

ADDITIONAL AGENDA-2

FOR

34th MEETING OF COMMERCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

ITEM-AA2. Deemed Availability Certification requiring outage for new Infrastructure development projects to be treated as another Transmission scheme (Agenda by POWERGRID)

Transmission line diversion works for infrastructure strengthening and development of new corridors for Rail and Road transportation facilities by Central & State Govt. utilities like NHAI/ DFCC/ GAIL/ DMRC/ Railways/ UPEIDA etc. are periodically taken up as per National requirements.

Construction of dedicated freight corridors, strengthening of existing network by Railways, up gradation of many national and state highways by NHAI and Agra-Lucknow express way by UPEIDC are undertaken with stringent time schedules and monitoring up to level of PMO monitoring portals.

Diversion of existing 765/400/220kv & HVDC power-line is essentially required for above new infrastructure projects. POWERGRID is having a vast network of such lines and is also essentially required to take up the diversion work of its lines, on top priority, in the national interest, to facilitate the said new construction projects for meeting their time lines.

The diversion work of power lines due to such new infrastructure construction scheme also require construction of new towers/ line sections at various locations. This involves route survey, foundation construction, erection of new towers and stringing similar to that required for construction of new transmission line scheme works.

Presently CERC Tariff regulation 2014, Para 5 of procedure described in Appendix-III categorically lay down consideration of outage as deemed available for the maintenance & construction of transmission scheme. The same is reproduced below:

Para-5 of Appendix-III

“The transmission elements under outage due to following reasons shall be deemed to be available:

- i. Shut down availed for maintenance or construction of elements of another transmission scheme. If the other transmission scheme belongs to the transmission licensee, the Member-Secretary, RPC may restrict the deemed availability period to that considered reasonable by him for the work involved.*
- ii. Switching off of a transmission line to restrict over voltage and manual tripping of switched reactors as per the directions of RLDC”*

In view of other new infrastructure development construction works of various agencies, it is felt necessary that same consideration of deemed availability to be extended to these new diversion related transmission scheme construction works also.

Members may discuss, deliberate and recommend the extension of provision of deemed availability consideration of Appendix-III, Para 5 of CERC tariff Regulation 2014 to the new diversion related construction works also.

The proposal may be recommended accordingly for taking up further for approval in NRPC.

Members may deliberate the issue.
