

TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Lakdi-ka-pul, Hyderabad 500 004

I. A. No. 8 of 2024 in O. P. No. 3 of 2019

Dated: 15.03.2024

Present

Sri. T. Sriranga Rao, Chairman Sri. M. D. Manohar Raju, Member Technical Sri. Bandaru Krishnaiah, Member Finance

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Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited Vidyut Soudha, Hyderabad – 500 082

... Petitioner.

AND

-Nil-

.... Respondent.

The application having stood over for consideration to this day, the Commission passed the following:

ORDER

The Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TSTRANSCO) (applicant) has filed an application under section 94 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003) relating to determination transmission tariff and losses for the year 2024-25 upon expiry of the control period on 31.03.2024.

- 2. The applicant has stated in the application as below:
 - a. The applicant has stated that transmission charges and transmission losses in kind as per transmission tariff order dated 20.03.2020 in O. P. No. 3 of 2019 for the 4th control period are being implemented in the area of operation of the applicant and are applicable up to 31.03.2024.
 - b. As per the notified Multi Year Tariff (MYT) Regulations, 2023 being

- Regulation No. 2 of 2023 which took effect from 30.12.2023 effective from 01.04.2024, the applicant is required to file aggregate revenue requirement (ARR) and filings for proposed tariff (FPT) for 5th control period from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 by 31.01.2024.
- c. The applicant has filed an application for amendment to certain clauses of Regulation No. 2 of 2023 as the clauses sought to be amended will have significant impact on the revenue and expenditure of the applicant and will adversely impact the cash flows from the first year of the control period. The Commission has returned the application seeking certain information from the applicant, the issues raised are under examination by the applicant and requisite information is being collected for the same. The applicant requests the Commission for additional time for the same.
- d. It is stated that the transmission tariff order dated 20.03.2020 in O. P.
 No. 3 of 2019 for the transmission charges and transmission losses in kind for the 4th control period is applicable up to 31.03.2024.
- e. Hence, applicant prays that the Commission may be pleased to pass such orders that the existing transmission charges and transmission losses in kind as approved by the Commission in O. P. No. 3 of 2019 of FY 2023-24 shall be continued from 01.04.2024.
- 3. The Commission has framed Multi Year Tariff Regulation 2023 being Regulation No. 2 of 2023 providing for determination of tariff in respect of generation, transmission, SLDC activity, wheeling and retail supply. In accordance with the aforementioned MYT regulation the transmission licensees is required to file MYT petition for determination of transmission charges and losses in kind for FY 2024-25 for 5th Control period being FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 by 31.01.2024.
- 4. The applicants have stated that they have sought clarification from the Commission and also filed petitions for amendment of the MYT regulation. In this regard, the Commission had already communicated vide letter dated 30.01.2024 that the Commission is not inclined to give clarification as regulation is made with previous publication, placing explanatory note, also giving statement of reasons and the regulation is notified. In the same context, no petition for amendment of the regulation made by the Commission can be entertained.

- 5. The applicants have requested for additional 3 months' time for submission of ARR and tariff proposals for FY 2024-25 and the Distribution Business MYT proposals for 5th control period. The Commission has not agreed to the request of licensees for additional time and directed to comply with the provisions of Regulation No. 2 of 2023
- 6. In view of non-filing of petition for determination of transmission tariff and losses in kind for the control period FY 2024-25 to FY 2028 2029 by the applicant, the Commission has sought the views of the licensees in its letter dated 12.03.2024 on the course of action that is being considered by the applicant when the transmission tariff and losses in kind would cease to be applicable after 31.03.2024.
- 7. The applicant has filed an interlocutory application seeking that the existing transmission charges and losses in kind of FY 2023-24 in O. P. Nos. 3 of 2019 shall continue to be applicable from 01.04.2024 until the passing of further orders of determining the transmission tariff and losses in kind for 5th Control period from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- 8. The Commission has examined and considered the application filed by applicant. The Commission is of the view that the transmission charges and losses in kind have to be levied until the applicant files a regular petition for determination of fresh charges and the applicable losses in kind. Therefore, the present interlocutory application is being considered for passing appropriate orders.
- 9. It may be appropriate at this stage to state that the order is being passed on ad-interim measure subject to the final disposal of the application along with the regular petition for determination of fresh transmission tariff and losses in kind. The same can be passed to meet the ends of justice for the present.
- 10. It is relevant to state here that this Commission is empowered to pass necessary interim orders in appropriate cases under section 94 (2) of the Act, 2003. In this regard the relevant provision is extracted below:

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- (2) The Appropriate Commission shall have the powers to pass such interim order in any proceeding, hearing or matter before the Appropriate Commission, as that Commission may consider appropriate.
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- 11. In the present circumstances, the Commission deems it appropriate to pass an interim order in this application on an ad-interim measure that the transmission tariff and losses in kind as existing as on 31.03.2024 is applicable and it will be levied and collected by the applicant from 01.04.2024 till an order is passed by the Commission.
- 12. Accordingly, the transmission tariff and losses in kind as applicable on 31.03.2024 as determined in the order dated 20.03.2020 are applicable and can be levied by applicant from 01.04.2024 onwards pending disposal of this application finally. The applicant is directed to file the regular petition for determination of fresh transmission tariff and losses in kind for the 5th control period being FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 immediately.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 15th day of March, 2024.

Sd/
(BANDARU KRISHNAIAH) (M.D.MANOHAR RAJU) (T. SRIRANAGA RAO)

MEMBER MEMBER CHAIRMAN

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