

BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT PANCHKULA

HERC/Petition No. 55 of 2024

Date of Hearing : 07.05.2025
Date of Order : 09.05.2025

In the Matter of

Petition under Section 86(1)(e) and (f) of the Electricity Act 2003, read with Regulation 10 of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2023 and Clause 5 of the Procedure for grant of Connectivity to Intra-State Transmission or Distribution System issued under Regulation 6 of the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2023, Clause 3B(vii) of Haryana Bio-energy Policy 2018 and Article 12.3 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 22.02.2019, inter alia seeking direction for upgradation of the existing power evacuation system of the Petitioner's 15 MW Paddy Straw Based Biomass Power Project located at Village Kangthali, Tehsil Guhla, Distt. Kaithal, Haryana and seeking damages on account of the frequent trippings of the Project being caused inter alia due to the inaction of the Respondents to provide appropriate evacuation system to properly cater the requirements of the Petitioner's Project.

Petitioner

1. M/s. SAEL Kaithal Renewable Energy Pvt Ltd.

Respondents

1. Haryana Power Purchase Centre (HPPC), Panchkula
2. Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (UHBVNL)
3. Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (DHBVNL)
4. Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd (HVPNL), Panchkula
5. Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA)

Present on behalf of the Petitioner

1. Shri Kapil Poonia, Advocate
2. Shri S.P.S. Bakshi, Unit Head

Present on behalf of the Respondents

1. Shri Nishant Sharma, Advocate for R-1 to R-4
2. Shri Gaurav Gupta, Xen, HPPC

Quorum

Shri Nand Lal Sharma
Shri Mukesh Garg

Chairman
Member

INTERIM ORDER

1. The case was taken up for hearing on 07.05.2025, as scheduled.
2. At the outset, Shri Nishant Sharma, the learned counsel appearing for the respondents, sought some time to file its additional submissions on the rejoinder filed by the petitioner. Per-contra, the petitioner prayed that the respondents may be directed to provide the complete tripping logbooks from the date of CoD to till date, of HVPNL grid as well as down the line UHBVNL distribution system of 33/11 KV, to verify the averments of the respondents qua the numbers and reasons for tripping.
3. Upon hearing the parties, the Commission allows the respondents to file its additional affidavit within one week from the date of issue of this order with copy to the petitioner. The additional affidavit shall also contain the tripping logbooks as desired by the petitioner as well as summary of tripping along with the reasons. The petitioner may examine the same and file its additional submissions on affidavit within one week thereafter with copy to the respondents.

4. The Commission further observes that power generated by an environmentally benign paddy-straw based power plant cannot be allowed to be stranded for want of upgradation of power evacuation system. Prima-facie, it appears that evacuation of power at 132 KV substation shall reduce the tripping; which will help the respondents in fulfilling their social responsibility. Accordingly, HVPNL (R-4) is directed to examine the feasibility of evacuating the power of the petitioner at 132 KV substation and submit its concrete action plan within two weeks from the date of this order with copy to the petitioner. The petitioner may, if so desire, file its replication on the same within one week thereafter.
5. The case shall be next heard on 03.06.2025.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 09.05.2025.

Date:09.05.2025
Place: Panchkula

(Mukesh Garg)
Member

(Nand Lal Sharma)
Chairman