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Petition No. 37 of 2017(M)

In the matter of:

Adoption of tariff determined through competitive bidding process in accordance with guidelines issued by Govt. of India under section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Present: Narayan Singh, Chairman
Arun Kumar Sharma, Member

**Interim Order
(Dated August 16, 2017)**

Whereas under section 86(1)(b) of the Act 2003, approval was given to Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (CSPDCL) to procure short term power vide Order dated 14.07.2015 in suo-motu P. No. 14 of 2015 in the matter of "Term and conditions and pricing of power to be purchased in short-term by the Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. for the year 2015-16."


2. And whereas order passed in suo-motu petition P. No. 14 of 2015 is still applicable for short-term purchase of power by CSPDCL for 2017-18 also till it is revised or amended by new order.
3. And whereas as per the order in suo-motu **Petition No. 36 of 2017(M)** CSPDCL has submitted a petition for adoption of tariff for short-term power purchase for the period August to October 2017. Approval has been sought for the rates discovered in bidding which is higher than approved maximum ceiling rate.
4. The rates discovered for procurement of short-term power purchase through DEEP e-bidding portal which is higher than approved maximum ceiling in different time blocks are as follows:

S. No.	Period	Time block	Quantum	Rate	Trader	Supplier
1	08.08.2017-31.08.2017	18:00 to 23:00	300 MW	3.74	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)
		23:00 to 24:00	300 MW	3.14	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)

S. No.	Period	Time block	Quantum	Rate	Trader	Supplier
2	01.09.2017-30.09.2017	18:00 to 23:00	200 MW	3.74	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)
		23:00 to 24:00	100 MW	3.54	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)
3	01.10.2017-31.10.2017	18:00 to 23:00	300 MW	3.32	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)
		23:00 to 24:00	200 MW	3.33	PTC India Ltd./74475	JNSTPP(MP)

5. CSPDCL has submitted that inadequate rains in Central part of State has resulted in increase in demand due to agriculture pump load and air-conditioners/coolers load. CSPDCL has stated that as per zero power cut policy of State CSPDCL is required to supply power on 24 hours basis. CSPDCL has requested to issue interim order if required.
6. From the submission of CSPDCL, prima facie it appears that power available with CSPDCL is not sufficient to meet its increased power demand. From the load generation daily report submitted by SLDC, it is observed that there are frequent interruption in power supply from State owned Power station for the past few days. Poor rains and power requirement owing to festivals may result in increased demand in the month of August. The petition of CSPDCL has to be disposed of after due regulatory process. However, looking to urgency of the matter it is decided to issue an interim order for short-term power purchase for the remaining days of month of August 2017.
7. Section 94 (2) of the Act reads as under:

"The Appropriate Commission shall have the powers to pass such interim order in any proceeding, hearing or matter before the Appropriate Commission, as that Commission may consider appropriate."
8. Considering the facts and circumstances of increased power demand due to poor rains, festival season (Janmastami Utsav, Ganesh Puja) and less long-term power availability an interim approval is granted for short-term power purchase for remaining period of month of August 2017 under section 86(1)(b), 94(2) of the Act and clause 14(2) of the guidelines dated March22, 2006. The Commission hereby pass the interim order to purchase short-term power as proposed by CSPDCL which is as under for the period of 17.08.2017 to 31.08.2017 only.

S No.	Period	Time block	Quantum	Rate	Trader	Supplier
1	17.08.2017 to 31.08.2017	18:00 to 23:00	300 MW	3.74	PTC India Ltd. /74475	JNSTPP (MP)
		23:00 to 24:00	300 MW	3.14	PTC India Ltd. /74475	JNSTPP (MP)

This order is limited to interim approval of short-term power purchase for the period 17th to 31st August 2017 only.


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Member


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Chairman