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Petition No. 92 of 2025

In the matter of

"Seeking exemption from having dedicated feeder for availing open access for Solar PV power at user end under provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 and amended Regulations, 2012 and Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003."

M/s Western Coke Products,
Khasra No. 24, Village- Godhi,
Rajgamar, Korba - 495683

... Petitioner

Versus

1. Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited
Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
2. Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company Limited
Vidhyut Seva Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.) ... Respondents

PRESENT : Vivek Ganodwale, Member (Law)

Ajay Kumar Singh, Member (Technical)

Appearance : Shri Shyam Kabra, representative for petitioner.

Smt. Alka Yadav, EE for Respondent CSPDCL.

Shri Ajay Kumar Chouksey, EE for respondent CSPTCL.

ORDER

(December 30, 2025)

The petitioner, M/s Western Coke Products is a partnership firm and is engaged in manufacturing of Electrode Carbon Paste, Temping of Lining Paste and other Carbon Derivatives in its plant located at Village-

Godhi, Rajgamar, Korba (C.G.). The petitioner is having contract demand of 1000 KVA and connected at 33 KV through Kartala feeder emanating from 33/11 KV Rampur substation.

- 2.** The respondent No. 1 is Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (in short, 'CSPDCL' or Respondent No. 1') the distribution licensee in the State and the respondent No. 2 is Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company Limited (in short, 'CSPTCL' or Respondent No. 2') the transmission licensee in the State.

Petitioner's Submission:

- 3.** The petitioner is also having a Solar PV Power project of 4.40 MW (AC) for his captive use. This Plant is located at Village-Dhaskamuda, Block-Dharamjaigarh, District-Raigarh (C.G.). This plant has been granted grid connectivity permission on 10.09.2025. The plant is permitted to evacuate power through 33 kV dedicated feeder connected to 33/11 kV Rampur substation of respondent CSPDCL. As per the petitioner, the power plant was synchronized and commissioned on 10.12.2025.
- 3.1** Since drawl of solar power by petitioner's captive user would be quite negligible, hence, dedicated feeder is not feasible. Petitioner submitted that as per provisions of clause 5(5) of CSERC (connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 (in short, 'open access, Regulations'), the Commission has power to provide exemption to the bulk consumers from having dedicated feeder subject to load restrictions.
- 3.2** It is further submitted that upon such exemption of having dedicated feeder, the Petitioner undertakes to develop data

communication facilities to SLDC and to install requisite metering and other equipments and also agrees on situations of load restriction in the respective common distribution feeder of CSPDCL at the user end, if required by it. The petitioner also undertakes to abide by any other judicious conditions imposed by the Commission, if any.

- 3.3** With the above submissions, the petitioner prays to grant exemption from having dedicated feeder to avail open access under clause 5 (5) of CSERC (connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 as amended and approval of open access through common distribution feeder of respondent No. 1 CSPDCL at solar power captive user's end (i.e., petitioner's differently located captive manufacturing plant).

Respondent No. 1 - CSPDCL's Reply

- 4.** Respondent No. 1 submitted that in the instant case, petitioner intends to draw solar PV power from the grid of CSPDCL for his captive use at existing remote location. The petitioner is permitted for connectivity with the grid of distribution licensee for injection of generated solar PV power.

- 4.1** CSPDCL submitted that in the matter of long-term open access, regulations 5(5) of the First Amendment in Open Access Regulations, 2011 provides as follows:

"Open access shall be permissible to the intra-State users having connectivity through a dedicated feeder emanating from a grid sub-station of licensee with online data communication facilities to SLDC."

Provided that the bulk consumers who are not connected through dedicated feeders shall not be allowed open access unless exempted by the Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing. Bulk consumers availing open access shall be subject to load-restriction, if required."

4.2 The Commission may consider the prayer of the petitioner to grant necessary exemption from having dedicated feeder at drawl end to avail long-term open access to petitioner subject to the following:

- (i) Petitioner has to make an arrangement for installation of ABT meter with AMR facility, RTU for online data communication etc. at the point of drawl of power as per prevailing metering regulation.
- (ii) Petitioner shall not be allowed to lodge any claim in case of failure / under scheduled maintenance / shut down / non operation of multi-consumers HV feeder i.e., 33 kV Kartala feeder emanating from 33/11 kV Rampur substation through which petitioner is getting 33 KV supply at present.
- (iii) Petitioner shall submit an undertaking to both the respondents i.e., CSPDCL and CSPTCL regarding condition specified at (ii) above.

4.3 Further, CSPDCL has submitted technical feasibility report of 33 KV Kartala feeder through which petitioner is availing power supply at present.

Respondent No. 2 - CSPTCL's Reply

5. CSPTCL submitted that both the power injection point and drawl point is connected from 33/11 KV Rampur substation and are

connected to CSPDCL's 33/11 KV substation and there is no involvement of State Transmission network in conveyance of electricity.

- 5.1** It is further submitted that CSPTCL shall abide by order, whatsoever, passed by the Commission in the instant petition.

Analysis and Decision

Heard the parties and gone through the submissions made by them.

- 6.** As per the provisions of Regulations, exemption from having dedicated feeder to avail open access may be granted by the Commission in appropriate cases for the reasons to be recorded in writing. The conditions, generally put by the respondents for this purpose, should be undertaken by the petitioner. The petitioner has agreed to fulfil the conditions placed by the respondents.
- 7.** Therefore, we are of the view that petitioner's plant (captive user) would be exempted from having dedicated feeder to avail open access, according to the provisions of clause 5(5) of the Open Access Regulation, 2011 and its amendments, subject to fulfilment of conditions placed by the respondents.

**Sd/-
(Ajay Kumar Singh)
Member (Tech.)**

**Sd/-
(Vivek Ganodwale)
Member (Law)**