IN THE JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT RANCHI

Case No. 40 of 2023

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

For the Petitioner : Mr. Navin Kumar, Advocate For the Respondent : Mr. Rishi Ranjan Vats, Advocate

Date - 20th December, 2023

- 1. The Petitioner Swarnrekha Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd has filed the instant petition under clause 4.7 of the (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015 for allowing it to take service H.T.S.- Single Shift connection from the respondent-JBVNL at supply voltage of 33kV having 800 kVA contract demand.
- 2. The Petitioner has prayed for the following relief:
 - (a) For a direction upon the respondent- JBVNL to grant service H.T.S. Single Shift connection to the petitioner at supply voltage of 33kV with a contract demand of 800 kVA.
 - (b) To grant any other relief or reliefs as the Hon'ble Commission deems fit and proper in the interest of the justice.

The factual matrix of the case may be appreciated in the following manner:

- 3. It was submitted that the petitioner's company is registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and is involved in the processing of Raw Rice and other allied items and the unit is beneficial to the farming community of the locality as its labour-intensive work has been generating manifold employment and contributing to the overall economic development of the rural area. It is stated that the lack of a quality power connection is causing hindrance for the proper functioning of the company, resulting us lower production of raw rice.
- 4. It was submitted that the petitioner has submitted the necessary documents and applied for a service High Tension (H.T.) connection and accordingly 800kVA connection was sanctioned through online portal of the JBVNL with applicable tariff relating to HTS single shift on 10.03.2023.
- 5. It was contended that due to fluctuating voltage and erratic power supply in the area. The petitioner is suffering great financial loss in running at 11kV power supply line. Therefore, the petitioner again requested the respondent-JBVNL for sanction of 800kVA load on 33kV supply voltage through Bero feeder and consequently the concerned supply sub-division prepared a feasibility report on the petitioner's request and found that prayer of the petitioner's unit may be accorded by JBVNL after due permission of JSERC.
- 6. It is stated that after successful project implementation, the petitioner expects the contract demand to reach or exceed 1500 kVA in the coming 1 or 2 years.
- 7. It was submitted by the petitioner that 33kV line of JBVNL is crossing near the proposed project site of the petitioner's company which eliminates the need for additional capital investment by JBVNL and the technical condition is perfectly alright to allow supply at 33kV voltage with a contract demand of 800kVA.
- 8. It was affirmed by the respondent that the 33kV line namely 33kV Bero

Feeder from Hatia grid is passing near to the gate of the proposed project of the Petitioner's company and it was further submitted that if supply on 33kV is permitted by the Hon'ble JSERC then required expenditure for energy through the noted 33kV supply will have to be borne by the Petitioner's company.

9. The petitioner has consented and admitted that he shall not claim any Higher voltage rebate for availing supply of power at 33kV with a contract demand of 800kVA and shall bear necessary installation cost of bringing 33kV line to its factory premises.

Considering the submission of the parties it is hereby ordered as under:

<u>ORDER</u>

- 10. The prayer of the petitioner is allowed. The respondent may allow H.T. connection service to the petitioner at supply voltage of 33kV with a contract demand of 800kVA after ensuring proper arrangement of metering, billing and network system protection.
- 11. It is clarified as admitted by the petitioner that the petitioner will not avail voltage rebate corresponding to 33kV voltage level as per JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
- 12. In the result, the petition is disposed off in terms of the observation made in the above order.

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