

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

**Present: Shri S. C. Mahapatra, Chairperson
Shri G. Mohapatra, Member
Shri S. K. Ray Mohapatra, Member**

Case No. 03/2023

M/s. South Eastern Railway Petitioner

Vrs.

TPWODL & Another Respondents

In the matter of: Application under Regulation 139 of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 for approval of draft Tripartite Agreement for enhancement of Contract Demand from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV of the 132/25 kV Rourkela Traction Sub-Station (RTSS) of South Eastern Railway at Rourkela (inside RSP premises).

For Petitioner: Shri Ravi Kumar Ranjeet, Divisional Railway Manager (TRD) and Shri Prasant Kumar Satapathy, Chief Technical Assistant, S.E. Railway, Chakradharpur Division.

For Respondents: Shri K. C. Nanda, GM (Fin.), TPWODL.
None appears on behalf of M/s. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), RSP, Rourkela.

ORDER

Date of Hearing: 25.04.2023

Date of Order: 02.05.2023

The Petitioner-South Eastern Railway (S.E. Railway), Chakradharpur Division has filed the present petition for approval of the draft Tripartite Agreement executed amongst TPWODL, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and DRM (TRD), S.E. Railway, Chakradharpur for enhancement of Contract Demand (CD) from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA for supply of power by TPWODL to 132/25 kV RTSS of S.E Railway through MSDS-VI Sub-station of SAIL at RSP, Rourkela.

2. The representative of the Petitioner has submitted that:

a) The Commission, vide its order dated 28.09.2020 in Case No.33 of 2020, had accorded in principle approval, under Regulation 139 of OERC Distribution

(Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019, for execution of Tripartite Agreement amongst TPWODL, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and DRM (TRD), S.E. Railway, Chakradharpur, for supply of 12500 kVA power by TPWODL to 132/25 kV RTSS of S.E Railway through MSDS-VI Sub-station of SAIL at RSP, Rourkela. Accordingly, a Tripartite Agreement was executed on 06.02.2021 between the parties.

- b) During continuance of the above Tripartite Agreement, the Petitioner (Consumer), with the consent of the SAIL (RSP), had applied TPWODL on 21.06.2021 for enhancement of load from 12500 kVA to 16500 kVA due to running of more number of trains, which was allowed by TPWODL and accordingly, the Tripartite Agreement dated 06.02.2021 was amended by the parties, vide amended Tripartite Agreement dated 29.10.2021.
 - c) Now, the Petitioner (Consumer) had again applied TPWODL on 24.08.2022 for enhancement of contract demand from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA due to further increase in load, for which TPWODL, vide its letter dated 18.10.2022, had requested OERC for necessary directions / approval for such enhancement of load. In response, OERC vide its letter dated 05.12.2022, advised to file a formal petition before the Commission for the purpose. Accordingly, an amended draft Tripartite Agreement dated 22.12.2022 has been submitted by the Petitioner for enhancement of the CD from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV level.
 - d) The Petitioner (Consumer) has prayed the Commission to accord approval of the amended draft Tripartite Agreement for availing power supply to 132/25 kV RTSS of S.E Railway through MSDS-VI Sub-station of SAIL at RSP, with enhanced CD of 18500 kVA at 132 kV level, after which the final amended Tripartite Agreement will be executed. The Petitioner has further prayed to give in-principle approval for amendment of the said Tripartite Agreement in future with respect to enhancement of CD without approaching the Commission as the Railway Traction Load is increasing from time to time due to running of more number of trains.
3. During the hearing, the Respondent-TPWODL has stated that they have no objection for enhancement of CD from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV system of 132/25 kV Rourkela Traction Sub-station of S.E. Railway at Rourkela inside the RSP premises. TPWODL has already agreed and signed the subject draft Tripartite Agreement. As directed by the Commission, TPWODL has submitted the consent letter of OPTCL for such load enhancement. The OPTCL, vide its letter dated 19.01.2023 to TPWODL, has

- c) Now, the Petitioner (Consumer) has again applied to TPWODL for enhancement of contract demand from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV level due to further increase in traction load and as advised by TPWODL, the Petitioner has approached the Commission seeking approval of the amended draft Tripartite Agreement dated 22.12.2022 for enhancement of the above mentioned CD.
- d) The Respondents, M/s. TPWODL & M/s. SAIL have no objection for enhancement of CD from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV level. As per the direction of the Commission, M/s. TPWODL has also submitted the consent letter of OPTCL for such enhancement of CD.
- e) Since M/s. SAIL is the consumer of TPWODL, GRIDCO has no role for such supply of power to M/s. SAIL with enhanced CD, as GRIDCO has to supply power to TPWODL as per the drawl schedule prepared by SLDC and any over drawl of power shall be dealt between GRIDCO and TPWODL as per the relevant Rules and Regulations.
6. In view of the above observations, we accord in-principle approval, under Regulation 139 of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019, for amendment of existing Tripartite Agreement executed amongst TPWODL, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and DRM (TRD), S.E. Railway, Chakradharpur in respect of enhancement of Contract Demand from 16500 kVA to 18500 kVA at 132 kV level for supply of power by TPWODL to 132/25 kV RTSS of S.E Railway through MSDS-VI Sub-station of SAIL at RSP, Rourkela. However, it is directed that the procedure for billing of such supply of power and other terms and conditions, as directed by the Commission vide its earlier order dated 28.09.2020 passed in Case No.33 of 2020, shall be followed
7. In future, TPWODL may allow SE Railway for further enhancement of CD with consent of SAIL & OPTCL in line with the provisions of OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply) Code, 2019. However, amended Tripartite Agreement executed between the parties needs to be submitted for approval of the Commission.
8. With the above observations and direction, the Case is disposed of.

Sd/-
(S. K. Ray Mohapatra)
Member

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(G. Mohapatra)
Member

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(S. C. Mahapatra)
Chairperson