

**IN THE JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT  
RANCHI**

**Case No. 15 of 2022**

Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (TSUISL) ... Petitioner

Versus

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) ..... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. AMITAV KUMAR GUPTA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE MR. MAHENDRA PRASAD, MEMBER (LAW)  
HON'BLE MR. ATUL KUMAR, MEMBER (TECH)**

For the Petitioner :Mr. A.N. Choudhary, Chief Manager, TSUISL, Representative

**Date – 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

1. The Petitioner-Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (TSUISL) formerly known as Jamshedpur Utilities and Services Company Limited (JUSCO) has submitted a petition purported to be filed under section 86(1)(b) and section 94 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with clause 6.29 of the JSERC (Terms and Conditions of Determination of Distribution Tariff) Regulations, 2020 for approval of Power Purchase Agreement between Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (TSUISL) for interconnection point at 132 kV at DVC Manikui Substation in Chandil and 33kV at DVC substation in Jamshedpur.

2. The Prayers of the petitioner-TSUISL are as under:-

- (a) Pass suitable order for approval of draft power purchase agreement between DVC and Tata Steel UISL for its inter-connection point at 132kV at Manikui, Chandil and 33kV at Jamshedpur.
- (b) Pass suitable orders to allow petitioner to enhance/reduce the Contract Demand under the above agreement as per the provisions given in the agreement to meet the demand of consumers in its Licensed area.
- (c) Condone any inadvertent omissions /errors/shortcomings and permit TSUISL, formerly JUSCO to add /change/modify /alter this filing and make further submissions as may be required at a future date.

**Submission of the Petitioner**

3. The representative of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was earlier named as “Jamshedpur Utilities and Services Company Limited (JUSCO)” and therefore the earlier Power purchase agreement was in the name of JUSCO with DVC and it had been purchasing power from DVC at tariff determined by this Commission for DVC.

4. It was further submitted that the Petitioner's network is connected to Damodar Valley Corporation at two interconnection points i.e. 33kV Jamshedpur and 132kV Manikui, Chandil and to meet the growing demand, the Contract Demand of the Petitioner was also changed and enhanced as follows:
- a) 33kV interconnection, Jamshedpur: From 22MVA to 26 MVA w.e.f. 10.03.2021
  - b) 132kV interconnection, Maniuiiki: From 60MVA to 70MVA w.e.f. 05.04.2021
5. The representative once again pointed out that the rate of power purchase shall be based on tariff approved by this Commission from time to time for DVC.

**Commission's observation and findings**

6. We considered the submission made by the petitioner and perused the materials available on records.
7. Under Section 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Commission has the responsibility to regulate the electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees. Section 86 (1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 reads as under:-
- "Section 86 Function of State Commission: - (1) The state Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely:-***
- (a).....*
  - (b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the state;*
8. Hence, under section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the distribution licensee is obligated to get the Power Purchase Agreement, approved by the Commission.
9. It is also observed that the aforesaid PPA is to meet the growing demand of the Petitioner to supply power to the consumers of its Licensed area at the Tariff approved by this Commission from time to time of DVC.

In the result, it is ordered as;

**ORDER**

10. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the prayers of the petitioner are allowed and this Commission approves the purchase of power from DVC at two interconnection points i.e. 70MVA at 132kV Manuiki, Chandil and 26 MVA at 33kV Jamshedpur.
11. The petition is disposed off, accordingly.

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Chairperson