



ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FILE NO. AERC. 627/2017

Petition No.:10/2017

ORDER SHEET

05.07.2017

Before the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission
ASEB Campus, Dwarandhar,
G. S. Road, Sixth Mile, Guwahati – 781 022.

Assam Branch Indian Tea Association (ABITA)
Assam Power Distribution Company Limited

.....*Petitioner*
..... *Respondent*

Date of Hearing: 05.07.2017

Representative for Petitioner:

Mr. Abhijit Sharma, Secretary.
Mr. Anujesh Dwivedi, Deloitte.
Mr. Abhijit Kakati
Mr. Arijit Raha
Mr. Raj Kamal Phukan
Mr. B P Chaliha
Mr. I. B Ubhadia

Representative for Respondent:

Mr. T. N Dev. Choudhury, CGM (Com)
Mr. A K Goaswami, GM (TRC)
Mr. P K Baishya, DM (TRC)

In the matter of

Misc Petition No. 10 of 2017 filed by ABITA praying for non inclusion of Irrigation load in the total connected load and thereby not compelling the consumer to enhance its connected load and pay enhanced fixed charge for the entire year.

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Shri Naba Kr. Das, Chairperson
Shri Dipak Chakravarty, Member
Shri Subhash Ch. Das, Member

ORDER

1. A Hearing was held on 05th July, 2017, on the Petition No. 10 of 2017 filed by ABITA.
2. ABITA has prayed before the commission for a decision on the following two points :-
 - To allow load diversion facility during the off-season months of December to March.
 - Irrigation load should be allowed to be used through a changeover/ interlocking mechanism with any particular section of the factory load.
3. The comments of APDCL were sought. The main comments of APDCL are as follows :-
 - The purposes of the two loads are different, one for Irrigation purpose and the other for Tea factory. Therefore, ABITA should not be allowed to have two sets of load i.e. Irrigation load and Factory load under the same Installation/connection. Any load connected to the consumer installation will be included in the total connected load even if that load used partially during the Off-Season when tea factory load becomes minimum.
 - APDCL submitted that if the proposal of petitioner is accepted, APDCL will lose revenue in terms of fixed charge being recovered from irrigation connection taken by tea factories. Therefore details of the Irrigation load required to be utilized during Off-Season out of the load from Tea Category

may be submitted by the petitioner, so that the impact on revenue may be computed and loaded on the Tea Category for full recovery of ARR.

4. During the Hearing, the petitioner re-iterated the submissions made in their Petition. The Petitioner further referred to the Draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2016 and stated that in case the draft Regulation is finalized and Contract Demand is made independent of the Connected Load, the issue will automatically get resolved. However, till the time the new Supply Code Regulation is made applicable, interim relief may be given by accepting the proposal of the Petitioner.
5. The Respondent submitted that their comments on the Petitioner were based on the present Supply Code Regulation. The Respondent further submitted that details of the irrigation load required to be utilized by the Petitioner and in turn the total load from Tea category may be submitted by the petitioner.
6. After hearing the Petitioner & Respondent, the Commission ordered as follows:

6.1 The Petitioner will submit information of Seasonal and Off-Seasonal load as per the format to be provided.

6.2 As pointed out by the Petitioner the issue may get sorted out once the proposed Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2016 is finalized. Further while determining Tariff for the year 2017-18, all the assumptions were based on the present principles/process being adopted. Therefore, the Commission deems it fit not to give any interim relief till the new Supply Code Regulation gets notified in the Gazette and the current Financial year is over.

With the above observations, the Petition No. 10 of 2017 is disposed of.

Sd/-
(Subhash Ch. Das)
Member
AERC

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(Dipak Chakravarty)
Member
AERC

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(Naba Kumar Das)
Chairperson
AERC