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MINUTES OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF MANIPUR

Venue : The Hotel Classic, Regency Hall, Imphal

Date & Time : 18th February 2016, 11:00 AM

The Chairman of the committee, Mr. R.K. Kishore Singh and Chairperson of the Joint Commission for Manipur & Mizoram chaired the meeting. The list of members and participants attending the meeting is appended.

After welcoming the members and the invitees, the Chairperson initiated the agenda wise discussion as below:

Agenda No.1. Confirmation on the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the SAC, Manipur held on 19th February, 2015.

Requesting the members to their views and comments on the minutes of the 15th SAC and after obtaining nods from the members, the minutes was declared confirmed.

Agenda No. 2. Determination of Retail Tariff for MSPDCL and Transmission Tariff for MSPCL, Manipur.

The Chairman informed the committee members that the main agenda for the meeting was to obtain the views and comments on the above agenda. With the permission of the chair, the General Manager, Electrical Circle – II (MSPDCL), outlined the Tariff Petition that JERC had issued a new tariff regulations i.e. Multi Year Tariff (MYT) Regulations in June 2014 and as per the JERC MYT Regulations, 2014 and in accordance with the latest directives of JERC, MSPDCL is required to file separate MYT petitions for the period of FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 which includes

- the Annual Performance Review of FY 2015-16 and
- the Tariff Determination for FY 2016-17
- the The projections for FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 are based on the actual data of FY 2014-15, FY 2015-16 (half year) and the estimations and plans for the future years and the reason why the Corporation requires to submit the petition. He also added that with more power to be procured from outside, Manipur will be getting a regular supply of power. He also stated that MSPDCL has proposed 10% tariff hike for FY 2016-17, the proposed total ARR of MSPDCL (including ARR of MSPCL) is INR 585.08 Cr. The ARR of MSPCL of INR 51.98 Cr is proposed to be entirely recovered from MSPDCL as fixed monthly charges. Hence, ARR of MSPCL is covered within the ARR of MSPDCL. After proposed tariff hike of around 10%, the net gap is coming at around INR 262.62 cr which is proposed to be recovered as subsidy support from Government of Manipur. The subsidy support is increasing on account of increased quantum of power purchase and supply.

Further, GM EC-II, MSPDCL has stated that in the tariff proposal of FY 16-17, MSPDCL has proposed for changes in tariff.

- Allowing a permitted load of 0.25 kW for Kutir Jyoti/BPL consumers as per RGGVY guidelines. If the load exceeds the permitted limit, the consumer shall be converted to domestic category.
- Also, the limit for monthly consumption for billing under Kutir Jyoi consumers has been proposed to be fixed at 15 units/month. If the consumption exceeds the limit, the additional units shall be billed under the domestic category.

- Increasing the energy charge of small categories to Rs. 4.30 per unit from Rs. 3.05 per unit (similar to commercial category)
- Reducing the rebate offered to prepaid consumers from 2% to 1%.

Mr. Irengbam Arun, Sr. Journalist stated that tariff proposed in JERC which was notified by MSPDCL, the public notice published in the news papers was only in English, instead of that it should be in Manipuri language also in different dates so as to reach all the consumers of the state.

In the reply, GM Electrical Circle-II of MSPDCL has stated that public notice was published in four different local news papers dailies in Manipuri & English in two different dates like 13th & 14th Jan, 2016.

In continuation, Mr. Irengbam Arun & Mr. Elangbam Dorendro, Advisor Manipur Power Consumer's Association stated that no doubt availability of power to consumer has increased but still MSPDCL needs to improve their services much and that they need to attend complaints of the consumers promptly. He concluded that he is not against the hike in Tariff but with the condition that the Corporation should give regular power supply to all consumers and urgently rectify the complaints of the consumers. Interacting to this issue, Er. N. Sarat Singh, Managing Director, MSPCL stated that the loss of the revenue is mostly from the commercial side and that there is not much technical loss in the main holding company with the co-operation from the public and installation of prepaid meters, he hoped that this commercial loss also will be plugged soon. Expecting with a better power supply and with this, they agreed to the proposed tariff hike.

Agenda No. 3. Progress of various works in Manipur under Manipur State Power Distribution Company Ltd. and Manipur State Power Company Ltd.

On 100% Metering of Consumers: MSPDCL had plans for providing (i) single phase & three phase Pre-Paid energy meters for consumers in greater Imphal areas and in thirteen towns in the valley and (ii) for providing one lakh single phase I-port electronic energy meter for consumers outside town areas of the valley and in district headquarters and towns of all hills districts under state plan.

But with the experience of the impact of Pre-Paid metering already taken up in Greater Imphal areas in improving revenue collection and economical & efficient use of energy, MSPDCL under advice from Government has planned and taken up Pre-Paid metering scheme of consumers which will cover whole Valley districts and district head quarters and towns under all hill districts. Work is already in progress. In order to reduce the high distribution loss prevailing in the State at present the MSPDCL is taking up a plan for Pre-Paid metering covering all households in the four districts of Imphal East, Imphal west, Thoubal and Bishnupur under R-APDRP Part-B, and State Plan. Further, all hill district (headquarters and towns) will also be covered by Pre-Paid metering under State Plan-2. The above scheme envisages Pre-Paid metering of existing consumers as well as regularisation of un-authorized connections on payment of an instalment of Rs. 200/- only for Pre-Paid activation; no extra cost will be involved to facilitate speedy implementation of the scheme. Other works to be covered under the scheme includes replacement of AAC by AB cables and replacement of wooden/bamboo poles and damaged MS -poles by new MS-poles. Work is already in

progress. Under State Plan -2, 1st phase, it has been planned to cover areas under 704 distribution transformers under four districts i.e. Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur. Forty four sub-contractors have been empanelled to execute the work within target date of May 2016. Action is already initiated for replacement of AAC by AB cables and damage MS - pole or wooden poles by new MS-poles under areas of 44 distribution transformers under 18 Sub-Divisions of 6 Divisions; i.e. Thoubal, Bishnupur, IED-I, IED-II, IED-III & IED-IV.

Further, Mr. Irengbam Arun stated that wheather MSPCL will be taking up any generation plan in a short time. Mr. N Sarat Singh, MD, MSPCL replies that at present power can be purchased in a very low rate from CPSUs whereas installation of new generating station will cost a bit high as compared to the CPSUs. As such the possibility of starting new generating stations in Manipur is on far cry. Further, Mr. N Sarat Singh also added that the power availability was restricted as there was only single circuit 132 kV line coming from Kohima to Imphal. At present a double circuit 400 kV line is being erected by PGCIL from Silchar to Imphal which can carry upto 1000 MW through which power can be carried from CPSUs. Existing 400 kV line is charged at 132 kV and he states that the state is drawing only 160 MW from EHT line. Further an enquiry was made by Mr. E, Dolendro Singh, why a 400 kV line is being charged at 132 kV. MD, MSPCL clarified that if the load drawn on the consumer side is less than 300 MW, there is a tendency to shoot up the tramission voltage more than 5% due to the capacitance effect resulting the available voltage in the consumers end going up the permissible limit, hence burning of electrical equipments.

The Committee recommends the tariff hike based on thorough examination of the Tariff Petitions of MSPDCL and MSPCL for FY 16 – 17.

The Meeting ends at 1 :45 Pm with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Sd /- R.K. KISHORE SINGH
Chairperson

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1. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, i/c Electricity Department, Gov't of Manipur for kind information to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. Secretary, P&E Department, Gov't of Manipur for kind information to the Secretary and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
3. All Members / Invitees of the State Advisory Committee for kind information and for taking necessary action on the Minutes of the Meeting.
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Sd/- RICHARD ZOTHANKIMA
Assistant Secretary

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State Advisory Committee of Manipur**

Date & Time : 18th February, 2016 (Thursdar), 11:00 a.m.

Venue : Hotel Imphal, Regency Hall, Imphal, Manipur

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	R.K. Kishore Singh	Chairperson, JERC (M&M)
2	L. Sadananda Singh	General Secretary, Senior Citizens' for Society, Manipur
3	Elangbam Dolendra Singh	Advisor, All Manipur Power Consumers' Association
4	Irengbam Arun	Senior Journalist
5	P. Arunkumar Singh	President, Consumers' Club, Imphal
6	Dr. M. Binota Devi	Associate Professor, Department Economics, Imphal College, Imphal
7	Dr. R.K. Tamphasana	Associate Professor, Department of History, G.P Women College, Imphal

8	N. Sarat Singh	Managing Director, Manipur State Power Company Limited. (Special Invitee)
9	Y. Satyanarayana	Consultant ASCI, Hyderabad
10	H. Thanthianga	Assistant Chief(Engineeering),JERC (M&M)
11	L. Pachuau	Chief (Engineering), JERC (M&M)
12	Richard Zothankima	Assistant Secretary, JERC (M&M)
13	Th. Aton Singh	GM(plg), MSPDCL
14	K. Jila Singh	GM (EC-II), MSPDCL
15	Kh. Khamba Singh	GM – EC-I/ MSPDCL
16	Peijush Lohia	Consultant, PWC to MSPDCL & MSPCL
17	I. Sarat Singh	DGM (Com- Tariff)
18	O. Kartik Singh	DGM,IED-II
19	B. Lalneisang Sinate	DGM, KPI
20	L. Joychandra Singh	GM/ EC- III
21	B. Ibomcha Sharma	D.G.M (Bpr)
22	N. Kunjeshore Singh	D.G.M (T
23	I. Joybi Sing	D.G.M. (Thoubal)
24	A. Priyobarta	Dy. Manager
25	L. Sachikanta Sharma	Dy. Manager
26	Th. Satyarat Singh	Dy. Manager
27	Chitraprakash Saikhum	Project Consultant (PMU) MSPDCL

28	Y. Dayanta	(PMU- UE)
29	T.J. Khongthang	Manager(Power Purchase & Supply)
30	Babie Shirin	Ichel Express
31	Nongpok	Sanaleibak
32	Rustum	Sangai Express
33	R.K. Prashanta	Clerk, JERC(M&M)
34	H. Shantikumar	GM (SLDC) MSPCL
35	M. Jadumani	OSD (MSPCL)
36	Shimthangambi	DDK, Imphal
37	Niranthangbam	Emingsel
38	N. Deben Singh	DDK, Imphal
39	L.N. Sharma	Impact TV
40	Nimol Ningombam	Naharol Thoudang
41	M. Budha Chandra Sharma	GM, MSPCL
42	A. Birendra Kumar	DGM , MSPCL
43	M. Singh	Imphal college
44	A. Rajendra Sharma	D.G.M.