

(भारत सरकार का उद्यम)

# **NTPC** Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय/Corporate Centre

Date: 22.02.2020

Ref .No: 01: CD: 351

Chairman & Managing Director Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd. (KSEBL) Vaidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom Thiruvananthapuram – 695 004

Sub: Regulation Notice;

Regulation of power supply to the KSEBL as per provisions of the CERC (Regulations of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010 (as amended), BPSA dated 28.09.1993, Tripartite Agreement and various other PPAs signed with KSEBL.

Dear Sir.

- 1. You are kindly aware that the bills raised by NTPC on KSEBL for energy supplied by NTPC from various stations are to be paid within due dates. As on date, a total of Rs 453.96 Cr remains unpaid, out of which Rs 235.49 Cr remains unpaid beyond due dates. In spite of repeated follow ups at various levels in person, KSEBL 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 Kerala, RBI and Govt of India which is applicable for supply of electricity from NTPC stations to state of Kerala 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 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) **Unquote** 

3. The terms & conditions of Bulk Power Supply Agreement (BPSA) dated 28.09.1993 provides as follows at A.3 of Appendix A.

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"It is agreed that the Bulk Power recipient(s) will make all efforts to open LC within a reasonable period. In the event of failure to establish/ enhance LC within a reasonable period or alternatively in the absence of LC, if any bills remain unpaid for a period exceeding two months from the date of issue of the bill, NTPC shall have the authority to discontinue/ reduce supply of power from Ramagundam STPS to such bulk power recipient(s) and advise SREB accordingly."

(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.5/5/2015-Th.II (Vol.I) dated 06<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 is as given below:

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"3. the above allocation will further be subject to the Power Purchase agreements (PPAs) entered into by NTPC Ltd with State power Utilities and will further be subject to the benficairies ensuring compliance with the financial and commercial terms (including coverage for letter of Credit) of the PPA signed with NTPC Ltd., the Tariff notification, any Tri-Partite/ bi-partite agreement signed with NTPC and any other directives/ guidelines issued by the Government of India/ Central Electricity Regulatory Commission from time to time."

# <u>Unquote</u>

- 5. An amount of Rs 235.49 Cr has remained unpaid beyond due dates. Notice for regulation of power supply on KSEBL is hereby given for effecting regulation of power supply to KSEBL 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 Gol.
- 6. In view of above, power supply to the extent of 100% allocated from NTPC Stations will be regulated to the State of Kerala as per the details given below:
  - i) Quantum and source of power from which regulation / diversion is proposed: 1109.92 MW from all applicable NTPC Stations (Details attached at Annex-A).
  - ii) 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 Southern and other regions to indicate their requirements. As soon as we receive any response from these constituents for absorption of regulated power of KSEBL, the same would be communicated to SRLDC/SLDC.

- 7. As per requirement of CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010, NTPC is also posting Regulation Notice on NTPC website <a href="https://www.ntpc.co.in/">https://www.ntpc.co.in/</a> 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 RLDC/SLDC, for preparation of implementation plan for regulation of power supply to KSEBL and implementation of the same as per the procedure laid down by CERC (Regulation of Power Supply) Regulations, 2010.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Rajnish Bhagat) ED (Commercial)

CC:

- 1. The Executive Director Southern Regional Load Dispatch Centre 29, Race Course Cross Road, Bangalore-560009
- 2. Chief Engineer Transmission-System Operation Kerala SLDC, KSEB Complex Kochi-683104
- The Executive Director 3. Eastern Regional Load Despatch Centre 14, Golf Club Road, Tollygunge,

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

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ED (Commercial)

- Member Secretary, SRPC 4.
- Member Secretary, ERPC 5.

#### Distribution List:

- Chairperson, CERC
- Chairman, KSERC
- Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala
- Secretary (Power), Govt. of Kerala
- JS (Thermal), MoP

# Annex-A

SI No	NTPC Station	MW
1	Ramagundam STPS-I & II (2100 MW)	245.07
2	Ramagundam STPS-III (500 MW)	61.0
3	Simhadri STPS- II (1000 MW)	85.55
4	Talcher STPS-II (2000 MW)	247.0
5	Kudgi STPS-I (2400 MW)	111.72
6	RGCCPP (359.58 MW)	359.58
	TOTAL	1109.92