TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

(Power Procurement by Distribution Licensee from Biomass based Power Plants and Allied Issues relating to Captive Use and Third Party Sale) Order No 8 Dated 31-07-2012

| SI. No. | Description | Summary |
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| 1. | Subject | TNERC order No 8 of 2012, dated 31-07-2012 for Power Procurement by Distribution Licensee from Biomass based Power Plants and Allied Issues relating to Captive Use and Third Party Sale. |
| 2. | Tariff Control Period | 01-08-2012 to 31-07-2014 |
| 3. | Type of Tariff | Two Part Tariff Comprising of Fixed and Variable Components |
| 4. | Financial Parameters (i) Capital Cost | Rs. 4.45 crores/MW including evacuation Cost, upto Inter-connection, 85% on machineries and 15% on land & civil works. |
| | (ii) Plant Load Factor (PLF) | 80% |
| | (iii) Debt Equity Ratio | 70:30 |
| | (iv) Term of Loan | 10 years with a moratorium of one year |
| | (v) Interest Rate for Loan | 12.25% |
| | (vi) Return on Equity | 19.85% Pre-tax |
| | (vii) Life of Plant and Machinery | 20 years |
| | (viii) Depreciation | 4.5% p.a on SLM Plant & Machinery (85% of Cost) Ac-cumulated depreciation limited to 90% of Plant & Machinery. |
| | (ix) Operation and Maintenance Ex-penses | 4.5% p.a. with annual escalation of 5% (from 2nd year). on Plant & Machinery (85% of capital Cost) and 0.90% of land & Civil Works (15% of Cost) |
| | (x) Station Heat Rate | 3840 K Cal/Kg |
| | (xi) Gross Calorific Value | 3200 K Cal/Kg |
| | (xii) Specific fuel Con-sumption (SFC) | 1.20 Kg/kWhr |
| | (xiii) Fuel Cost | Rs.2277/MT with 5% escalation including cost of Transportation. |
| | (xiv) Components of Working Capital | Full Stock – one month, O&M expenses – 1 month Receivables – 1 month |
| | (xv) Interest on Working Capital | 12.5% |
| | (xvi) Auxiliary Consumption | 10% |
| | (xvii) Transmission and Wheeling Charges | 50% of transmission and 50% of wheeling Charges of Conventional Power to non-conventional Power. Actual line losses in kind as specified in order. For generators availing Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) benefits, normal transmission charges, Wheeling Charges and line losses will apply. |
| | (xviii) Cross Subsidy Charges | 50% of the applicable Cross subsidy surcharge |
| | (xix) C D M Benefits | 100% to the developers in the first year, reducing by 10% every year till sharing becomes equal (50:50) be-tween the developer and Consumer in the sixth year. |
| | (xx) Reactive Power Charges | 10 Paise/kVARh for 2012-13 escalated @ 0.5 paise/kVARh annually. |

| (xxi) Grid Availability Charge | (a) Start Up Power Distribution Licensee to supply Power to generator up-to 42 days in a year subject to demand not exceeding 15% of the capacity. Generator to pay at the rate ap-plicable for temporary supply at that voltage category. (b) Stand By Power Energy Charges – If the Captive user or Third Party User is a Consumer of Licensee, user to Pay at the applicable tariff on net energy Consumption. If the User is not a Consumer of Licensee, user to pay charges as applicable to the temporary supply of that category. |
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| (xxii) Adjustment of Energy Generated | Adjustment of Generated Energy shall be as per Open Access Regulations in force. |
| (xxiii) Scheduling and Systen Operation Charges | As per open access charges from time to time. Presently, it is Rs. 2000/ day |
| (xxiv) Application Fees and Agreement Fees | Whenever there is a change in the usage of energy from Biomass based Power Generator or change in drawl point etc. additional fees equivalent to the application fee and agreement fees shall be leviable by the licensee on the generator. |
| (xxv) Billing and Payment | (a) In case of payment within one month 1% rebate shall be allowed (b) Payment delayed beyond 30 days is liable for interest @ 1% per month (c) The distribution licensee shall raise bill for net energy separately for peak hours (0600 to 0900 hrs. and 1800 to 2100 hrs. and off peak hours (2200 to 0500 hrs) Balance hours are normal hours. For details may refer the Regulations |
| (xxvi) Payment Security and Security Deposit | Two times the maximum energy supplied by the distribution licensee in any month in the proceeding financial year to be paid as security deposit by the consumers |
| (xxvii) Power Factor | Captive/third Party Consumers of Biomass Plants shall be liable for disincentive based on average Power factor. |
| (xxviii) Metering | Metering and Communication arrangements shall be as per CEA Regulations (2006) Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code (2004), TNE Grid Code(2004) and Tamil Nadu Electricity Intra State Open Access Regu-lations |
| (xxix) Connectivity and Evac | ua- As per Act, Codes, Regulations and Orders |
| (xxx) Energy Pur-chase (EP) and Wheeling (EWA) Agreement | As specified in Commission's New and Renewable Sources of Energy Regulations in force. EPA to be valid for a minimum period of 20 years, to be executed within 1 month of receipt of application from the generator. For EWA The period of agreement to be as per Open Access regulations. |
| (xxxi) Scheduling of Power Generation (xxxii) Tariff Review Period / | As specified in Indian Electricity Grid Code, Tamilnadu Electricity Grid Code and other Regulations, Codes and orders of the Commission. Control period shall be two years from 01-08-2012 and tariff period is 20 years. |
| Con-trol Period | |
| (xxxiii) Tariff | (a) For New Plants (i) Fixed cost vary from Rs. 1.658 (1st year) to Rs. 1.580 (20th year) per unit (ii) Variable cost for 2012-13 shall be Rs. 3.036 Per unit and for 2013-14 will be Rs. 3.188 per unit. (b) For Plants Commissioned before 15-05-2006 to be decided after separate hearing. |