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Lr. No. APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:35/D.No.1228/2024.

Date: 13.08.2024

Sir,

Sub:- APERC - Application for GNA-RE from Andhra Pradesh Green Energy Corporation Ltd. ('APGECL'), renamed as AP Rural Agriculture Power Supply Company ('APRAPSCOM') to draw 7000 MW solar power from SECI under 'Tripartite PSA' dated 01.12.2021 - Reg.

Ref:- The Commission's Order in OP NO 3 of 2024 dated 12.04.2024

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Your attention is drawn to the Commission's Order dated 12.04.2024 wherein it has approved the Tripartite PSA dated 01.12.2021 entered into with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) by APSPDCL, APEPDCL, APCPDCL (on behalf of 'APGECL' renamed as 'APRAPSCOM') and GoAP, and the inter-state power supply shall commence shortly under the said agreement. In this regard, it came to the notice of the Hon'ble Commission that the DISCOMS are apprehending that with the advent of the GNA Regulations issued by the CERC subsequent to the signing of PSA, 100 percent waiver of ISTS charges on the drawal of 7000 solar power may not be possible. The said issue was discussed in the Southern Electricity Regulators Forum (SERF) meeting held in KURNOOL in APERC's office on 02.08.2024 as one of the Agenda Items. After elaborate discussions in the SERF meeting on 02.08.2024 on the GNA issue and applicability of exemption of ISTS charges regarding SECI power drawal by DISCOMS, the issue has been referred to the working group on "RE RELATED POLICY AND REGULATORY MATTERS". The Hon'ble Chairman of this Commission is one of the members of the said Working Group. In its meeting held on 09.08.2024 in NEW DELHI, the Working Group (WG) discussed the same issue as one of the agenda items on the initiative taken by our Chairman.

The Officers from the forum secretariat comprising Sri Dr. S.K. Chatterjee, Chief, Regulatory Affairs CERC and his team of officers, Smt. Shilpa Agarwal, Joint Chief, Engineering Division, CERC, and others attended the meeting. In the WG meeting, the CERC officers apprised the WG that the application of GNA-RE by any agency exclusively involved in supply of RE power is one of the possible options for drawal of 7000 MW solar power from Rajasthan with 100 per cent waiver of ISTS charges as per the GNA Regulations. Hence, taking note of the importance of the issue, the Commission is of the view that if the SECI does not undertake the responsibility of waiver of ISTS charges, the APRAPSCOM may apply for GNA RE under clause 20.4 of GNA Regulations duly obtaining the NOC from STU to schedule 7000 MW solar power from Rajasthan to get 100 per cent waiver of ISTS charges for the agreement period as envisaged in the scheme of things.

(By Order of the Hon'ble Commission)

Yours faithfully,



Commission Secretary_(i/c)

To

The Special Chief Secretary to GoAP/Energy Department.

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