

Sub: In the matter of petition for approval of 1.0 MVA temporary connection at 33 kV from M.P.Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd. to M/s MB Power Ltd. located at Laharpur Village, Jatahari Tehsil, District Anuppur for drawing construction power in addition to a 400 kV transmission line of PGCIL.

ORDER

(Date of hearing: 11th November,2014)

(Date of order: 12th November,2014)

M/s MB Power (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd., - Petitioner
Hotel Govindam Complex, Kotma Road,
Anuppur

M.P. Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., - Respondent
Shakti Bhawan, Rampur,
Jabalpur- 482 008

Shri Sujit Saxena, G.M. of the company appeared on behalf of the petitioner.
Smt. Sadhna Dixit, DGM (Com) appeared on behalf of the respondent.

2. The petitioner, M/s MB Power (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd. has filed this petition seeking approval of 1.0 MVA temporary connection at 33 kV from the respondent for drawing construction power in addition to the supply at 400 kV transmission line of PGCIL for testing and commissioning.

3. The petitioner has stated that:

- (a) M/s MB (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd. is constructing a 2520 MW Thermal Power Project at village Laharpur in District Anuppur. On the request of the petitioner, a 33 kV permanent connection for a contract demand of 5 MVA in phased manner for construction purpose was sanctioned and the supply was availed by the petitioner from 30.12.2011 to 25.07.2014.
- (b) Subsequently, due to load limitations at 33 kV and to meet the commissioning requirement of 19.5 MVA load, a temporary connection for a contract demand of 19506 kVA in phased manner at 132 kV was sanctioned in the same premises. The 132 kV temporary connection was served on 25.07.2014 which is still continued and the 33 kV connection was disconnected on 25.07.2014 prior to serving 132 kV connection. The 33 kV feeder is now idle but in charged condition and the same is in a position to be utilized for any future connection from the respondent at 33 kV.
- (c) The power generated by the aforesaid project is to be evacuated to 765/400 kV sub-station of PGCIL through a 400 kV D/c transmission line of PGCIL. By order dated 18.09.2013 in petition no. 259/MP/2012, the CERC has approved drawl of start-up power (not for construction purposes) by generating stations under UI mechanism through connectivity with Inter-state transmission system of CTU. The

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CERC further directed that for meeting the power requirement for construction activities, the generating station may avail a separate connection from the concerned Discom.

(d) In view of the higher tariff of power at 132 kV vis-à-vis permissible drawl under UI mechanism, the petitioner has submitted application to the RLDC for availing start-up power under UI mechanism through 400 kV transmission line of PGCIL. For the power requirement of 1.0 MVA for construction activities, a fresh 33 kV connection instead of 132 kV from the respondent is required. Once the 33 kV connection is restored, the 132 kV connection shall be got disconnected. The existing 33 kV charged feeder may be utilized for this purpose. The SE(O&M), Shahdol had visited the project premises and submitted the report regarding supply arrangement. Hence, this petition.

4. The petitioner has prayed to the Commission to approve the request for 1.0 MVA connection at 33 kV feeder from the respondent through the existing idle 33 kV feeder kept in charged condition for meeting the power requirement for construction activities of the aforesaid project.

5. The matter was heard on 11.11.2014. Respondent made written submissions. During the hearing, the petitioner reiterated the contents of the petition. In its submissions, the respondent submitted that the SE (O&M), Shahdol has confirmed that there is no proximity between the 33 kV switchyard and 400 kV switchyard in the premises of the petitioner and there is no direct possibility of supply from one system to another. The respondent requested the Commission to take a holistic view in the matter and issue suitable directives. During the hearing, the representative of the respondent agreed to accept the request of the petitioner.

6. Having heard both parties and on considering their written submissions, the Commission has noted that the respondent has not submitted the reasons for non removal of 33 kV supply network after permanent disconnection and keeping the same feeder in charged condition. As such, the respondent has not taken suitable action as per the provisions contained in clause 7.27 of the M.P. Electricity Supply Code, 2013.

7. The Commission further noted that the CERC has notified CERC (Grant of connectivity, Long-term access and Medium-term open access in inter-state transmission and related matters) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2014 on 12.08.2014. The Regulation 8(7) of the aforesaid Regulations allows a generating station to inter-change infirm power with the grid during the commissioning period including testing and full load testing before the COD provided that the start-up power shall not be used for the construction activities. By its order dated 18.09.2013 in petition no. 259/MP/2012, the CERC has directed that while allowing drawal of start-up power, the concerned RLDC should satisfy that the power drawn is for the purpose of construction activities in the generating station which should be met by making arrangement with the concerned distribution company.

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8. In view of the above, the Commission allows the petitioner to avail 1.0 MVA temporary connection at 33 kV for construction activities from the respondent in addition to the supply at 400 kV transmission line of PGCIL for testing and commissioning. The technical feasibility for providing 33 kV supply shall be ensured by the respondent. The Commission also directs the respondent to disconnect the existing 132 kV supply before connecting 33 kV supply and remove the 132 kV supply network promptly as per the provisions of the M.P. Electricity Supply Code, 2013.

Ordered accordingly.

(Alok Gupta)
Member

(A.B.Bajpai)
Member

(Rakesh Sahni)
Chairman