

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

Present: Shri S. P. Swain, Member
Shri A. K. Das, Member

Case No. 57/2013

SOUTHCO	Petitioner
Vrs.		
GRIDCO & Others	Respondents

In the matter of: **An application under clause 11 and 32 of the Odisha Distribution & Retail Supply License, 2006 conditions for investment proposal of Rs.29.51 Cr. in order to provide uninterrupted power supply to Agricultural and Pisciculture Feeders during FY 2013-14.**

For Petitioner: Shri Subrat Kumar Routray, DMF (Com &RA), SOUTHCO

For Respondent: Shri B.D.Ojha, DGM (Economist), GRIDCO Ltd.
 Shri Nilambar Dash, Sr. GM (Project), OPTCL,
 Ms. Niharika Pattnayak. ALO, DoE, GoO.

Date of Hearing: 02.12.2014

Date of Order: 12.01.2015

The petitioner, SOUTHCO submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of 42 nos. of dedicated 11 kV feeders in 6 Districts of its area of supply for uninterrupted power supply to agricultural sector and pisciculture industry. The petitioner has filed the application under Condition 11 and 32 of Odisha Distribution and Retail Supply License, 2006 and requested for acceptance & approval of investment proposal amounting to Rs.29.51 Cr.

2. The representative of SOUTHCO has submitted that the DPR's has been prepared under the flagship programme of State Govt. in order to provide uninterrupted power supply during off peak hours to cluster of LI points/bore well and different cluster of pisciculture industry. The clusters were selected by way of conducting joint survey by officials of SOUTHCO and Agricultural Department/Fishery and Animal Resources Development Department. As submitted, the funding for the project shall be available

from the scheme meant for dedicated agriculture feeder for LI points/ bore well cluster and dedicated fishery feeder for pisciculture cluster.

3. During hearing, it was pointed out by the Project Manager, OPTCL that, initially the State Govt. has allocated Rs.1000 Cr. for construction of 11 kV Agricultural/Fishery dedicated feeders. The tender for this purpose has been rejected due to the abnormal high value quoted by the firms for construction of such feeders. Subsequently, the Central Govt. has launched the Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana for construction of agriculture feeders across the States. Thereafter, OPTCL being the nodal agency, under the instruction of state Govt. is in the process of preparing the DPR's amounting to around 106 cr. for dedicated fishery feeders for pisciculture clusters of the state. Out of 18 clusters selected for the State, investment of around Rs.2.71 Cr. has been estimated for SOUTHCO.
4. The representative of petitioner being unaware of the developments of the above projects could not submit the present status on the matter.
5. After hearing the parties and perusal of the case records, we direct that SOUTHCO should have a detailed discussion with OPTCL and file an amended investment proposal considering all recent developments in the above matter. Further, as per condition 11 read with 32 of the Licence Conditions, SOUTHCO should approach the Commission for approval, if the investment on this account equals or exceeds Rs. 5 Cr. Since, the investment in the instant case is understood to be below Rs.5 Cr., there is no need of the licensee to approach the Commission for approval of the investment proposal.
6. With the above observation, the Case is disposed of.

Sd/-
(A .K. Das)
Member

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(S. P. Swain)
Member