

**ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN, PLOT NO-4,
CHUNUKOLI, SHAILASHREE VIHAR,
BHUBANESWAR - 751 021**

**Present : Shri A. K. Das, Member
 Shri S. K. Parhi, Member**

Case No.15 & 127 of 2010

M/s. Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (OPTCL)Petitioner
Vrs.

M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (erstwhile Sesa Sterlite Ltd), CESU, NESCO, WESCO, SOUTHCO and
Govt. of OdishaRespondent

In the matter of: **Allocation of 2 numbers of Transformer Bays to OPTCL for Evacuation of Odisha share of Power from Sterlite Energy Ltd (Case No-15/2010) and Investment proposal for Restoration of 400 KV Ib-Meramundali DC transmission line (Case No. 127/2010).**

For Petitioner : Shri B. P. Mishra, CGM (RT & C), Shri Radha Raman Panda, CGM (Con.), OPTCL

For Respondent: Shri K. C. Nanda, DGM (Fin.), WESCO Utility, Shri Dipankar Behera, DGM (T), Shri P. K. Pattanayak, DGM (F), CESU, Shri U. N. Mishra, CGM (PP), GRIDCO Ltd., Ms. Malancha Ghose, Manager (RA), NESCO Utility and Ms. Niharika Pattnaik, ALO, DoE, GoO are present. Nobody is present on behalf of SOUTHCO Utility and M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (erstwhile Sesa Sterlite Ltd).

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 09.12.2016

Date of order:31.07.2017

M/s. OPTCL, the STU had made a petition before this Commission to direct M/s. Sterlite Energy Ltd. (SEL) under Section 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to provide two nos. of 400 KV equipped adjacent bays to them at the generating station of M/s. SEL for evacuation of Odisha share of power and to restrain M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (erstwhile Sesa Sterlite Ltd) to supply power to Vedanta Aluminium Ltd. (VAL) through 400 KV connection without the knowledge of OPTCL. The matter was listed before the Commission as Case No. 15/2010. Similarly M/s. OPTCL had filed another petition before this Commission to approve an investment proposal estimated at Rs.138.275 Cr. for restoration of 400 KV Ib-Meramundali DC transmission line through which State quota from SEL power shall be evacuated. It was registered in the Commission as Case No. 127/2010. Since, both the matters are cognate in nature they were heard analogously by this Commission. As per the order of the Commission on dtd. 01.10.2010 in Case No. 127/2010 OPTCL

submitted a revised investment proposal for Rs.282.56 Cr. including an estimated cost of Rs.112 Cr. towards restoration of Ib-Meramundali line.

2. During the pendency of the Case No. 15/2010 OPTCL submitted on 30.11.2010 that M/s. SEL has confirmed the release of two nos. of equipped bays for termination of a double circuit line emanating from OPTCL switchyard. The Petitioner further stated that there was an agreement between OPTCL and M/s. SEL wherein M/s. SEL had agreed to take up restoration of 400 KV D/C line between Ib-Meramundali at the earlier agreed cost of Rs.103 Cr. on turnkey basis and the project would be completed within 24 months. The Commission in their Order dtd. 29.12.2010 accorded in principle approval to the proposal and directed OPTCL to go ahead with the project. In the said Order, the Commission advised M/s. OPTCL to give an explanatory note along with single line diagram for full evacuation of the State quota of M/s. SEL (IPP) power and its connectivity with Ib-Meramundali line and to submit written notes if any.
3. In pursuance to the above order of the Commission M/s. OPTCL on 14.01.2011 submitted a comprehensive plan for evacuation of power from M/s. SEL and other IPPs and also made power point presentation before the Commission. Not being satisfied with the proposed plan of OPTCL, the Commission directed the Petitioner to prepare an integrated system for evacuation of the entire State share of IPP power including the aforesaid proposed evacuation plan of Sterlite power.
4. As per direction of the Commission, OPTCL filed a comprehensive Petition containing evacuation plan of entire upcoming IPP power of the State including M/s. SEL on dtd. 07.5.2011 which was registered as Case No. 71/2011. Further, OPTCL had also submitted application for approval of Intra-State Transmission Plan for Odisha upto the end of 12th plan period i.e. 2016-17 which was registered as Case No. 79/2012. Both cases had been disposed by the Commission.
5. The Commission heard the parties afresh on 09.12.2016 in Case Nos. 15/2010 and 127/2010 which were still pending before the Commission. The Petitioner submitted that M/s SEL has already constructed 2 nos. of 400 kV bays at their cost in the generating station Switchyard at Jharsuguda for evacuation of Odisha share of Power. With regard to seeking an order to restrain M/s. Vedanta Ltd. to supply power to its Aluminium plant at 400 KV connectivity without the knowledge of OPTCL, it submitted that this position got changed by virtue of the order dated 27.01.2016 passed by this Commission in Case No. 21/2016. The Commission in the said order has allowed conversion of Unit- I, III & IV of 4 x 600 MW power plant of M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (formerly M/s. SEL) as CGP w.e.f. 01.04.2015 and

directed that the Unit-II of the power plant would continue to remain as IPP and connected to the State Grid. Hence, OPTCL's prayer to restrain M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (erstwhile Sesa Sterlite Ltd) to supply power to Vedanta Aluminium Ltd. (VAL) through 400 KV connectivity without the knowledge of OPTCL no more exists.

6. OPTCL submitted that the Commission had accorded in principle approval for the restoration work of IB-Meramundali 400 KV DC line through M/s. Vedanta (the erstwhile M/s. SEL) at a cost of Rs.103 crores. OPTCL referred to the submission of the Petitioner that restoration of 400 KV Vedanta-Meramundali line is already over and Odisha share power is being evacuated from 06.01.2016 at 400 KV from Vedanta IPP to Meramundali Grid sub-station of OPTCL. OPTCL further stated that they had taken up construction work of the 400 / 220/ 132 / 33 KV grid sub-station at Lapanga for evacuation of power from M/s. OPGC (IB Thermal Power Station) which would be connected through LILO arrangement to Vedanta-Meramundali line. This would facilitate evacuation of power both from M/s. OPGC and M/s. Vedanta Ltd to Meramundali grid sub-station of OPTCL. In view of the above submissions OPTCL and M/s. Vedanta Ltd. it is concluded that the issues raised by the Petitioner are already resolved. There is no need to keep the case pending here.
7. Accordingly, the Case Nos. 15/2010 and 127/2010 are disposed of.

Sd/-
(S. K. Parhi)
Member

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(A. K. Das)
Member

