#### Before the

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# Case No. 144 of 2015

Dated: 25 February, 2016

**CORAM:** Shri Azeez M. Khan, Member Shri Deepak Lad, Member

In the matter of

Petition of Tata Power –Generation Business (TPC-G) for recovery of Annual Fixed Charges of Bhira Generating Station towards release of 30 MCM Water for drought affected areas.

The	Tata Power	Company	/ LtdGo	eneration B	Business (	TPC-G	Petitioner

## <u>Appearance</u>

For the Petitioner : Shri A.S. Mhapsekar (Rep.)

Shri G. B. Deshmukh (Rep.)

Authorized Consumer Representative : Dr. Ashok Pendse, TBIA

### **Daily Order**

Heard the Representative of the Petitioner and Authorized Consumer Representative.

Representative of the Petitioner highlighted the background of the Petition. As a consequence of the drought like situation in Maharashtra, there is a shortage of drinking water. On account of the same, based on the Order dated 26 October, 2015 passed by Maharashtra Water Resources Regulatory Authority (MWRRA) and the subsequent letter from Pune Irrigation Circle dated 3 November, 2015, TPC-G has to release 30 MCM water from Mulshi dam to provide relief in the drought affected areas.

TPC-G requested the Commission to treat the release of 30 MCM water as uncontrollable over and above that of low rainfall during FY 2015-16 and allow it to

apply the appropriate regulatory mechanisms provided in the Regulations in the future years to enable the recovery of the entire fixed cost of the Bhira Generating Station.

The Commission observed that there were no specific directions in the Order passed by MWRRA regarding releasing the water from Mulshi Dam, and that TPC-G had voluntarily indicated its readiness to release the same. TPC-G replied that, in its written submissions before MWRRA, it had submitted that it would require to approach the Commission for approval for recovery of fixed charges and procuring additional power at higher rates. TPC-G further contended that, as a result of the above, it had to keep this quantum of water reserved for drinking purpose and opportunity for generation has been lost to that extent.

The Commission further noted that, subsequent to the Order dated 26 October, 2015, another revised Order has been passed by MWRRA in the matter and directed TPC-G to submit a copy of the same.

Authorised Consumer Representative, Dr. Ashok Pendse on behalf of TBIA suggested that breakup of the impact on account of low rainfall and water release be given separately. TPC-G submitted that the impact towards the low rainfall would be around Rs. 7 Cr. and the impact on account of releasing water would be around Rs. 3 Cr., and that the breakup had been provided.

To a query raised by the Commission, TPC-G submitted that the issue of low rainfall has been included in the MYT Petition filed by it. Considering the fact that the other issue of water release is also of similar nature, the Commission opined that said issue may also be included in TPC-G's MYT Petition and the present Petition may be withdrawn. TPC-G stated that it would file its say on the withdrawal of the Petition within a week's period.

Case is reserved for Order.

Sd/-(Deepak Lad) Member Sd/-(Azeez M. Khan) Member