

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

Present: Shri S. P. Nanda, Chairperson
Shri B. K. Misra, Member
Shri S. P. Swain, Member

Case No. 40/2013

GRIDCO	Petitioner
- Vrs. -		
CESU & others	Respondents

IN THE MATTER OF : An Application u/S. 86 (1) (b) and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with OERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 for clarification regarding para 270 (Power Regulation to the DISCOMs by GRIDCO) & para 275 (Overdrawal of energy by the DISCOMs) as contained in ARR & BSP Order dtd. 20.03.2013 passed in Case No. 101 of 2012 for FY 2013-14.

For the Petitioner: Shri L R Dash, DGM, GRIDCO and Shri A K Samantray, AGM, GRIDCO.

For the Respondents: Shri Debasish Das, AVP-Regulatory Affairs, Shri Manas Kumar Das, AVP, PT, CSO, WESCO, NESCO & SOUTHCO, Shri P C Tripathy, CGM (O&M), OPTCL, and Shri Umakanta Sahoo, AGM, SLDC

Nobody present on behalf of CESU.

ORDER

Date of hearing: 15.01.2014
05.04.2014

Date of order:

1. The present petition has been filed by M/s. GRIDCO seeking clarification from this Commission on certain direction given on the issue of Power Regulation to the DISCOMs by GRIDCO and overdrawal of energy by DISCOMs in the ARR and BSP Order for FY 2013-14. Since, it requires mutual understanding between DISCOMs and GRIDCO, therefore, the Commission in their interim order dtd. 16.01.2014 directed that a meeting should be convened where these issues can be amicably resolved including methodology of billing of UI charges to DISCOMs by GRIDCO and billing during Load Regulation in case of non-payment of BSP. The Respondent DISCOMs in their submission also raised some additional issues which are related to implementation of ABT Regulation in the State.

2. As per the direction of the Commission a meeting was convened in the Conference Hall of OERC on 01.02.2014 under the Chairmanship of the Technical Member of the Commission. The representative of GRIDCO, DISCOMs, SLDC were present during the meeting. As per the Minutes of the Meeting the following decisions were taken:

- (a) The charges for overdrawl of energy shall be strictly dealt in accordance with the para 275 of BSP order for FY 2013-14. Therefore, GRIDCO should bill to DISCOM on the scheduled energy at BSP rate and SLDC should bill the unscheduled exchange at UI rate to DISCOM.
- (b) Regarding the GRIDCO's concern for payment of capacity charges to central generators due to either load regulation or reduction of load by DISCOMs it is clarified that capacity charges computed by the Commission in ARR and Tariff Order for ensuing year is an estimate only which is subject to final year-end truing up in the subsequent tariff order. GRIDCO should not be involved itself in day to day scheduling process. The issue is to be best addressed by Officers of DSOCC of DISCOMs, SLDC and RLDC.
- (c) As per intra-state ABT principle, the actual drawl of energy by DISCOMs comprises of two parts, the schedule part of energy required to be billed at the scheduled BSP rate as approved by the Commission and the un-scheduled exchange part shall be billed by the frequency based 'UI' rate. The schedule part should be billed by GRIDCO to DISCOM and the un-schedule part should be billed by SLDC to DISCOs at UI rate. The practice of billing by GRIDCO for the total energy drawl including overdrawl and UI billing by SLDC, thus doubles the billing for overdrawl energy which should be stopped forthwith. Director (Comm.), GRIDCO agreed to revise all such previous bills and in future shall bill to DISCOMs only on the monthly schedule drawl at BSP rate.
- (d) All DISCOMs should depute one of their officer to SLDC for at least a week to associate themselves with the day-ahead scheduling process of SLDC as well as issue of any revised schedule during the course of operation of the day. SLDC on their part should inform the day-ahead availability of the DISCOMs in each time block by noon of the previous day. DISCOMs should give their requisitions corresponding to each time block latest by 2.00 PM. SLDC after due interaction with RLDC for the Central Sector drawl shall furnish the day-ahead provisional schedule to DISCOMs latest by 5.00 PM and shall furnish the final statement latest by 8.00 PM after due consideration of any comments/suggestions received from

DSOCC. In case of no comment/suggestion from DSOCC, the provisional statement shall be treated as final. Since ODISHA is paying for the capacity charges for its allocated Central Sector Thermal Power; RLDC cannot force SLDC, Odisha to draw the full energy from Central sector power, only to accommodate NTPC Generators for higher PLF to achieve incentive. In the event of lower requisition from DISCOMs, SLDC should take up with RLDC for lower Central sector drawl (by suitable backing down Central sector Thermal Station to its technical limit of 40%) so that Odisha can avoid paying high variable charge of Central Sector Stations. DISCOMs engineers deputed to SLDC should also associate themselves with the interaction process both with DSOCC and RLDC along with SLDC officers to have a clear and common understanding of the day-ahead scheduling process along with revised scheduling, if any, during the course of operation of the day.

Once the scheduling is done by Load Dispatchers (SLDC and RLDC) it is always final and no post-facto revision of SLDC schedule to DISCOMs is possible. DISCOMs request of the revision of such schedules and corresponding billing by GRIDCO where they have given lower requisitions and in actual practice has also drawn less but SLDC unilaterally has given higher schedule only to accommodate Central and State Generators has not been agreed to due to practical consideration. However, all care should be taken by SLDC and DSOCC officials that such situations of day-ahead scheduling are not repeated; but once the final schedules of SLDC has been issued, the same should be honoured without further question during the course of operation.

- (e) It is decided to deduct the auxiliary transformer consumption of OPTCL's S/S should be deducted from the gross drawl of the DISCOMs to arrive the net drawl of DISCOMs. The auxiliary transformer consumption of OPTCL S/s is treated as part of transmission loss of OPTCL.
- (f) It is decided that dumb terminals shall be installed without further delay within one month from the issue of the Order in this case.
- (g) It is clarified that only Phase-I of Intra-ABT has been implemented in the State which is not a zero sum game as Generators are not covered. Therefore, any capping of UI charges payable or receivable by DISCOMs is not appropriate.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting is attached to this Order. Since the matter has been settled with mutual discussion and agreement the DISCOMs, SLDC and GRIDCO are directed to follow the resolution in the meeting strictly without any further delay.
4. Accordingly, the case is disposed of.

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(S. P. Swain)
Member

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(B. K. Misra)
Member

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(S. P. Nanda)
Chairperson

