

Eastern Regional Power Committee, Kolkata

Minutes of Special Meeting on “Maintenance of 66 kV Bay Equipments of 66 kV Kalimpong (WBSETCL)- Melli (Sikkim) S/C at Melli Substation” held on 9th November 2020 at 11:30hrs

The meeting was convened through online Microsoft Teams platform. List of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

Member Secretary, ERPC chaired the meeting. In the opening remarks, it was informed that the issue was discussed in 171st OCC Meeting held on 25th September, 2020 wherein SDLC, West Bengal informed that power supply of Kalimpong district Head Qtr. is being maintained from 66KV Kalimpong(WBSETCL)S/s. In case of any contingency in respect of 66KV Chalsa – Kalimpong S/C line, power supply of this important district Head Qtr. is fully dependent on Melli (Sikkim) source. During such contingency, availability of 66KV Melli-Kalimpong S/c is important but sometimes it becomes unreliable / unstable due to frequent outage of age old circuit breaker at Melli end which leads to interruption of power supply at Kalimpong district Head Qtr. Therefore, it is important to maintain the healthiness of this 66 kV Melli-Kalimpong line along with Melli end bay equipments.

In 171st OCC, WBSETCL proposed to undertake the responsibility of maintenance / replacement of the associated bay equipment at their own cost.

Sikkim informed that they cannot allow WBSETCL to undertake the replacement / maintenance works. Sikkim further informed that all the bay equipment has become old since they were installed in 2002-03 and its need to be replaced. Sikkim also requested to allocate Operation & Maintenance charges to Sikkim on annual basis.

OCC decided to discuss the issue in a separate meeting with Sikkim and WBSETCL.

Deliberations in the meeting:

- Sikkim informed that the Melli end bay is under the jurisdiction of E&P Department, Sikkim so the work related to the replacement / maintenance works at their sub-station end shall be undertaken by E&P, Sikkim. Further, Sikkim informed that they had permitted WBSETCL to repair old circuit breakers at Melli end bay in order to avoid any inconvenience during Durga Puja. But they cannot allow WBSETCL to undertake the responsibility of maintenance / replacement of associated bay equipments of 66kV Melli-Kalimpong S/c line.
- WBSETCL explained that since Melli end bay of 66kV Melli-Kalimpong S/c line is under jurisdiction of E&P Department, replacement / maintenance works at this sub-station must be done by Sikkim so that problem of unreliable / unstable supply can be solved.
- Sikkim informed that bays of many 132kV lines of Powergrid are in Sikkim jurisdiction, however Powergrid provide O&M charges for carrying out the O&M of such bays by Sikkim. Sikkim requested for such arrangement with WBSETCL so that necessary maintenance work could be done by Sikkim.

- Member Secretary, ERPC advised WBSETCL to explore the possibilities to implement the above proposal of Sikkim for smooth operation and maintenance of 66 kV Bay Equipments of 66 k V Kalimpong (WBSETCL)- Melli (Sikkim) S/C atMelli Substation.
- After detail deliberation, WBSETCL agreed to borne the repair and maintenance cost of 66 kV Bay Equipments of 66 kV Kalimpong (WBSETCL)- Melli (Sikkim) S/C atMelli Substation for carrying out the O&M of such bays by Sikkim.
- Both WBSETCL and Sikkim agreed to execute a mutual agreement with detail terms and conditions for above arrangement.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure A

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