

**Minutes of the 20th State Advisory Committee Meeting
Held on 29.06.2022 at 11.30 hrs**

A Meeting of 20th State Advisory Committee (SAC) was held (virtually) on 29.06.2022 at 11.30 Hrs. witnessing participation of the following;

Commission

Justice Shabihul Hasnain 'Shastri', Chairperson
Dr. A.K. Ambasht, Member

Other Members of SAC (incl. their nominees):

1. Sh. Om Hari Pande, Director (E), DMRC
2. Sh. Santosh Kumar, Chief Engineer (Electrical), MCD
3. Dr. Chandan Banerjee, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Solar Energy
4. Dr. G. C. Datta Roy, Ex- Advisor, Development Environenergy Services Ltd (DESL)
5. Ms. Mallika Gope, Director, NABL.
6. Sh. Rajesh K. Mediratta, Sr. Vice President Business Development, IEX
7. Sh. K. Ramanathan, Distinguished Fellow, TERI
8. Dr. Bhaskar Natarjan, Senior Policy Advisor, AEEE
9. Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Chairman, Examining Body, for Para Medical Training for Bhatatiya Chikitsa, Department of Health & Family Welfare, GoNCTD.
10. Dr. Anoop Singh, Coordinator, Center for Energy Regulation (CER), IIT-Kanpur.
11. Sh. Jogender Singh Lather, Labour Department, GoNCTD.
12. Dr. Tapan Kumar Khura, Sr. Scientist, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR)

Officers of the Commission

1. Sh. Mukesh Wadhwa, Secretary
2. Sh. A. K. Singhal, Principal Advisor (Tariff)
3. Ms. Divya Tandon, Executive Director (Law)
4. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Executive Director (E)
5. Sh. V. B. Nagappan, Advisor (Finance)
6. Sh. Himanshu Chawla, Joint Director (Tariff - Engg)
7. Sh. S. Kalyana Venkatesan, Joint Director (Tariff - Finance)
8. Sh. Neeraj Singh Gautam, Joint Director (Engg)
9. Sh. Sudesh Kumar, Joint Director (Law)
10. Sh. Chandra Kant Roy, Joint Secretary
11. Sh. Ashish Kumar, Deputy Secretary
12. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Assistant

The Chairperson, DERC welcomed all Members of the State Advisory Committee and the issues discussed during the meeting, suggestions / observations of the Members of the Committee are given as follow: -

Item No. 1: -

Tariff Petition for True up of ARR for FY 2020-21 and projection of ARR for FY 2022-23 for GENCOs, TRANSCO and DISCOMs.

A presentation on Tariff Petitions for True up of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2020-21 and projection of ARR for FY 2022-23 for Delhi GENCOs, TRANSCO and DISCOMs, was made by Sh. Himanshu Chawla JD (T-E) before the Committee. It was informed that the petitions for True up of ARR for FY 2020-21 and projections of ARR for FY 2022-23 filed by the Distribution Licensees, Transmission Licensee & Generating Companies have been admitted by

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the Commission. The complete Petitions along with Executive Summary of the Petitions were uploaded on DERC website for public comments and suggestions by 25.04.2022. The 2nd Public Notice for extension of date regarding submission of comments and suggestions on the Tariff Petitions was issued and last date was extended till 9.05.2022. The Virtual Public Hearing on the Tariff Petitions was held on 12.05.2022 and 13.05.2022.

During the presentation, the Committee was apprised about the Tariff determination exercise, provisions of Tariff Regulations and brief snapshot of the claims made by the utilities in their Tariff Petition. The Committee was also apprised about the impact of COVID-19 on True-up of ARR of utilities and the impact of Blending of Coal and increase of Gas Prices on the cost of power purchase during the FY 2022-23.

During the presentation the Members of the Committee made their suggestion as under: -

(i) Sh. G C Datta Roy stated that blending of coal has been necessitated for increasing the generation of coal based power plants for meeting the demand of supply. It may be ensured that the benefit of higher calorific value obtained after blending of coal has been taken into account for computation of energy charge rate. He suggested that the blending of coal has to be undertaken by thermal power stations in order to provide a consistent feedstock of fuel for power generation which will also help in reducing the power cost.

(ii) Sh. K. Ramanathan stated whether any study has been carried out to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the sales of consumers under different categories.

(iii) Ms. Mallika Gope raised the issue of blending of coal and enquired whether technical audit of coal to assess its calorific value has been done from any NABL accredited laboratories.

(iv) Dr. Anoop Singh submitted that the study has been carried to assess the impact of demand of consumer under different categories in many states including Delhi. He further informed that the Commission could have taken the impact of higher revenue on account of increase in sales of domestic categories of consumers which will include higher slab rate of Tariff.

It was informed or covered in the presentation: -

a) Impact of higher GCV gets factored in the energy charge rate.

b) Coal based plants, supplying Power to Delhi, are regulated by CERC. Therefore, Technical Audit of Coal may be considered by CERC.

c) Electricity bills are raised by the distribution license as per provisions of Tariff Schedule which already takes care of the revenue of domestic categories of consumers on slab system.

Accordingly, it was decided that Members of the Committee may submit their comments / suggestions on the Tariff Petitions, if any, in writing to the Commission within 7 days.

Item No. 2:-

Any other item to be taken up with the permission of the Chairperson.

In addition to the above issues, various other issues related to overall Power Sector development were raised by Members of SAC, as follows: -

(i) Sh. Rajesh K. Mediratta stated that Indian Gas Exchange Limited has been established to promote and sustain an efficient and robust gas market and to foster gas trading in the country. ECR of gas based station of Delhi in particularly of Pragati-III Bawana station can be reduced by a margin of 10 -20%, if the generating stations are directed to explore the purchase of gas from the exchange which includes the purchases of gas for shorter duration of one day to one month.

The Commission enquired about the prices of gas in the Exchange and the basis for reduction of cost by a margin to 10% – 20 %. Accordingly, Sh. Rajesh K. Mediratta was requested to submit the details for further examination of the Commission.

(ii) Dr. Bhaskar Natrajan has suggested that more innovative energy efficient programmes may be undertaken on a long term basis in order to make discoms more energy efficient.

(iii) Dr. Anoop Singh suggested that Time of Day (ToD) may be made compulsory across all categories of consumers. He further suggested for enhancement of Demand response programme.

It was informed that at present Time of Day (ToD) Tariff in Delhi has been made applicable on all consumers (other than domestic) whose sanctioned load or maximum demand, (whichever is higher) is 10 kW / 11 kVA and above. Further ToD has been made optimal on all other 3Ø connections including domestic connections. The suggestion for launch of more and more energy efficient programmes was noted by the Commission.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.