

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

Case No. 28 of 2026

Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Ltd. (TSUISL)..... Petitioner
Versus
Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVNEET KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. MAHENDRA PRASAD, MEMBER (LAW)**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Navin Kumar, Advocate
For the Respondent : Ms. Khushboo Kataruka , Advocate

ORDER

Date – 27th August, 2026

1. The Petitioner – Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (hereinafter referred to as “TSUISL” or “Petitioner”), a Distribution Licensee in the State of Jharkhand has filed the instant petition under section 86(1)(b) and 94 of the Electricity Act 2003 and clause 6.29 of JSERC (Distribution Tariff) Regulations, 2025, for approval of Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) between Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited.
2. The Prayers of the Petitioner are as under: -
 - (a) Pass suitable order approval for enhancement of 10 MW load from DVC and approve draft supplementary power purchase agreement between Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited to source additional power from DVC as requested in this petition.

- (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 Tata Steel UISL, 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. Petitioner is a Second Power Distribution Licensee for Saraikela-Kharasawan district in Jharkhand vide License granted by Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission on 01.12.2006.
4. Petitioner submitted that it purchases power from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) and Tata Steel Limited (TSL). Approximately 65% power requirement is met from DVC and rest is met from TSL.
5. The existing contracted capacity with DVC’s generating stations are as follows:

DVC Station	Generating Units	Installed Capacity	Current Allocated Capacity
Bokaro Thermal Power Station (BTPS)	Unit #1	1 X 500 MW	32 MW
Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station (DSTPS)	Unit #1&2	2 X 500 MW	40 MW
Raghunathpur Thermal Power Station (RTPS)	Unit #1&2	2 X 600 MW	48 MW
Total			120 MW

6. Petitioner applied to Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) vide letter dated 28.04.2026 for allocation of additional power from DVC's generating stations to meet the increasing power demand of consumers within its licensed distribution area in Seraikela-Kharsawan district.
7. Vide mail dated 02.07.2026, DVC informed and explained the

possibility of additional 10 MW power drawl at 33 kV from DVC's Jamshedpur Substation is technically feasible and same additional 10 MW capacity also can be allocated from its DSTPS.

8. In view of the above and pursuant to the approval granted by the Commission for additional drawl of 10 MW at the 33 kV Jamshedpur consumption point, DVC has proposed amendment of the existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) quantum by 10 MW, thereby increasing the total contracted PPA quantum from 120 MW to 130 MW. The additional allocation of 10 MW shall be sourced from DVC's DSTPS generating station (2 × 500 MW) and shall be over and above the existing allocation of 40 MW from the said generator. Accordingly, DVC has conveyed its willingness to enhance the contracted capacity by 10 MW to facilitate meeting the growing demand in the licensed area of Petitioner.
9. The revised contracted capacity with DVC's generating stations will be as follows:

DVC Station	Generating Units	Installed Capacity	Current Allocated Capacity
Bokaro Thermal Power Station (BTPS)	Unit #1	1 X 500 MW	32 MW
Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station (DSTPS)	Unit #1&2	2 X 500 MW	50 MW
Raghunathpur Thermal Power Station (RTPS)	Unit #1&2	2 X 600 MW	48 MW
Total			130 MW

10. Petitioner further submitted that the terms and conditions for this power supply shall remain unchanged as per the existing PPA signed with DVC, approved by the Commission.
11. Respondent-DVC has also agreed with the terms and conditions of the Power Purchase Agreement and requested to approve the same.

Commission’s Observation and findings

12. The Commission considered the submission made by the parties and perused the materials available on records.
13. 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 and promote co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy. The relevant Section of the Electricity Act, 2003 reads as under:

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“Section 86 Function of State Commission: - (1) The state Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely: -

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(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;

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14.It is evident from above that under section 86(1)(b) of the Act, the distribution licensee is obligated to get the Power Purchase Agreement, approved by the Commission.

15.Further, Clause 6.29 of the JSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Distribution Tariff) Regulations, 2025, mandates that the Distribution Licensee shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission for any agreement or arrangement pertaining to power procurement. The relevant Section of the said regulation reads as under:

“6.29 Every agreement or arrangement for power procurement by a Distribution Licensee from a Generating Company or Licensee or from other source of supply entered into shall come into effect only with the prior approval of the Commission:

Provided that the prior approval of the Commission shall be required in respect of any agreement or arrangement for power procurement by the

Distribution Licensee from a Generating Company or Licensee or from any other source of supply on a standby basis:

Provided further that the prior approval of the Commission shall be required for any change to an existing arrangement or agreement for power procurement, whether or not such existing arrangement or agreement was approved by the Commission.”

16. The Commission observes that TSUISL is a distribution licensee and is required to ensure adequate and reliable power supply to consumers within its licensed area.
17. The Commission further observes that the proposed arrangement is primarily intended to facilitate enhancement of available power allocation from DVC for meeting growing demand and strengthening supply reliability.
18. The Commission is of the view that procurement of additional power through an approved contractual framework is consistent with prudent power procurement planning and consumer interest, subject to compliance with all statutory and regulatory provisions.
19. The Petitioner shall ensure compliance with Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), scheduling, dispatch, metering, accounting and all other applicable regulatory requirements.

ORDER

20. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Electricity Act, 2003 and the applicable provisions of the JSERC Regulations, the Commission hereby accords approval of enhancement of 10 MW load from DVC and approve supplementary power purchase agreement between DVC and Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited in the interest of consumer at large vis-a-vis Power Procurement planning.

Accordingly, with the above observations and directions, the instant Petition stands **allowed and disposed of**.

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Member (L)

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Chairperson