Order

(Dated September 09, 2016)

The Commission has notified Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and conditions for determination of generation tariff and related matters for electricity generated by plants based renewable energy sources) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 (in short, RE Tariff Regulation 2016 amendment) on March 23, 2016 which is effective from April 01, 2016.

Para 8 of the RE Tariff Regulation 2016 amendment specifies that biomass fuel price for the year fifth year of the control period (i.e. FY 2016-17) shall be determined through independent study which would be carried out by a six member State level committee consisting members nominated by the Commission. Relevant para of the regulations is reproduced below (emphasis added);

"8. Substitution of Regulation 45.1

For regulation 45.1 of the principal Regulations, the following regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

45.1 Biomass fuel price shall be 2476 Rs/MT during first year of the control period (i.e., FY 2012-13) and thereafter shall be linked to indexation mechanism as specified under Regulation 45.2 and 45.3.

However biomass fuel price for the year fifth year of the control period (i.e. FY 2016-17) shall be determined through independent study. Independent study would be carried out by a six member State level Committee consisting following members nominated by the Commission;

a. Representative of State Govt. - Chairman
b. Representative of CG State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. - Member
c. Representative of State Nodel Agency (CREDA) - Member-Convener
d. Representative of State Distribution Company (CSPDCL) - Member
e. Representative of biomass power producers association - Member
f. Consumer representative - Member

After study, the Committee will arrive at biomass fuel price and will submit applicable biomass fuel price within two months.”

Upon receipt of the nominations for committee members, the Commission hereby constitutes a Committee, which will consist of following members:

I. Mr. Vishwanath Netam, Jt Director – Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection (representative of State Govt.) - Chairman

II. Mr. G S Paikara, GM Marketing (representative of CG State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.)

III. Mr. S M Deshpande, Chief Engineer (representative of CREDA) - Member- Convener

IV. Mr. N W Henry Addl Chief Engineer (representative of CSPDCL)

V. Mr. Vinay Agrawal (representative of biomass power producers association)

VI. Mr. Gouri Shankar Koushik (consumer representative)

The Committee consisting of the above member shall determine biomass fuel price for the year fifth year of the control period i.e. FY 2016-17.

The committee while specifying the biomass fuel price should consider the supply and demand of biomass based on the cropping pattern.

The CREDA head office would provide secretariat support to the committee. The committee members would submit its expenses such as stationary, travelling, lodging/boarding etc incurred during the course of study to the CREDA for reimbursement, which will be finally reimbursed by the Commission on the presentation of the bills towards expenses by the CREDA.
After State wide study, the committee will submit applicable biomass fuel price for the year 2016-17 within two months.

By the Order of the Commission

Sd/-
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