

(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

NTPC Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise) केन्द्रीय कार्यालय/ Corporate Centre

Date: 22.02.2020

Ref .No: 01: CD: 407

To,
PCE cum Secretary
The Energy & Power Department
Govt. of Sikkim
Kazi Road , Gangtok
Sikkim – 737 101.

Sub: Regulation Notice;

Regulation of power supply to the Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim as per provisions of the CERC (Regulations of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010 (as amended), BPSA dated 28.05.1993, Various GOI letters regarding allocations of power from NTPC Stations and various other PPAs signed with Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim.

Dear Sir,

- 1. You are kindly aware that the bills raised by NTPC on Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim for energy supplied by NTPC from various stations are to be paid within due dates. As on date, a total of Rs 56.89 Cr remains unpaid, out of which Rs 41.05 Cr remains unpaid beyond due dates. In spite of repeated follow ups at various levels in person as well as through our letters dated 14.01.2020, 28.01.2020, 08.02.2020, Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim has yet not liquidated the outstanding dues which are beyond due dates. As per various agreements and CERC Regulations, in case of default in making payments of bills, NTPC has the right to discontinue/ regulate the power supplies.
- 2. The Tripartite Agreement signed between Govt of Sikkim, RBI and Govt of India which is applicable for supply of electricity from NTPC stations to state of Sikkim also provides for regulation of power supply in case of non payment of bills. Further, CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010 (as amended) provide that:

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- 4. In case of the outstanding dues or in case the required Letter of Credit or any other agreed Payment Security Mechanism is not maintained as per the Agreement, the generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, may serve a notice for regulation of power supply, on the Defaulting Entity, for reducing the drawal schedule in the case of the generating company.......
- 6. Upon receipt of the notice under Regulation 4 and within 3 days thereafter, the concerned State Load Despatch Centre/Regional Load Despatch Centre, in whose control area the Regulating Entity is situated, shall make a plan in writing

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for implementing the regulation of power supply and shall inform the Regulating Entity, Regulated Entity, concerned State Load Despatch Centres, Regional Power Committees, and Regional Load Despatch Centres of the said Plan and shall post the implementation plan on its website.......

(Emphasis supplied)
<u>Unquote</u>

3. The terms & conditions of Bulk Power Supply Agreement (BPSA) dated 28.05.1993 provides as follows at clause A.7.5.

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"In the event of failure to establish/enhance LC as above, or any bill(s) remaining unpaid for a period exceeding two months from the date of issue of the bill, NTPC shall have the authority to discontinue supply of power from NTPC station(s) to such Bulk Power Customer(s) and advise EREB to exclude its allocation from scheduling and energy accounting and treat its share in the same manner as unallocated power under clause A.2 till restored by NTPC."

(Emphasis supplied)

Unquote

4. The allocation letters issued by Govt. of India provide that in case of default in payment, NTPC has the right to shut-off or restrict power supply from power stations and reallocate power. The relevant extract from one such letter no.5/31/2006-Th.II dated 21.02.2017 is as given below:

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- "4. The above allocation will further be subject to the beneficiary states ensuring compliance with the financial and commercial terms (including coverage for Letter of Credit) of the PPA signed with NTPC Ltd., the tariff notification and any other directives/ guidelines issued by the Government of India/ Central Electricity Regulatory Commission from time to time.
- 5. In case of failure of the beneficiary states adhering to the condition mentioned above, NTPC Ltd. may shut off or restrict power supply from the power station and also reallocate the power in case beneficiary states default in payment or where they have not opened LCs of an adequate amount in favour of NTPC Ltd

<u>Unquote</u>

- 5. An amount of Rs 41.05 Cr has remained unpaid beyond due dates. Notice for regulation of power supply on Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim is hereby given for effecting regulation of power supply to Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim w.e.f. 00:00 hrs of 10.03.2020 initially for a period of 15 days as per provisions of the CERC (Regulations of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010 and as per PPAs/BPSA signed and various allocation letters issued by GoI.
 - 6. In view of above, power supply to the extent of 100% allocated from NTPC Stations will be regulated to Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim as per the details given below:

- Quantum and source of power from which regulation / diversion is proposed: 85.4 MW from all applicable NTPC Stations (Details attached at Annex-A).
- The above is likely to result in excess power available to the extent of scheduled reduction.
- iii) Regarding diversion/ absorption of regulated share, it is being taken up with other constituents of Eastern and other regions to indicate their requirements. As soon as we receive any response from these constituents for absorption of regulated power of Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim, the same would be communicated to ERLDC.
- As per requirement of CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010, NTPC is also posting Regulation Notice on NTPC website https://www.ntpc.co.in/ under the tab "Notices".
- 8. The proposed regulation would be implemented w.e.f. 00:00 hrs. of 10.03.2020 initially for a period of 15 days or till the time outstanding dues get cleared, whichever is earlier. A copy of this notice is also being sent to concerned RLDCs, for preparation of implementation plan for regulation of power supply to Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim and implementation of the same as per the procedure laid down by CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010.

Thanking you,

Yours falthfully

(Rajnish Bhagat) ED (Commercial)

CC:

Executive Director
 Eastern Regional Load Dispatch Centre
 14 Golf Club Road, Tollygunje,
 Kolkatta-700033.

with a request to prepare implementation plan for Regulation/ Suspension of power supply to Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim and implement the same as per CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010

ED (Commercial)

2. Member Secretary, ERPC

Distribution List:

- Chairperson, CERC
- Chairman, ERPC
 - Chief Secretary, Govt of Sikkim
- Additional Chief Secretary (Power), Energy & Power Dept, Govt of Sikkim
- JS (Thermal), MoP

Annexure-A

Allocation from operating stations of NTPC

SI.No	Name of the Station	Installed	Allocation for Sikkim
		Capacity	(MW)
		(MW)	e av
1		25.000.000000	
	TSTPS - I	1000	24.0
2	FOTOR IN		
	FSTPP I&II	1600	26.1
4	KhSTPP - I	840	13.0
5	TAIGHT	040	13.0
	KhSTPP - II	1500	5.0
6.	Barh-II	1320	17.4
Total f	rom ER Stations of NTPC		85.4