

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Petition No: TP-07 of 2018

**Subject : Hearing on Petition filed by Ms. Devi Energies Pvt Ltd for 132kV
Transmission System for evacuation of power from 24MW Dikshi, HEP.**

Petitioner : M/s Devi Energies Pvt Ltd

Respondent: Department of Power, Arunachal Pradesh and all stakeholders

Date of Hearing: 11/12/2019

Coram : HON'BLE SHRI RAGHUNATH PRASAD SINGH, CHAIRPERSON

Present:

M/s Devi Energies P Ltd.

1. Shri A.L Nagaraju,MD
2. Shri. S.Elangovan, Director
3. Shri D.K Thongdok,Director
4. Shri V.K Gupta,Consultant
5. Shri C.M Jain,Consultant
6. Shri A.K Maggu,Advisor

Department of Power

7. Shri T.Mara,CE(P)TP&MZ,APDOP
8. Shri T.K Tara,SE(E),APDOP ,TP&MZ
9. Shri Hage Mima,SE APDOP

Record of Proceeding

Consequent upon Commission notification vide No.APSSERC/RA-14/I/Notification/2019-20/791-99 dated 20th November 2019,hearing for determination of ARR and Transmission Tariff charges for 132kV transmission system for power evacuation for Dikshi small HEP and Transmission of electricity during the years FY2019-20,FY2020-21,FY2021-22 as per APSSERC (Multi Year Tariff) Regulation 2018,the hearing was conducted and was attended by the stake holders i.e. the developer and APDOP,GoAP,on the schedule date and time 11th December 2019 at 3:30 pm respectively.

The Chairman APSSERC asked the Legal Assistant of the Commission to give a brief of the background of the petition before inviting submissions from the stakeholders. After the briefing,

the Commission asked the developer M/s Devi Energies P Ltd. to give their submissions on the ARR and the tariff submitted vide their petition. The developer informed that the interconnection facilities were in his scope as per the MOA with GoAP on 11th March 2011. The developer as per the MOA, said that initially a 132kV bay substation near Bomdila connecting proposed 132kV line being developed by APDOP from Khupi to Tawang was allotted to this project for evacuation of power. The development of this transmission line by APDOP was subsequently abandoned due to various issues, which came as a major bottleneck in development of power evacuation system. To overcome this bottleneck i.e non-availability of evacuation system the company obtained a letter of comfort /permission for connectivity at the existing 132kV line from Balipara to Khupi at a suitable intermediate location close to the existing transmission line. The total length of this proposed line from the Dikshi power house was 32km and necessary letter of comfort was issued to the developer by DOP in June 2016 a 32 km line out of which 10.5km of single circuit and 21.5 km double circuit along with a switching station at Tenga. The developer stressed the capacity of the proposed transmission was certainly above his requirement but was built to cater to the future requirements of the state (for having the larger perspective and not restricted to the specific project) and with the consent of Department of Power. Therefore, the petitioner submitted that the ARR, tariff determination must not be linked with the requirement of the project alone, and the developer's plea in the petition should be allowed. The developer elaborated the reasons for high cost compared to the average of the other regions to the difficulties of Northeast and Arunachal Pradesh in particular to following factors:

1. Sourcing cost of transmission material and transportation cost;
2. Since most of the material were brought from outside they incurred additional duties and taxes;

The Chairman then asked the Department of Power, GoAP to place their submission before the Commission.

The CE/Transmission DoP submitted that the charges sought by the developer are very high and they would be willing to accept the charges as are applicable on the transmission of power from PGCIL.

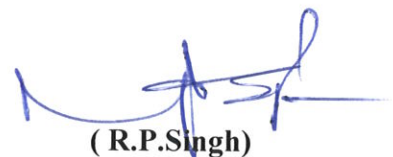
SE/Transmission raised the issue of Letter of Comfort dt 13/12/2013 which placed the construction of transmission line upto the switching station i.e 10.5 km from power house to Tenga in the scope of project development and not in the transmission system.

The developer however clarified that the Letter of Comfort dt.22/02/2016 modified the scope as mentioned at Clause 10.This implies the entire line shall be in the scope of transmission facility.

The Chairman then asked CBIP personnel to submit their comment & observation and CBIP expressed that they have no comments to offer.

The Chairman also informed all stakeholders that no further documents shall be accepted by the Commission now onwards.

The Chairman then adjourned the hearing.



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Chairperson, APSERC