



Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Petition No.26 of 2006(M)

In the matter of application for categorization of tariff for intake-well pump house by M/s Prakash Industries Ltd.

M/s Prakash Industries Ltd. : Petitioner

V/s

Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board : Respondent

ORDER (Passed on 21/09/2006)

M/s Prakash Industries Ltd., Champa has filed a petition for change in classification of electricity tariff made applicable to its water supply pumps used for supply of water to its steel plant. The steel plant avails power supply from the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB), the respondent, on 33 KV for a contract demand of 10,000 KVA and for the purpose of tariff, it has been placed in tariff category HV-5 (Power Intensive Industries). The water requirement of the steel plant is met from an intake-well pump house which is situated on the western bank of Hasdeo river at village Udaybandh, 1.5 KM across the river from the steel plant. They have taken a connection of 500 KVA on 33 KV for the intake-well pump house which was given to them on 24/01/06. At the time of execution of the HT agreement for 33 KV supply by then prevailing two part tariff (33 KV-7A) was made applicable. The petitioner states that the CSEB has started billing this pump connection at HV-6 tariff which is applicable to other HT industries instead of billing at HV-5 tariff which is equivalent to two part tariff of then prevailing tariff as per order of dated 1st March 1999, for M.P. Electricity Board which became applicable to consumers of CSEB, the successor of MPEB in Chhattisgarh. The plea of the petitioner is that although the pump house is located away from the premises of the steel plant, the purpose of the pump is to supply water primarily to meet the water requirement of the steel plant. Had water been available at the location of the industry, the petitioner would have used the power connection to the industry for pumping of water also. Since the sole purpose of pumping water is to meet the requirement of the steel plant, the tariff applicable to the pump should be the same as applicable to the steel plant i.e. HV-5. The petition has been filed to seek the Commission's intervention to change the tariff category from the present HV-6 to HV-5.

2. In two similar petitions filed by M/s Jayaswals NECO Ltd. (petition No. 39 of 2005) and M/s Monnet Ispat and Energy Ltd. [petition No. 21 of 2006 (M)], this Commission vide orders passed on 24/12/05 and 28/06/06 respectively has already held that a power connection to the pump house which is an ancillary to the steel plant should attract the same tariff as the steel plant i.e. HV-5 (tariff order 2005-06). The facts of the present case of M/s Prakash Industries are similar to those of these two cases. Before passing orders on the petitions filed by M/s Jayaswals NECO Ltd. and M/s Monnet Ispat and Energy Ltd., the

Commission had given full opportunity to the CSEB to put up their case and had carefully considered their arguments. In this case, the Board was not represented by anybody inspite of the fact that notice was issued to the Chief Engineer (Commercial) as well as the Chief Engineer, Bilaspur region, Bilaspur for appearance on 20/09/06.

3. Pumping of water for industrial purpose does not come under tariff category HV-6 which is meant for other HT industries. This tariff is applicable to electro-chemical and electro-thermal units and all other industries not covered under category HV-1 to HV-5. Since, there is no separate tariff for pumping of water for industrial use through a pump located at a place away from the premises of the steel industry and keeping in view the fact that had a water source been available in the premises in which the industry is located, the power connection of the industry would have served the needs of water pumping, the Commission holds that for water supply of an industry when it is served by a separate connection should attract the same tariff as the industry.

4. We, therefore, hold in this case also, as in the other two aforementioned that the tariff applicable to the water pumps used for supply of water to the steel plant of the petitioner shall be the same as is applicable to the steel plant i.e. HV-5 (tariff order 2005-06). This shall be effective from the date of connection i.e. 24/01/06 and shall change to equivalent tariff in subsequent tariff orders.

Copy of this order may be given to the petitioner and the respondent.

Sd/-
Member

Sd/-
Chairman

True Copy

(N.K.Rupwani)
Secretary