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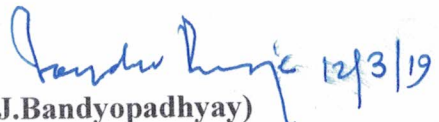
Sub: Minutes of special meeting on issues related to COD of Uint#3 of Nabinagar TPP of BRBCL – Reg.

Sir,

Please find the minutes of the special meeting on issues related to Commercial Operation Date (COD) of Uint#3 of Nabinagar TPP of BRBCL held on 11th March, 2019 (Monday) at ERPC, Kolkata. It is also available at <http://www.erpc.gov.in>.

This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully,


(J. Bandyopadhyay)
Member Secretary

ERPC: KOLKATA**Minutes of the Special Meeting on issues related to COD of Unit#3 of Nabinagar TPP of BRBCL held at ERPC, Kolkata on 11.03.2019 at 11:00 Hrs.**

Member Secretary, ERPC chaired the meeting and welcomed all the participants to the meeting. He informed that BRBCL vide letter dated 20th February 2019 had declared commercial operation of Unit#3(250 MW) of Nabinagar TPP(4*250 MW) of BRBCL w.e.f. 14:00 hrs of 20.02.2019. He also informed that the letter in this respect was received by ERPC secretariat in the evening of 22.02.2019. Member Secretary, ERPC also informed that a number of letters has been received from Railways regarding non-acceptance of the COD of the Unit#3 of Nabinagar TPP on the plea of noncompliance with the requirement of CERC regulations. In the letter, Railways have pointed out that BRBCL has declared commercial operation without giving any information on commissioning of auxiliaries and balance of the plant.

CEO, BRBCL clarified that a certificate as per CERC(IEGC)(4th Amendment) Regulation, 2016 have been issued by BRBCL wherein the readiness of the plant equipment and auxiliary systems including balance of plant such as Fuel Oil system, Coal Handling plant, DM plant, Pre-treatment plant, Fire fighting system, Ash Disposal system and any other site specific system have been commissioned. It has also been certified that the systems are capable of full load operation of the unit of the generating station on sustained basis. He also submitted that during the last few days the unit has been demonstrating in full capacity on sustained basis by selling Railways unscheduled power through IEX. Further he informed that the trial operation of the unit was conducted with advance notice to all the beneficiaries including ERLDC. In fact representative of Railways was also present during the demonstration of the successful trial operation.

In the meeting Railways observed that the issue in question is not full load operation demonstration for few days but "sustainability" which is not possible in absence of full coal handling capacity. Further Railways submitted that the Coal Handling plant and DM plant were not fully commissioned to cater to the full load on the sustained basis and each rake is taking approximately 17 hours to unload. Railways also pointed out that no FSA has been signed for Unit#3 and coal allocated for Unit#1 and #2 is being used for unit#3. Railways requested that DC of the Unit should not be accepted before coal for Unit#3 is received.

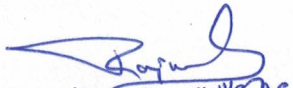
BRBCL denied all the above observations of Railways and stated that the very fact of sustained full capacity demonstration proves otherwise.


ERLDC informed that it has issued a certificate on the completion of Trial run operation of generating station vide letter dated 11.02.2019. It has been certified by ERLDC that Unit#3 (250 MW) of Nabinagar TPP (4*250 MW) of BRBCL has successfully completed the trial run operation.

After detailed deliberation the followings emerged:


1. Even though BRBCL declared COD of Unit#3 of Nabinagar TPP w.e.f. 14:00 hrs of 20.02.2019 the same was received to ERPC secretariat in the evening of 22.02.2019 (Friday). The revised share allocation was made effective from 00:00 hrs of 26.02.2019. Member Secretary, ERPC therefore proposed that the COD of the Unit# 3 of Nabinagar TPP should be taken w.e.f. 00:00 hrs of 26.02.2019 instead of 14:00 hrs of 20.02.2019. This proposal of Member Secretary ERPC was accepted by BRBCL, Bihar and ERLDC. However Railways expressed their reservation against acceptance of the COD of the Unit citing incomplete Coal Handling facility and DM plant.
2. Any generation prior to the COD (26.02.2019) shall be treated as infirm generation.
3. The DC of the station including the Unit#3 of Nabinagar TPP was made available by BRBCL w.e.f. 00:00 hrs of 28.02.2019. Therefore DC for the unit #3 for 26.02.2019 and 27.02.2019 shall be treated as zero and no fixed charges shall be payable by the beneficiaries on account of this.
4. ERPC secretariat shall issue a letter to CEA confirming the COD of Unit#3 of Nabinagar TPP w.e.f. 00:00 hrs of 26.02.2019 for necessary action at their end.

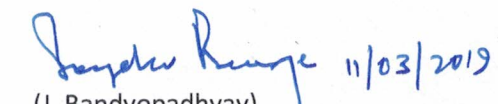
The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


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