

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

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

Case No. 36/2014

OPTCL	Petitioner
Vrs.		
SOUTHCO & Others	Respondents

In the matter of: **An application under condition 10 of its License conditions as per Order dated 27.10.2006 passed in Case No. 22 of 2006 for investment proposal of Rs. 235.34 Crore for establishing a Cyclone Resilient Transmission system to be taken in Berhampur, Chhatrapur & Gopalpur in the supply area of SOUTHCO under “Odisha Power Sector Emergency Assistance Project” Scheme (OPSEAP).**

For Petitioner: Shri B.P.Mahapatra, CGM (Fin.),
 Shri B.P.Mishra, CGM (RT&C),
 Shri N.C.Swain, Sr. GM, Construction, Zone-1.

For Respondent: Shri Lenka Prasad, DGM, Southco Utility
 Ms. Niharika Pattnaik, ALO, DoE, GoO

Order

Date of hearing: 22.09.2015

Date of order: 26.09.2015

The present application has been filed by OPTCL seeking approval of investment proposal of Rs. 235.34 Crore for establishing a Cyclone Resilient Transmission System in Berhampur, Chatrapur and Gopalpur area under “Odisha Power Sector Emergency Assistance Project” Scheme. Accordingly, OPTCL had submitted a plan for Cyclone Resilient Distribution System in Berhampur and adjoining areas by adding one 33/11 kV GIS S/S with underground cable and overhead Line to withstand a wind speed of 300 KM/hr & above with an investment of around Rs.585 Cr.

2. The Commission vide its order dated 20.12.2014 opined that the strengthening of transmission system will not achieve the desired intention unless the corresponding DISCOMs network is simultaneously strengthened. Further, geography of the state is such that there are also several other districts in the state which are being frequently

affected by cyclone, floods and other natural calamities. It is necessary that Govt./OPTCL should take similar action in such areas.

3. OPTCL submitted that in the meanwhile a Tri-partite Review Meeting was held on 23.07.2015 at DEA, Govt. of India under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (MI), Department of Economic Affairs to review project proposals from the State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments to be financed by ADB. In the said meeting it was decided that the current project 'as is' is to be dropped and if OPTCL intends to submit a fresh proposal for new project(s) consisting of the transmission component of previous project, plus additional transmission investments, they are at liberty to do so.
4. Therefore, OPTCL has filed an application with a prayer for withdrawal of the above case. The prayer for withdrawal of this petition is allowed.
5. Accordingly the case is dismissed as withdrawn.

Sd/-
(A. K. Das)
Member

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(S. P. Swain)
Member

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(S. P. Nanda)
Chairperson