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Minutes of the Special meeting on "Connection of Unit#4(660 MW) of OPGC to STU Network of Odisha by closing the Bus Sectionalizers" held on 05.09.2019 at ERPC, Kolkata

List of the participants is attached in **Annexure-A**.

Member Secretary welcomed all the participants in the meeting. He informed that ERLDC vide letter dated 29.08.2019 had informed that OPGC Limited had connected its U-4 (660MW) to the STU network of Odisha by closing the bus sectionalizer breakers between bus 1A & 2A and 1B & 2B at 11.07 Hrs and 11.17 Hrs respectively on 27.08.2019. SLDC Odisha had also commenced the scheduling of power of U-4 of IBTPS. ERLDC has observed that these actions constitute violation of grid discipline and IEGC by OPGC and SLDC Odisha. ERLDC has requested Member Secretary to convene a meeting on urgent basis to discuss the issue of violation of grid discipline, IEGC, CEA Grid standards etc. by both OPGC and SLDC Odisha.


In the meeting the following deliberations took place:


1. OPGC submitted that U-4 (660MW), IBTPS has been declared under Commercial Operation w.e.f. 21.08.2019. As per the decision of Govt. of Odisha, 100% power of U-4 IBTPS shall be consumed by Odisha through STU network. If U-4 is not connected with STU of Odisha, GRIDCO has to pay PoC charges which would make the power costlier for Odisha. Because of the non-availing of the power by Odisha assuming U-4 is a Regional Entity, OPGC has been incurring a loss more than Rs. 3 Cr. per day since COD (i.e. 21.08.2019). It was difficult for an organization to sustain this kind of loss for long. After pursuing the matter at various levels since January 2019, OPGC had requested ERLDC earlier to allow them to close the bus-sectionalizer to facilitate Odisha to avail power from U-4 of IBTPS as a state embedded entity. This request of OPGC was not acceded to by ERLDC. Therefore as a last resort OPGC had closed the bus-sectionalizer between U-4 & U-3 on 27.08.2019 keeping in view the financial interest of OPGC, GRIDCO as well as the power requirement of Odisha. Subsequently OPGC intimated ERLDC & SLDC, Odisha regarding the action and sought unit synchronisation code from SLDC, Odisha.
2. SLDC Odisha confirmed that OPGC had not given any advance intimation to SLDC Odisha for closing the bus sectionalizer. SLDC Odisha submitted that after closing of the bus sectionalizer they had treated U-4 of IBTPS as an embedded entity of Odisha system and as such commenced scheduling of power keeping in view the power requirement of Odisha and no network constraint in evacuating power from U-4 of IBTPS into Odisha system. Keeping in view the direction of Govt. of Odisha to evacuate the power of the above unit through STU network of Odisha, SLDC Odisha stated that they would like to maintain the status-quo till decision of competent authority is received.
3. ERLDC submitted that the issue of closing of bus sectionalizer has been discussed in different fora. It was discussed first in a meeting chaired by Chairperson CEA on 26.03.2019. The issue was also discussed in the 2nd ERSCT meeting held on 05.07.2019 wherein in the MoM it was clearly mentioned that "The proposal of OPGC for closing the bus sectionalizer between U-3


(connected to STU) and U-4 (connected to ISTS) could not be agreed by the ERSCCT". Further another meeting was taken by MoP, Govt. of India, on the same issue on 30.07.2019. In all the above meetings OPGC was advised to file a petition before CERC for its decision. Therefore OPGC was fully aware that closing of the bus sectionalizer is an issue for which the decision was pending. So unilateral action of closing the bus sectionalizer by OPGC was a violation of Grid discipline, IEGC, CEA Grid Standards, Electricity Act and the decisions of earlier high committee meetings. ERLDC emphasized that OPGC should immediately open the bus sectionalizer and maintain U-4 as a Regional Entity till decision on this is taken by the Competent Authority. ERLDC also requested SLDC Odisha to immediately discontinue the scheduling of U-4 of IBTPS as state embedded entity.


4. Member Secretary in his observation submitted the followings:


- a. OPGC was fully aware that the issue of closing of bus sectionalizer was an unresolved issue as the same has been discussed in different high level meetings and no decisions could be arrived at.
- b. OPGC has declared COD of U-4 on 21.08.2019 and the trial operation certificate has been issued by ERLDC. Based on this OPGC has requested ERPC to issue confirmation of COD of U-4. Therefore OPGC was fully aware that U-4 of IBTPS was a Regional Entity.
- c. To connect a Regional Entity with a state entity necessary approval of ERLDC is required (subject to fulfilment of other regulatory requirements) and necessary code exchange should have taken place.
- d. Approval of SLDC Odisha has also not been obtained.
- e. All the above, point out that the action taken by OPGC in closing the bus sectionalizer is unilateral and is in violation of established norms, regulations etc.



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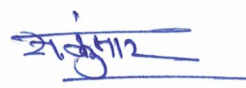

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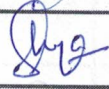
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