



Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Petition No. 31 of 2007(M)

M/s. Arasmeta Captive Power Co. Pvt. Ltd.

.... Petitioner

V/s

Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board & Others
Raipur

.... Respondent

Copy of order in order sheet dated 20.03.2008

Petitioner by Shri Sanjay Sen, Advocate with Shri Ramesh Kumar, Chief Financial Officer of the company. Respondent CSEB by Shri Arun Bhatnagar, SE.

2. CSEB submits their reply. In their reply CSEB has submitted that the Bhatapara-Akaltara 132KV feeder link is essentially to meet emergencies during breakdowns/ shutdowns. Such links must be available freely with the system-operator to ensure continuity of their grid operation. The long-term open access as required by the petitioner for 16MW power, cannot, therefore, be allowed permanently on this link. It can be availed only through independent connectivity of the petitioner's power plant with 132KV sub-station at Akaltara, which is the nearest EHV sub-station. CSEB has pleaded that the petitioner should be directed to avail independent connectivity to EHV sub-station as early as possible, for availing long-term open access. Secondly, CSEB has submitted that because of some delay in the operation of Board's new power station at Korba (East) and a new evacuation system through 220KV Suhela sub-station which is expected to be ready for immediate evacuation of power of their new power plant, the expected power flow through Bhatapara-Akaltara feeder may be less than expected. Therefore, the present short-term open access may be continued for some further period. However, the CSEB would like the petitioner to avail independent connectivity with EHV sub-station, as above, without any loss of time. The petitioner has no objection to this position and agrees to avail independent connectivity through EHV sub-station as proposed by respondent CSEB. However, independent connectivity requires a new bay at the 132KV sub-station at Akaltara and laying of a new feeder of 16 km length between this sub-station and the petitioner's generating station. It was the petitioner's estimate that erection of this new transmission line will take about one years' time. CSEB has no objection to this time schedule provided the petitioner starts this work in right earnest. The feeder line may be set up by the petitioner under his own arrangement under the supervision of CSEB or he may deposit the entire cost of the feeder with the CSEB which may then erect the feeder. It was agreed between the parties that they would mutually decide the further course of action for erecting the feeder.

3. In view of the above we order as follows:
- (i) The petitioner and the respondent CSEB shall mutually decide within ten days whether the former would like to get the feeder line laid through CSEB or on its own under CSEB's supervision. If the petitioner opts for the feeder being erected by CSEB, then CSEB shall provide the cost estimates of the line, which CSEB says is ready with them, forthwith to the petitioner and the requisite funds shall be deposited by the petitioner by the end of this month.
 - (ii) Whether the new feeder line is erected by the CSEB or by the petitioner himself, it has to be completed and operational within a period of one year.
 - (iii) The petitioner is permitted to avail short-term open access till the independent connectivity as above, is obtained subject to necessary agreement with CSEB and payment of necessary open access charges as per the Commission's Regulations. The open access is permitted in view of the circumstances of the case in relaxation of the provision of the Grid Code regarding independent connectivity of the generator.
4. With the above directions the case may be filed. These orders may be communicated to the parties.

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Member

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Chairman