 1999. The electricity is being used mainly for plant lighting, colony lighting, running of essential services like water supply and domestic use by the employees residing inside the colony. Since there is no generation of fund due to stoppage of production activities, management has to arrange electricity bill amount from other sources with much difficulty. In the event of disconnection of power supply by WESCO due to non-payment of electricity charges, emergency power shall be required to protect the vital

installations inside the plant. As such, the petitioner prays for grant of consent to run the above D.G. set on stand-alone mode.

3. The respondent (WESCO) has stated in its counter that huge amount of energy charges is still outstanding against the petitioner. Presently the consumption of the petitioner is very low. The petitioner has already been granted permission to run its D.G. set in standby mode vide Permission No.OERC-312. There is apprehension that the petitioner will not pay the arrear energy charges in future if allowed to run the stand-alone D.G. set of 75 KVA. Accordingly, the respondent submits to reject the prayer of the petitioner.
4. We have heard both the parties. Admittedly, the paper mill has stopped its production activities since 27.12.98. Presently, electricity is being used for plant lighting, colony lighting and for water supply. The petitioner has already been granted permission to run a D.G. set in standby mode. There is no dispute that a huge amount of energy charges is still outstanding against the petitioner. In case, permission is granted to the petitioner to run a 75 KVA D.G. set in stand-alone mode, it is likely as stated by the respondent that the petitioner will not clear the arrear energy charges. Considering all these facts and circumstances, it appears to us that this is not a fit case where consent should be given to the petitioner to run the above D.G. set in stand-alone mode. The prayer for consent accordingly deserves rejection. Hence ordered.

ORDER

That the petitioner's application for grant of consent to run a 75 KVA D.G. set in stand-alone mode is rejected. Send copies of this order to the parties concerned for their information in terms of Regulation 57 of the Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1996.

(B.C. Jena)
MEMBER

(H.S. Sahu)
MEMBER

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Dt.02.11.2002

Order vide separate sheets is passed today. The petition for installation of a 75 KVA stand-alone D.G. set is rejected.

MEMBER (J)

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