

Minutes of the State Advisory Committee Meeting

16th State Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting was held on 29.03.2017 at 11.45 Hrs. and the following were present.

Commission

Sh. B.P. Singh, Member

Other Members of SAC (incl. their nominees):

1. Sh. AK Jha, EO to Principal Secretary, Dept. of Power, GoNCTD
2. Sh. R.K. Saxena, AC, Dept. of Food Supplies & Consumer Affairs
3. Sh. Vivek Agarwal, GM(E), DMRC
4. Sh. Feroz Ahmed, Chief Engineer (Electrical), SDMC
5. Sh. Sunil Khandare, Energy Economist, BEE
6. Dr. G.C. Dutta Roy, Advisor, Dalkia Energy Service Ltd. (DESL)
7. Sh. Vivek Goel, Director, CEA
8. Sh. Avijit Das, Director, NABL
9. Sh. Rajesh Mediratta, IEX
10. Sh. K. Ramanathan, Distinguished Fellow, TERI
11. Sh. Vaibhav Rai Khare (Nominee of Chairman), AEEE
12. Sh. Ayesha Mualla (Nominee of Head Energy), CII
13. Sh. Pradeep Chaturvedi, Council Member, Institution of Engineers (India)

Officers of the Commission:

1. Sh. Surendra Edupghanti, Secretary
2. Sh. Mahender Singh, Executive Director (Tariff)
3. Sh. Rakesh Kumar Mehta, Executive Director (Law)
4. Sh. Mukesh Wadhwa, Joint Director (Engg)
5. Sh. Prashant Kumar, Joint Director (T-F)
6. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, Joint Director (PSE)
7. Sh. V.B. Nagappan, Advisor (Finance)
8. Sh. Abhishek Moza, Deputy Secretary

The Hon'ble Member, 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 15th SAC Meeting held on 04.01.2016.

The Committee considered and approved the minutes of the State Advisory Committee Meeting held on 04.01.2016.

Item No. 2

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

A presentation was made on the Action Taken Report on the issues discussed in the 15th SAC meeting and the Committee considered and noted the same.

Item No. 3

Billing and Metering Audit of Distribution Licensees.

The Committee was informed that the Commission had appointed a consultant to conduct billing and metering audit of Discoms. The consultant has submitted the report to the Commission and the findings of the same were already shared with SAC Members along with Agenda. The tariff division explained the observations made by the consultant. The members of State Advisory Committee were requested to offer their comments / suggestions, if any within fifteen days.

Item No. 4

Implementation of UJALA scheme by Distribution Licensees in collaboration with EESL for distribution of LED bulbs, LED tubes and BEE 5 star rated fans under Demand Side Management (DSM).

The Committee was informed that the Commission has approved UJALA scheme under Demand Side Management and the scheme includes LED bulbs, LED tubes and BEE 5 star rated fans. Sh. G C Dutta Roy suggested that an appropriate monitoring mechanism may be developed for DSM schemes to evaluate the gains, if any, which will ultimately help in identifying and framing more innovative DSM schemes.

The Committee was informed that the Commission exercises due prudence check before implementation of any DSM scheme. It was informed that the Commission has approved the scheme for installation of smart meters for the distribution licensees so that more accurate information can be collected and aggressive DSM schemes can be implemented. Further the Commission has already directed Discoms to propose monitoring methodology while scheme is submitted for "in-principle" approval.

Sh. K. Ramanathan proposed that the Commission may put DSM related information in the public domain such that academic studies of various parameters can be conducted. The Committee noted the suggestion.

All the Committee Members appreciated the initiatives taken by the Commission on implementation of DSM Schemes. The members of State Advisory Committee were requested to offer their comments or any suggestions/ on monitoring of DSM Schemes. A representative from BEE suggested that EESL may be called as Guest Invitee, which was considered by the Committee.

Item No. 5

Tariff petition filed by TPDDL for generation tariff of 2nd Hand Rithala Power Plant.

The Tariff division explained about tariff petition filed by TPDDL for generation tariff of 2nd hand Rithala Power Plant and the members of State Advisory Committee were requested to offer their comments or any suggestions within fifteen days.

Item No. 6

Energy Audit of DISCOMs.

The Committee was informed that the Commission has issued a tender for hiring of consultant for conducting energy audit of distribution licensee for assessment of the complete electrical distribution system, assessment of feeder wise connected load at various voltage levels, billing (with break up) done at each voltage level, assessment of feeder wise losses and suggesting the methods to minimize the same, assessment of quality of electrical safety and protective systems, study of power quality issues etc.

The representative of BEE asked about the qualification of Team leader kept in the tender for the assignment. The committee was informed that BEE Certified Energy Auditor (EA) with minimum 10 years of relevant experience criteria has been kept for team leader and 2 members with BEE Certified Energy Auditor (EA) / Energy Manager (EM) with minimum 5 years of relevant work experience has been kept.

Item No. 7

Compliance Audit of DISCOMs, TRANSCO and GENCOs.

The Committee was informed that, the Commission has envisaged to conduct compliance Audit of DISCOMs, TRANSCO and GENCOs. Further, Members of the State Advisory Committee were requested to offer their suggestions on the same.

Item No. 8

Draft DERC (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017.

The Committee was informed that draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 were uploaded on the website of DERC on 03.1.2017 for seeking comments/objections/ suggestions from the stakeholders by 21.3.2017.

A presentation was made by Engineering Division on draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 capturing the salient points of draft Regulations.

However, the Committee was requested to provide their comments/objections /suggestions within 2 weeks. Copy of the draft Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 is available on the website of DERC i.e. www.derc.gov.in

Item No. 9

Any other Item with the permission of the chair

(i) Non utilization of Consumer Advocacy fund towards Public Grievance Cell

The Committee was apprised that the Commission has been allowing funds to the Public Grievances Cell (PGC) towards meter testing and consumer advocacy in earlier tariff orders, which the Committee feels should be utilized in correct perspective.

(ii) Funding of Pension Trust

The Committee was apprised that the Commission has been releasing ad-hoc payments in the Tariff Orders from FY 2011-12 onwards for meeting the requirement of Pension Trust. The Commission has observed certain discrepancies based on the data submitted by Pension Trust and has suggested GoNCTD to conduct the forensic audit and linking the account of the pensioners and their life certificate to the AADHAR card.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.