

**THE WEST BENGAL POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**

(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)



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**NOTICE**

Gist of Tariff Order dated 07.07.2017 passed by the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission in Case No. TP/73/16-17 for the year 2016-2017.

The West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short 'Commission') has determined the capacity charge and energy charge for the years 2016-2017 in respect of Sagardighi (Units III and IV) generating stations of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (in short "WBPDC") and orders as follows:

**FUEL COST FOR SALE OF INFIRM POWER:**

1. Supply of infirm power from Sagardighi project started at the initial part of 2016 - 2017 and continued till the dates of commercial operation of the units. Fuel charges for supply of such infirm power were not billed for recovery from the power recipient, i.e., West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (in short "WBSEDCL").
2. The Commission accorded approval to the proposal of WBPDC through letters dated 22.12.2016 and 19.04.2017 and to recover fuel cost @ 217.23 Paise per KWh provisionally for the power generated from Unit No.3 and 4 of Sagardighi Generating Station during the year 2016-17.
3. WBPDC, however, determined and claimed fuel cost for sale of infirm power, on the basis of un-audited data of actual use of coal and oil, to the tune of Rs.3709.88 Lakh and Rs. 1571.25 Lakh for Unit No. III and IV respectively.
4. The energy charges for the supply of infirm power during the year from the generating station are to be recovered at rates stated in paragraph 2 above **(Paragraph 3.2 of the order)** and the entire amount of the short recovery of fuel cost will be recovered through adjustment in capital accounts of the generating station.

**TARIFF ORDER:**

1. The annual capacity charge recoverable by WBPDCCL from WBSEDCL shall be on the following basis:

(a) The annual capacity charge recoverable by WBPDCCL from WBSEDCL shall be on monthly basis depending on actual availability during the month with reference to the target normative annual availability subject to the conditions as laid down in regulation 6.11.4 of the Tariff Regulations.

(b) The capacity charge is recoverable at the target normative availability as provided in following table for 2016 - 2017.

| Generating Station    | 2016-17                    |                                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                       | Target availability factor | Normative Capacity Charge in Rs Lakhs |
| Sagardighi (III & IV) | 85%                        | 53235.55                              |

(c) The capacity charges for 2016 - 2017 so determined are for the period of operation of plant at normative availability commencing from the date of commercial operation, as submitted by WBPDCCL. The number of days of operation of unit no. III during 2016 - 2017 from the date of commercial operation is 274 and the same for unit no. IV is 102 days. Based on the admitted capacity charges of Rs. 53235.5 lakh for 2016-2017, the annualized capacity charges is computed at Rs. 103356.30 lakh for both the units together.

2. The energy charge recoverable in 2016 - 2017 against each unit of injection of energy under implemented schedule on injection under commercial operation of each unit shall be as follows:

| Generating Station    | Energy Charge (Paise/kWh) |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                       | 2016-2017                 |
| Sagardighi (III & IV) | 225.33                    |

3. WBPDCCL shall raise the energy charge bill and capacity charge bill as per the energy accounting and availability declared by State Load Despatch Centre (in short 'SLDC') in its monthly energy accounting schedule.

4. The annualized capacity charge computed at Rs. 103356.30 lakh at the target

normative availability for both units together shall be recoverable on monthly basis depending on actual availability during the month during 2017 - 2018 onwards till further order of the Commission. The rate of energy charge of Rs. 225.33 paise / kWh as mentioned in paragraph 2 above (Paragraph 7.3 of the order), shall be continued till further order of the Commission.

5. Adjustments, if any, for over recovery / under recovery from WBSEDCL upto the month of issue of this order shall be made in the monthly bills in 20 (twenty) equal installments commencing from the month succeeding the month of issue of this order.
6. There will be no separate Monthly Fuel Cost Adjustment (MFCA) for WBPDCCL in respect of Unit No.3 and 4 of Sagardighi Generating Station till the month of issue of this order. The MFCA, if any, realized by WBPDCCL during this period shall be adjusted in computation of adjustments for over recovery / under recovery from the energy recipients as mentioned in paragraph 5 above (**Paragraph 7.6 of the Order**). WBPDCCL shall, however, be entitled to realize MFCA for variation in fuel cost in respect of Unit No.3 and 4 of Sagardighi Generating Station for any subsequent period after the month of issue of this order as per provisions of the Tariff Regulations.
7. WBSEDCL may pay additional installment on account of any arrear of WBPDCCL in any month and such payment will then be considered as payable in that month.
8. Any matter, which has not been explicitly mentioned in this order, shall be guided by regulations 2.9.8 and 2.9.9 of the Tariff Regulations.
9. SLDC/ALDC shall consider the energy charge of. 225.33 paise / kWh for Sagardighi Units III & IV of WBPDCCL for the purpose of merit order despatch. However, MFCA declared after the month of issue of this order will be added to the energy charge for consideration of merit order despatch from the date of issue of MFCA notification respectively.
10. **The gist has been published with the approval of Hon'ble Commission.**

Place : Kolkata

Date : 26.07.2017

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