Minutes of the 18th State Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 02.07.2019 at 11.30 hrs

As per provisions contained in Section 87 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission had re-constituted the "State Advisory Committee" and notified the same vide Gazette Notification (No.F.7(37)/DERC/JS/2014-15/Vol-IV/C.F.No. 4440/4691) dated 4thMarch 2015 and extended for a period of one year or till it is reconstituted vide Notification F.7(37)/DERC/DS/2016-17/Vol-V/C.F.No.5624/2927 dated 22.03.2018.

Meeting of 18th State Advisory Committee (SAC) was held on 02.07.2019 at 11.30 Hrs. and the following were present.

Commission

Justice S.S. Chauhan, Chairperson

Other Members of SAC (incl. their nominees):

- 1. Sh. Mukesh Prasad, Spl Secretary (Power), Dept. of Power, GoNCTD
- 2. Sh. Rakesh Sharma, Assistant Commissioner, Dept. of Food Supplies, GoNCTD
- 2. Sh. Sanjiya Mandilwar, Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority.
- 3. Sh. RK. Duggal, Chief Engineer (Electrical), EDMC.
- 4. Dr. GC. Dutta Roy, Advisor, Dalkia Energy Services Ltd.
- 5. Sh. Mohan Lal, Nodal Officer, PG Cell, GoNCTD
- 6. Sh. Rajesh K. Mediratta, Director, IEX.
- 7. Sh. K. Ramanathan, Distinguished Fellow, TERI
- 8. Sh. Shyamasis Das, Principal Research Associate, AEEE.
- 9. Ms. Sukanya Bhadra, Consultant, Confederation of Indian Industry.
- 10. Sh. HRP Yadav, Director, Institution of Engineers (India)

Officers of the Commission

- 1. Sh. Mahender Singh, Secretary / Executive Director (Tariff)
- 2. Sh. U.K. Tyagi, Executive Director (Engg)
- 3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Mehta, Executive Director (Law)
- 4. Sh. Mukesh Wadhwa, Joint Director (Engg)
- 5. Sh. Sharad Kumar Srivastava, Joint Director (Law)
- 6. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Joint Director (PSE)
- 7. Sh. VB Nagappan, Advisor (Finance)
- 8. Sh. Abhishek Moza, Deputy Secretary

The Hon'ble Chairperson, DERC welcomed all Members of the State Advisory Committee and stated that the Committee may consider and discuss the issues placed before it and provide the Commission with their valuable suggestions.

During the course of discussions, the issues taken up, suggestions received as well as observations of the Members of the Committee are given below.

Item No. 1

Approval of Minutes of 17th SAC Meeting held on 16.03.2018.

The Committee considered and approved the minutes of the State Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16.03,2018 at 11.30 Hrs.

Item No. 2

Review of "Action Taken Report (ATR)" on issues discussed in the previous meetings.

The Committee considered and approved the "Action Taken Report (ATR)" placed along with the agenda items.

Item No. 3:-

Tariff Petition for True up of FY 2017-18 and ARR and Tariff for FY 2019-20 for GENCOs, TRANSCO and DISCOMs.

A presentation on Tariff Petition for True up of FY 2017-18 and ARR for FY 2019-20 for GENCOs, TRANSCO and DISCOMs was made before the Committee. It was informed that the petitions for True up of FY 2017-18 and ARR for FY 2019-20 have been filed by the Distribution, Transmission Licensees & Generating Companies and the same have been admitted by the Commission. The Commission has uploaded the petition along with Executive Summary of the petitions on the DERC website for public comments and suggestions latest by 10.07.2019.

During the presentation, the Committee was apprised about the tariff determination exercise, tariff provisions under the Electricity Act 2003 and brief snapshot of the petitions. The Public Hearing is scheduled to be held on 10.07.2019.

The Committee was further apprised that the peak demand of Delhi on 01.07.2019 reached 7241 MW, which is the highest ever recorded by any city in India. It broke the previous record of 7016 MW recorded on 10th July 2018 and all distribution licensees successfully met the peak power demand without any network constraints and power outage. A representative from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) stated that CII has conducted the survey of consumers in the country and prepared a report and it emerged that the Delhi is on the top of the list on many parameters and has the most satisfied consumers in the Country. The Committee Members appreciated and congratulated the Commission for the above achievements.

Item No. 4:-

Draft DERC (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2019.

A presentation on the Draft DERC (Power System Development Fund) Regulations, 2019 was made and proposal was explained to the Committee Members. It was informed that presently the amount of Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) Charges are credited to an account maintained by SLDC and the objective of these Regulations is operationalisation and utilization of the PSDF fund available. The Committee was apprised that under these draft Regulations, it is proposed that Department of Power, GoNCTD need to constitute two committees for purpose of scrutiny, sanctioning of projects, release of funds from PSDF and overall supervision and monitoring of the implementation of projects. The Committee Members unanimously were of the opinion that these committees at the level of GoNCTD should not be made under these Regulations as the same will make the process cumbersome and the Commission noted the suggestion. Further, The Commission requested the Committee Members to provide their valuable comments/ suggestions on the draft Regulations till 30.07.2019.

Item No. 5:-

DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Second, third & fourth Amendment) Regulations, & Manual of practice for handling consumers' complaints.

A presentation on amendments in DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 issued by the Commission was made. The Committee was informed about the salient features of the amendments in the Regulations related to transfer of connection, revision of load & Compensation for outage. The Committee Members noted the same.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.