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Petition No. 54 of 2026

In the matter

"Petition under section 86 (1)(k) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with clause 44 of the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2009, seeking clarification with respect to order dated 26.02.2026 passed in petition No. 55 of 2025."

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited
Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.) ... Petitioner

Versus

Real Ispat and Energy Pvt. Ltd.
Raipur (C.G.) ... Respondent

PRESENT : Vivek Ganodwale, Member (Law)
Ajay Kumar Singh, Member (Technical)

Appearance : Shri Abhinav Kardekar and Shri Ayush Solanki, counsels
along with Shri T.N. Biju, EE for petitioner CSPDCL.

Shri Shyam Kabra, representative for Respondent.

O R D E R
(May 21, 2026)

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (in short, 'CSPDCL' or 'Petitioner'), has filed this petition under Section 86(1)(k) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Clause 44 of the CSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 seeking clarification with respect to order dated 26.02.2026 passed in Petition No. 55 of 2025.

2. The respondent, M/s Real Ispat and Power Private Limited is an integrated steel plant and has commissioned 20 MW WHRB Captive

Power Plant based on hot flue gases emanating from its 650 TPD Sponge Iron Kiln.

- 3.** The Commission vide order dated 26.02.2026 issued in Petition No. 55 of 2025 in the matter of billing of the Respondent in terms of the provisions of the Supply Code, 2011 and the relevant applicable tariff orders issued by the Commission directed the petitioner to consider the respondent under 'HV-4 Steel Industry' category with "zero" contract demand. Further, the Commission directed Petitioner CSPDCL to bill the drawl of power by Real Ispat under "Standby Charges" as provided in the relevant tariff orders
- 4.** The Petitioner CSPDCL submits that as per the order dated 26.02.2026, the respondent is to be considered under 'HV-4 Steel Industry' category and any excess drawl by it, would result in levy of additional charges as per the provisions of the Tariff Order for the FY 2025-26. It is being the first case wherein "zero" contract demand has been allowed for any consumer in 'HV-4 Steel Industry' category, they are facing difficulty in billing of the consumer as per the order dated 26.02.2026 issued by the Commission.
- 5.** The petitioner has also sought clarification that since the Commission has directed to bill the respondent under Standby Charges, it would mean that the respondent could be treated as Standby Arrangement and therefore, respondent would be liable to intimate petitioner every time before availing power from the grid, as mandated under clause 12.15 of the Supply Code, 2011.
- 6.** With the above submission, the Petitioner prayed for following clarifications:

- (i) To provide clarification with respect to billing of the respondent while treating it as consumer falling under "HV-4 Steel Industry" category and allowing it to avail "zero" contract demand;
- (ii) To clarify regarding applicability of clause 12.15 of the Supply Code, 2011 on the power being drawn by the respondent from the petitioner;
- (iii) To provide billing modalities for the consumers availing "zero" contract demand and falling under any tariff category apart from "HV-7 Start Up Power" tariff category.

Respondent's Submission:

- 7. The representative of the respondent Shri Shyam Kabra, during the hearing, submitted that the Commission's order dated 26.02.2026 issued in petition No. 55 of 2025 is comprehensive and stands complete in every aspect, hence requires no further clarification. Further, it is submitted that the licensee is deliberately delaying in implementing the directives issued vide Commission's order dated 26.02.2026.

Commission's View and Clarification:

- 8. As per the Commission's order dated 26.02.2026 the primary category of the drawl entity i.e., the respondent M/s Real Ispat & Energy Private Limited has been retained under as Steel Industry. This has generated a confusion to the petitioner that the defined tariff HV-4 category shall be applicable to the respondent along with it's various mandatory other provisions like ToD and billing of additional charge in case of access of drawl of power beyond contracted capacity.

9. It is pertinent to outline in this particular case that paramount need of power by drawl entity is to run the steel plant initially and then the power requirement will get reduced (upto even "zero") after receiving requisite quantum of power from it's captive generating plant operating on waste flue gases from the steel plant (sponge iron section). The Commission has considered that the facility of load reduction upto "zero" contract demand in accordance with the existing provisions available under clause 12.14 of Supply Code, 2011 is equitable in this particular case. It is apt to clarify here that HV-4 is a tariff category for classified steel industry consumers, however, when any such HV/EHV consumers reduced it's CD even to "zero" on availing power from it's captive power plant, then tariff applicability will be governed through the provisions specified under relevant tariff order as Standby Charges. The tariff for Standby Charges has already been designed at two times of the per unit weighted average tariff of HV consumers.
10. It is further clarified that invoking the conditions stipulated under clause 12.15 of Supply Code, 2011 is intended for conventional captive (primarily remote located) power plant catering power to it's captive load after availing open access facility of power transaction through licensee's grid.

We clarify accordingly.

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Member (Tech.)

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(Vivek Ganodwale)
Member (Law)