

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 23 of 2021
Date of hearing: 09.06.2021
Date of Order: 15.06.2021

Petition under regulation no. 7,9 & 10 of the PSERC (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its compliance) for consideration of Proportion of Power Generated at Captive Power Plant of ACL Ropar Unit by co firing of Bio-Mass in boilers as Non Solar renewable power and exemption from RPO obligation under the PSERC (renewable Purchase Obligation and its compliance) Regulations 2011 (Regulation 55, Section-3, dated 3rd June 2011) and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi (CERC) Suo-Moto Petition No. 12/SM/2019, Order dated 18.02.2020.

AND

In the matter of: Ambuja Cements Limited Village, Daburjee, Post Office, Lodhimajra,
Distt. Rupnagar- 140113

.. Petitioner

Present: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Ms. Anjali Chandra, Member
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

Ambuja Cement: Sh. Rajiv Jain, Sr. Vice President
Sh. Sarabjit Singh, GM- Power Plant

PSPCL: Ms Ranjitha Ramachandran, Advocate
Sh. Gurchain Singh Banga, CE/ARR&TR
Sh. Deepak Gupta, SE/TR-2
Sh. Mukesh Kumar, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Baljinder Pal Singh, AE/TR-5
Sh. Sanjeev Jain, ASE/Solar-3
Sh. Shaminder Singh, AE/Solar-2

PEDA: Sh. Aditya Grover, Advocate

Order

The petition was taken up for hearing. The representative appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the amount of power generated at the CPP of the petitioner through Bio-Mass usage is as per the methodology prescribed in the Order dated 18.02.2020 passed by the CERC in Suo-Motu petition No. 12/SM/2019 and is

eligible for meeting non-solar Renewable Purchase obligation. The learned counsel for PSPCL has submitted that the Commission has not passed any Order regarding the methodology for quantification of the energy produced from biomass in biomass co-fired coal based thermal power plants. Moreover, the Central Commission has mandated that the generating company is to maintain separate fuel accounts and publish the accounts and make it available to the beneficiaries and RLDC/SLDC. Therefore, the Commission may designate an Agency in the State of Punjab for examination of the accounts for conducting any inspection etc. and direct as to whom the information may be submitted by the capital power plant.

Having heard the submissions, the Commission directs that PEDDA, the State Agency assigned with the responsibility of monitoring of RPO compliance by the obligated entities in the State, in association with PSPCL, shall develop the system for obtaining and verifying the data and estimating the electricity generated from bio-mass in the captive power plants based on the fuel account of the beneficiaries. The Joint Committee of PEDDA and PSPCL shall also submit the timelines for the system to be put in place and the charges, if any, to be levied on the beneficiaries. The above proposal/information shall be submitted by the Joint Committee of PSPCL and PEDDA within two weeks.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 07.07.2021 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Anjali Chandra)
Member

Sd/-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **15.06.2021**