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

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

## Case No. 75/2014

M/s GRIDCO Ltd. Petitioner
Vrs.

M/s. Sri Avantika Power Project Pvt. Ltd. & Others Respondents

In the matter of: An application u/S. 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with S.21 of the

OER Act, 1995 & other enabling provisions for seeking approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) executed between GRIDCO Ltd. and M/s. Avantika Power Projects Pvt. Ltd. for procurement of power from its 18MW (3X6MW) Small Hydro Project on river Jamhori in Koraput

district of Odisha.

For Petitioner: Shri U N. Mishra, CGM (PP), GRIDCO Limited, Shri L. R. Dash, GM

(PP), GRIDCO Limited.

For Respondent: Shri S. K. Harichandan, AGM (Law), CESU, Shri T. K. Mohanty, GM

(Com.), CESU, Shri R. N. Moharana, AM (E), CESU.

No body is present on behalf of M/s. Avantika Power Project Pvt. Ltd., WESCO, NESCO & SOUTHCO Utilities, OREDA, M/s GEDCOL,

DoE, GoO.

## <u>Order</u> Date of order:04.07.2015

The present application has been filed by GRIDCO Limited under Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of power purchase agreement executed with M/s. Sri Avantika Power Project Pvt. Ltd (SAPPPL). M/s. SAPPPL has entered into an MoU with Govt. of Odisha on 15.10.2007 for setting up Saptadhara Small Hydro Electric Project (SHEP) of 18 MW (3x6MW) near Bakuli village in Koraput district. The revised TEC was accorded by the STC for this project vide office Memorandum order dated 28.04.2014. M/s. SAPPL has also executed the implementation Agreement with Govt. of Odisha on 28.10.2014 and Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with GRIDCO on 29.10.2014 for selling of its entire generation of this project to GRIDCO Limited.

- 2. In the present case, GRIDCO Ltd. has submitted the PPA executed with M/s. SAPPPL to the Commission for approval of the same in view of fulfilling the non-solar RPO as determined by the Commission. During the hearing, GRIDCO Limited stated that the terms & conditions of the said PPA are in line with the provisions of order dated 15.01.2014 for determining the generic tariff of RE sources. No representative of M/s. SAPPPL appeared during hearing after repeated calls. There is also no written submission on behalf of them.
- 3. The Commission observed that to meet the non-solar RPO fixed by the Commission purchase of power from small hydro sources is highly essential. After scrutiny of the PPA, it is also observed that all the clauses of the PPA are as per the present guidelines of the Commission except the clauses on metering and rebate. Therefore, the Commission approves the PPA with the following stipulations:
  - (a) Metering should be as per CEA (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
  - (b) Rebate should be as stipulated in the Commission's order dated 15.01.2014 passed in Case No. 80/2013.
- 4. However, this approval of PPA is subject to any further orders / Regulations of the Commission passed for the control period during which the project is commissioned. Considering the necessity of rapid development of small hydro power projects in the State, M/s. Sri Avantika Power Project Pvt. Ltd. is directed to commence the project work at the site within March, 2016 failing which the present approval of the PPA shall be withdrawn. GRIDCO and EIC (Electricity), Odisha are directed to monitor the project accordingly and report compliance to the Commission.
- 5. With the above direction the case is disposed of.

Sd/-(A. K. Das) Member Sd/-(S. P. Swain) Member

(S. P. Nanda) Chairperson

Sd/-