

Sub : In the matter of start-up power connection for the synchronization with the grid.

Petition No. 46/2012

ORDER

(Date of hearing 10th July, 2012)

(Date of order 18th July, 2012)

M/s Pragya Energy Pvt. Ltd.,
35, B/2, Nayagaon, Rampur,
Jabalpur - 482008.

- Petitioner

V/s

MP Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,
Block No.7, Shakti Bhawan, Rampur, Jabalpur.

- Respondent

Shri Ravi Vaishya, Director appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Smt. S.Dixit, EE appeared on behalf of Respondent.

2. The petitioner, M/s Pragya Energy Pvt. Ltd. has filed this petition in the matter of start-up connection for the synchronization with the grid.

3. The petitioner has filed the present petition for seeking clarification on the terms and conditions for start-up power connection applicable for generators already connected to the grid and who desire to avail power for synchronization with the grid or start-up power as per the HV Schedule of final tariff order dated 31.03.2012 for FY 2012-13 and separate LT connection for in house sizing of the biomass.

4. The petitioner has prayed as under :

- (a) Relax availing separate connection for start-up power as aforesaid and allow import of power adjusted from export of power through the same metering arrangement.
- (b) Grant the permission of separate LT connection in the power plant for the in-house sizing of the biomass.
- (c) Consider under mentioned prayers in case the Commission do not allow petitioner's request at (a) above:

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- (i) Grant permission of start-up power connection of 127.5 KW contract demand considering 850 KW gasifier as one unit, if (a) is not considered;
- (ii) Grant permission of single monthly billing of the actual demand recorded and energy consumed on the monthly basis under start-up power connection by billing monthly fixed charges on pro-rata basis based on actual drawl hours at each occasion, if (a) is not granted.

5. The case was listed for motion hearing on 25.06.2012. The petitioner reiterated the contents of the petition.

6. The Commission admitted the petition and directed that the notice be issued to the respondent.

7. The case was listed for hearing on 03.07.2012 which was adjourned and rescheduled on 10.07.2012 at the request of the respondent.

8. During the hearing on 10.07.2012, the petitioner reiterated the contents of the petition and submitted that the fixed charges have to be levied prorata as and when power is drawn and not on a full monthly basis. The petitioner also submitted that start-up connection with contract demand of 127.5 KW instead of 37.5 KW may be considered with effect from the date of connection.

9. During the hearing, the representative of respondent submitted that written reply is already submitted. The respondent in its written submission mentioned that minimum power requirement of 150 HP for start-up power in this particular case appears to be in order.

10. On hearing the petitioner and the respondent, the Commission is of the view that the petitioner's request regarding separate connections for start-up power and to

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allow import of power adjusted from export power through the same metering arrangement cannot be accepted. Terms and conditions governing start-up power will remain as prescribed in the retail tariff order. Also, the permission for separate LT connection for in house sizing of the biomass cannot be given as the provisions of the MP Electricity Supply Code do not permit two separate connections in the same premises. Regarding start-up power connection of 127.5 KW, the Commission directs that the petitioner may be allowed start-up power connection as per the requirement of the petitioner subject to maximum of 15% of the 850 KW gasifier as one unit. On the issue of billing of demand and energy consumed, the Commission has already issued necessary clarifications in Petition No. 53/2012 which is reproduced below:-

“As the tariff order provides that for synchronization or start up power to generators already connected to grid, demand charges are to be billed for each occasion, the demand charges prescribed for billing period will have to be pro-rated for the period the said demand was availed. For this purpose, the prescribed demand charges should be multiplied by demand availed and the hours (to be rounded off to next higher integer) for which the demand was availed and then divided by total hours in that month. This should be done for each occasion the start-up power is availed and sum total of such demand charges should be claimed as demand charges for the billing period. However, the total energy recorded as consumed during the billing period may be billed as per retail supply tariff order. This clarification shall take effect from the date of effect of tariff order i.e. 10.04.2012. The bills raised thereafter be revised according to abovesaid clarification.”

11. With the above directions, the Petition No. 46 of 2012 stands disposed of.

Ordered accordingly,

sd/-
(C.S.Sharma)
Member

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(Rakesh Sahni)
Chairman