

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
ITANAGAR

Diary No. 01 of 2024

Subject : Petition for filling ARR & Tariff Petition (Part A, Part B, 6 new projects 1 MW and above, 18 projects below 1MW) for FY 2024-25.

Petitioner : Department of Hydro Power Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh

Date of Hearing : 28.8.2024

Coram : Shri R. K. Joshi, Chairperson
Shri Nich Rika, Member (Law)

Parties Present : Shri Jummar Kamdak, DHPD
Shri Habung Opo, DHPD
Shri Anirban Hazra, Consultant
Shri Sayak Mondal, Consultant

Record of Proceeding

Department of Hydro Power Development, Government of Arunachal Pradesh has filed three sets of petitions, and they are:

- a) For determination of tariff of 18 small hydro projects of below 1 MW.
- b) For determination of tariff for its 116 small hydro projects.
- c) Six individual petitions for determination in respect of six hydro projects of more than 1 MW.

2. As per the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2011 and the Payment of Fees Regulations, 2017, every petition should be supported by an affidavit and accompanied by such fees as specified and it should be signed and supported by all the relevant documents. During scrutiny of the above mentioned 3 sets of petitions filed by the DHPD, it is observed that except for one petition, the other petitions are neither supported by an affidavit nor accompanied by the prescribed fee. Further, some of these petitions have not been signed by the Petitioner. DHPD was directed to remove these deficiencies. However, they were not cured by DHPD. Therefore, these petitions are listed today with a direction to the Chief Engineer, Western Zone, DHPD to appear alongwith consultants engaged by them.

3. As regards the combined petition with respect to 18 small hydro projects of less than 1MW, DHPD is directed to adopt the levelized generic tariff order issued by this Commission time to time in respect of the small hydro projects upto 1MW. The tariff approved in order dated 23.8.2024 is applicable for the life term of those projects which are commissioned during 2024-25.


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4. As regards the combined petitions with respect to 116 projects of DHPD, which were commissioned before 31.3.2017, it is observed that the petition is supported by an affidavit and it is accompanied by fee of Rs.5 lakh. However, the petition is not signed by the authorized signatory. Further, the petition does not give the details of the action taken by DHPD on the directions issued by the Commission vide order dated 20.12.2019 in Petition No. TP 05 of 2019. DHPD is directed to sign the petition and to also submit the details of the action taken on the directions issued by the Commission in the above said order dated 20.12.2019 on an affidavit within 3 weeks.

5. As regards the 6 petitions filed by DHPD in respect of the projects above 1MW that were commissioned after 1.4.2017, it is observed that the petitions are not supported by an affidavit, not accompanied by the prescribed fee and the claims made in the petition are not supported by relevant documents like DPR, etc. Therefore, these 6 petitions are returned to the DHPD with a direction to remove the deficiencies pointed out within three weeks.

6. The Chief Engineer, Western Zone, DHPD, submitted that they would remove the deficiency pointed out by the Commission within 3 weeks. He further submitted that Rs. 20 lakh have already been deposited by DHPD in case of certain petitions filed before the Commission, for which orders have not been issued by the Commission. He requested to adjust this Rs.20 lakh deposited by the DHPD towards the filing fee in respect of the 6 projects of 1MW above. He further submitted that as the Department has to obtain the approval of the Government for the filing fee, he requested for two months' time to deposit the remaining fee of Rs.10 lakh.

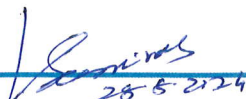
7. The petition filing fee, if any, deposited by DHPD earlier will be adjusted towards the fee to be deposited in respect of the six petitions for determination of tariff of small hydro projects of above 1MW. However, the DHPD is directed to submit on an affidavit that the remaining fee that is required to be paid by DHPD will be paid within a period of two months.

8. The Commission further directed the DHPD to comply with the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2011, Payment of Fee Regulations, 2017 and The Terms & Conditions for Determination of Renewable Energy Tariff Regulations, 2024 while filing petitions in future to avoid delay and speedy disposal of the petitions.

9. The DHPD is further directed to comply with the above directions and file the petitions within three weeks.

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(Nich Rika)
Member (Law)

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(R.K. Joshi)
Chairperson


28.5.2024
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