Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

Application seeking approval for the investment on the projects covering (i) Replacement of ACSR conductor by AB cable in theft prone areas. (ii) Installation of additional transformers.

And

In the matter of:

Managing Director, Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) .... Petitioner
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun

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Shri C.S. Sharma **Member-Chairman**
Shri K.P. Singh **Member**

Date of Hearing: May 27, 2014

Date of Order: June 10, 2014

Heard the Petitioner in the matter of admissibility.

The Petition is hereby admitted.

With regard to replacement of ACSR conductor by Aerial Bunch cable, the Commission enquired about the basis for selecting the feeders/sections/area. The Petitioner submitted that the replacement has been proposed on such feeders/sections/area which are prone to theft. The Commission, further, asked about the basis for identifying these so called theft prone feeders/sections/areas to which the Petitioner could not submit any satisfactory reply/justification.

The Commission is of the view that submissions made by the Petitioner in the current Petition and additional submission thereof are un-clear and moreover the calculations on cost benefit analysis submitted by the Petitioner are not only ambiguous but also incomprehensible. The Petitioner in its Petition has, interalia, made the following submissions, which read as:

"...M/s REC has sanctioned loan for above scheme under NEF (National Electricity Fund) scheme of Govt. of India under which some interest part will be subsidized,..."

The Commission advised that the Petitioner should not submit generalized statements. It should make specific submission duly quantifying the amount of interest which would be subsidised including the condition attached to it as per the NEF scheme.

Based on the above, the Commission hereby orders that:

1) The Petitioner should submit a fresh submission in the matter along with specific details including:
    a. Justification for selecting the feeders/section/area for carrying out replacement of ACSR conductor with AB cable.
    b. Schedule for implementation of the projects.
    c. Methodology to be adopted for implementation of the projects.
2) The Petitioner should submit detailed computation of Cost Benefit Analysis on the basis of unambiguous and quantifiable data/information.

Ordered accordingly.

(K.P. Singh)
Member

(C.S. Sharma)
Member-Chairman