

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

4thFloor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500004

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE

Present: Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman Sri Thakur Rama Singh, Member

O.P.No.70 of 2023

Between:

M/s. Apple Industries Limited, (Captive power plant), No 354G, D Hirehal Village, Anantapur District, AP, IN-515865, E-mail; appleworkacc@gmail.com

.... Petitioner

And

A.P. State Load Despatch Centre, Vidyuth Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada. Rep.by its Chief Engineer/SLDC, APTRANSCO.

.... Respondent

This Original Petition has come up for hearing before us today in the presence of Sri Challa Gunaranjan, learned counsel for the petitioner; and Sri P. Shiva Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent, that after hearing the learned counsel for the parties, the Commission passed the following order at the stage of admission:

<u>ORDER</u>

This Original Petition is filed for the following reliefs:

"... that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to exempt the petitioner-company from the Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO) under the Regulation No.1 of 2017 (wrongly mentioned in the prayer as Regulation 2 of 2017) and Regulation No. 5 of 2022 for the FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and for the future Financial Years under the Regulations given

by the Hon'ble Commission from time to time in view of its consumption of power from its co-generation WHRS unit through waste heat received from flue gases from the date of commissioning of the WHRS plant i.e.,13.04.2017; and to pass any such other order/s in the facts and circumstances of the case as this Hon'ble Commission may deem just and equitable in favour of the Petitioner".

At the hearing, the learned counsel for both sides submitted that the issue raised in this OP is covered by several decisions of the APTEL as well as this Commission, e.g.,Order dated 07-9-2020 in OP No.11 of 2020 and Order dated 15-9-2021 in OP No.45 of 2020 of this Commission..

In the light of the above, this OP is allowed to the extent that the power generated through WHRS process is exempted from Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO). It is made clear that if the RPPO exceeds the power generated by the petitioner through WHRS process, the petitioner shall be liable to comply with RPPO to the extent of shortfall.

Sd/-Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy Chairman Sd/-Thakur Rama Singh Member