

Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Petition No.:

In the Matter of:

Application seeking approval of additional load of 4 MVA to M/s Birla Tyres, Unit-2, Haridwar having existing contracted load of 10MVA supplied at voltage of 33KV thereby releasing power load of 14 MVA on supply voltage of 33 kV.

AND

In the Matter of:

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited

..... Applicant

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Shri V J Talwar Chairman

Shri Anand Kumar Member

Date of Order: 08th April 2010

This order relates to Application No. 1263/UPCL/RM/K-8 dated 15.03.2010 in the matter of UPCL seeking approval for release of additional load of 4 MVA to M/s Birla Tyres, Haridwar having existing contracted load of 10 MVA supplied at a voltage of 33 kV.

2. The Commission has considered the facts submitted by the distribution licensee that on application of the said consumer an additional load of 10 MVA was sanctioned to him vide UPCL's OM dated 30.04.2009 to be released at 132KV in accordance with the provisions of UERC (Release of New HT and EHT Connections, Enhancement and Reduction of Loads) Regulations, 2008. The Commission further takes note of the fact that consumer vide its letter dated 26.12.2009, 14.01.2010 and 19.02.2010 has informed the distribution licensee that they have completed all formalities including deposit of the estimated cost of around Rs. 3,00,15,859/- (vide Bank Demand Draft dated 02.06.2009) for construction of 132 kV bay at 132 kV Lakser (Gagnoli) Sub-station and single circuit line from the Sub-station to their factory premises. Consumer has also informed that since the progress of the required work is very slow, delay in construction of 132 kV line would hamper increase in its proposed production level in the absence of availability of required power. Under these circumstances, consumer has requested the distribution licensee to release additional load of 4 MVA on existing 33 kV line as a stop gap arrangement.
3. The Commission has also considered submission of distribution licensee that the existing 33 kV feeder supplying power to the consumer has spare capacity to release 4 MVA additional load. Commission has taken note of distribution licensee's submission that it is a commercial entity and is required to enhance its revenues within legal framework and by giving quality supply to its consumers. Distribution licensee has submitted that by supplying more power to such industrial consumers, it will be able to earn more revenues since line losses are comparatively lower for supplying to such consumers and revenue recovery is almost 100%.
4. Regulation 5 of the UERC (Release of New HT and EHT Connections, Enhancement and Reduction of Loads) Regulations, 2008 stipulate the time period to be complied by the distribution licensee for completion of HT/EHT works including commissioning of new sub-station/bay. Accordingly, the required time-frame for

completion of 132 kV and above works including line is 180 days and additional period of 90 days has been stipulated for carrying out works pertaining to extension of bay at 132 kV and above sub-station. Based on the above, the distribution licensee should have completed the work required for release of additional load of 10 MVA at 132 kV within 270 days (9 months) of the deposit of the estimated amount. Since the consumer had deposited the estimated amount on 04.06.2009, the works should have been completed by 04.03.2010. Commission has taken a serious view of the lackadaisical approach of the distribution licensee towards getting the work done by the transmission licensee and feels that for no fault of the consumer he would unnecessarily be made to suffer, by not being able to increase its proposed production level, in the absence of availability of required power.

5. Based on the above, the Commission considers it appropriate to allow release of additional 4 MVA load from the existing 33 kV line supplying to the consumer pending completion of 132kV works and directs UPCL to release this additional load to M/s Birla Tyres, Unit -2, Haridwar at the earliest subject to compliance of safety rules in this regard.

-Sd-
(Anand Kumar)
Member

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(V J Talwar)
Chairman