



ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

4thFloor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500004

FRIDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO

:Present:

Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
Sri P. Rajagopal Reddy, Member
Sri Thakur Rama Singh, Member

OP No. 32 of 2014

(Suo motu Petition in the matter of Determination of Variable Cost for the period from 01-4-2014 to 31-3-2019 in respect of the Existing plants based on Non-Conventional Energy (NCE) sources in the State of Andhra Pradesh)

(On remand from APTEL by Common Order dated 8-3-2022 passed in Appeal Nos.284 of 2014 and 297 of 2014) - (Appeal 250 of 2014 and batch)

O.P.Nos.11 of 2010, 18, 19,48, 49 and 57 of 2013 & 23, 30 and 26 of 2014

(Petitions filed for determination of fixed cost component of tariff in respect of different biomass based power projects, which have completed 10 years of their operation from the date of commencement of their respective projects)

(On remand from APTEL by Common Order dated 8-3-2022 passed in Appeal 250 of 2014 and batch)

ORDER

Sri K.Gopal Chowdary, learned counsel for the Biomass Developers; Sri M.Sridhar, counsel representing Sri Challa Gunaranjan, learned counsel for the Bagasse Developers; and Sri K.V.Brahmananda Rao, counsel representing Sri P.Shiva Rao, learned standing counsel for the Power Utilities, are present at the hearing.

The Power Utilities have filed their written objections.

We have heard Sri K.Gopal Chowdary, learned counsel for the Biomass Developers and Sri M.Sridhar, counsel representing the Bagasse Developers, in detail.

For the purpose of determining the fuel price of Biomass, it is felt that personal inspection of at least one generating station is necessary, especially, for ascertaining the approximate moisture content, procurement price and other aspects relating to different varieties of fuel used for generating power.

As suggested, the Commission has decided to depute its two Members to inspect M/s. Jocil Limited situated at Dokiparru, Guntur district, on 22-10-2022 at 11 am in the presence of Sri K.Gopala Chowdary, learned counsel for the Biomass Developers, and Sri P.Shiva Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the Power Utilities.

M/s. Jocil Limited shall make available the relevant records and also make arrangements for ascertainment of moisture content and other aspects.

As we are informed that it is desirable to take readings at least for 2 or 3 days for proper ascertainment of moisture content, two Officers of this Commission will inspect the premises of M/s. Jocil Limited on 20-10-2022 and 21-10-2022, before the Members of the Commission inspect on 22-10-2022. M/s. Jocil Limited shall make necessary arrangements in this regard at its premises. The DISCOMs shall make necessary arrangements for accommodation and provide other facilities to the Members during their visit.

Sri M.Sridhar, learned counsel representing Bagasse Developers, submitted that he will file the data relating to the price of Bagasse and also the equivalent heat value of coal in 3 or 4 days time.

Call on 27-10-2022 for further hearing.

As the extended time for adjudication of dispute after remand is going to expire on 30-11-2022, Mr.K.V.Brahmananda Rao, learned counsel representing Sri P.Shiva Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the Power Utilities, has undertaken to file an appropriate application, within one week, before the APTEL for further extension of time.

Sd/-
Thakur Rama Singh
Member

Sd/-
Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy
Chairman

Sd/-
P. Rajagopal Reddy
Member

