Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ranchi Form of Proceedings Case No. 09 of 2012

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Tata Steel Limited

Distribution Licensee/Petitioner

For the petitioner : Mr. Manish Mishra, Advocate

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07	14.09.2016	Heard Mr. Manish Mishra, learned counsel	
		appearing for the petitioner and perused the record.	
		By order dated 19.2.2016 passed in Appeal No.	
		203 of 2014, the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity	
		has disposed of the said appeal by remanding the matter	
		to the Commission particularly on two issues (i)	
		Distribution loss and (ii) Carrying cost for prior period.	
		As per the record, the petitioner's grievance in the	
		said appeal was that while passing the Tariff Order dated	
		4.6.2015, the Commission had not followed the	
		provisions of JSERC (Terms & Conditions for	
		determination of Distribution Tariff) Regulations 2010,	
		prescribing the normative target loss level to be achieved	
		by the licensee. Further grievance is that in the said order	
		the Commission had not considered the petitioner's	
		efficiency gains on account of achieving lower distribution	
		losses as compared to normative loss level, while	
		considering the loss level on actual basis.	
		The Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity while	

allowing the petitioner's claim held that the loss level considered by the Commission should have been normative one and not actual and in accordance with the relevant provisions of JSERC (Terms & Conditions for determination of Distribution Tariff) Regulations 2010. The Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) held that the concern expressed by the State Commission, while dealing with the said issue, for not extending the supply of electricity in various areas by the petitioner, should have been addressed separately, in the independent proceeding, in accordance with law. The same should not have been a ground for not allowing incentives to the petitioner for achieving lower loss level as compared to normative.

On the issue of determination of carrying cost on regulatory assets, the petitioner's grievance was that the Commission restricted the carrying cost of the Regulatory assets created in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 from June 2014 only and the carrying costs for the prior period was not allowed in the said order of the Commission.

The Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity while accepting the said stand of the petitioner has held that the carrying cost should have been allowed from the prior period, as claimed by the petitioner.

The petitioner had also raised other issues; such as tax on income, but since the said matter has been remanded only on two issues, the other issues have not been taken up for consideration.

After the order of remand by the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, the petitioner has submitted their own calculation on the said two issues.

Though the said calculation/computation needs to be verified, we have not considered the verification necessary for the present in view of the order being passed by us.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and considered their submissions and also in view of the order passed by the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity in Appeal No. 203 of 2014, we dispose of the matter in the following terms:-

With regard to the petitioner's claim of non-(i) consideration of the efficiency gains on account of achieving lower distribution losses as compared to normative loss level in accordance with the JSERC (Terms & Conditions for determination Distribution of Tariff) Regulations 2010 and the order of the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity holding that the loss level should be the normative one and not actual, it is held that the petitioner is entitled for necessary adjustment and the same shall be considered and necessary adjustment shall be made in the ARR of the relevant years along with the next MYT Tariff Order for the

period FY 20	016-17 to FY 2020-21.	
(ii) As regards	determination of carrying cost on	
regulatory a	assets, the claim of the petitioner	
stands allow	ved. The Commission shall review	
the calculat	ion of carrying cost and shall make	
adjustment	of carrying cost for the prior period	
along with	the next MYT Tariff Order for the	
period FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21.		
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