

Response by PED for additional information sought by Hon'ble Commission

1) Submit the frequency-wise details of under/over-drawl of UI for FY 2013-14 and H1 of FY 2015-16. UI summary sheet, clearly indicating the over-drawl and under-drawl along with the UI payable and receivable amount should be submitted. Supporting UI bills should be furnished to the Commission.

a) The UI charges (in RsCr) and the UI under drawl and over drawal (in MUs) are given below for H1 FY 2015-16.

UI charges payable / receivable H1 FY 2015-16		
Weeks	Charges Payable(Rs Cr)	Charges Receivable(Rs Cr)
30 March To 05 April 2015	0.245	
06 April To 12 April 2015	0.120	
13 April To 19 April 2015		0.022
20 April To 26 April 2015	0.038	
27 April To 03 May 2015	0.038	
04 May To 10 May 2015		0.027
11 May To 17 May 2015		0.042
18 May To 24 May 2015		0.017
25 May To 31 May 2015		0.319
01 June To 07 June 2015		0.110
08 June To 14 June 2015		0.019
15 June To 21 June 2015		0.075
22 June To 28 June 2015	0.263	
29 June To 05 July 2015	0.227	
06th july to 12th july	0.5175	
13th july to 19th july		0.0019
20th july to 26th july	0.0513	
27th july to 02nd august	0.0959	
03rd august to 09th august	0.1532	
10th august to 16th august	0.2669	
17th august to 23rd august	0.1116	
24th august to 30th august		0.1146
31st august to 06th september		0.3226
07th september to 13th September		0.0975563
14th september to 20th September	0.6328	
21st september to 27th September	0.808993	
28th september to 04th october	0.1139	
Total	3.6831	1.1677

UI over drawal/ under drawalH1 FY 2015-16		
Weeks	UI Over Drawal (MUs)	UI Under Drawal (MUs)
01 April To 05 April 2015	-1.211	0.195
06 April To 12 April 2015	-1.074	0.688
13 April To 19 April 2015	-0.993	1.571
20 April To 26 April 2015	-0.858	1.408
27 April To 03 May 2015	-0.901	1.246
04 May To 10 May 2015	-0.662	0.936
11 May To 17 May 2015	-0.517	1.722
18 May To 24 May 2015	-1.048	1.152
25 May To 31 May 2015	-0.641	1.649
01 June To 07 June 2015	-0.555	1.257
08 June To 14 June 2015	-0.822	0.907
15 June To 21 June 2015	-0.700	1.577
22 June To 28 June 2015	-1.816	0.392
29 June To 05 July 2015	-1.093	0.349
06th july to 12th july	-2.443	0.210
13th july to 19th july	-0.649	1.050
20th july to 26th july	-0.800	0.899
27th july to 02nd august	-1.016	0.853
03rd august to 09th august	-1.271	0.719
10th august to 16th august	-1.328	0.603
17th august to 23rd august	-0.964	0.747
24th august to 30th august	-0.623	1.164
31st august to 06th september	-0.446	1.449
07th september to 13th September	-0.577	1.067
14th september to 20th September	-2.431	0.317
21st september to 27th September	-3.067	0.150
28th september to 30th September	-0.486	0.284
Total	-28.9923	24.5597

b) The UI charges (in RsCr) and the UI under drawl and over drawal (in MUs) are given below for FY 2013-14.

UI over drawal/ under drawal FY 2013-14 (MUs)		
Months	UI Over Drawal (MUs)	UI Under Drawal (MUs)
Apr-13	0.09	-27.54
May-13	1.28	-19.64
Jun-13	2.22	-8.95
Jul-13	1.40	-17.84
Aug-13	4.16	-7.48
Sep-13	2.63	-11.08
Oct-13	6.63	-4.56
Nov-13	0.73	-17.76
Dec-13	0.34	-18.06
Jan-14	0.92	-19.66
Feb-14	1.33	-8.54
Mar-14	4.64	-4.82
TANGEDCO interstate exchange		17.79
Total along with TANGEDCO drawal	26.35	-183.71

UI charges payable / receivable FY 2013-14					
Week	Charges Payable(Rs Cr)	Charges Receivable(Rs Cr)	Week	Charges Payable(Rs Cr)	Charges Receivable(Rs Cr)
01st April to 07th April 2013		2,08,82,860	30th Sepetember to 06th October 2013	28,87,310	
08th April to 14th April 2013		2,17,04,240	07th October to 13th October 2013	14,09,113	
15th April to 21st April 2013		2,29,71,927	14th October to 20th October 2013	43,02,116	
22nd April to 28th April 2013		1,72,72,152	21st October to 27th October 2013		9,38,462
29th April to 05th May 2013		1,75,77,822	28th October to 03rd November 2013	9,21,538	
06th May to 12th May 2013		96,76,646	04th November to 10th November 2013		60,25,960
13th May to 19th May 2013		,46,17,640	11th November to 17th November 2013		44,09,165
20th May to 26th May 2013		81,83,909	18th November to 24th November 2013		41,33,119
27th May to 02nd June 2013		23,59,431	25th November to 01st December 2013		41,66,347
03rd June to 09th June		32,13,178	02nd December to		45,19,553

2013			08th December 2013		
10th June to 16th June 2013		9,14,268	09th December to 15th December 2013		48,77,971
17th June to 23rd June 2013		33,41,904	16th December to 22nd December 2013		57,08,420
24th June to 30th June 2013		66,89,575	23rd December to 29th December 2013		42,63,584
01st July to 07th July 2013		1,00,51,146	30th December to 05th January 2013		67,50,531
08th July to 14th July 2013	1,10,485		06th January to 12th January 2014		1,19,56,306
15th July to 21st July 2013		31,93,874	13th January to 19th January 2014		1,25,84,479
22nd July to 28th July 2013		22,56,831	20th January to 26th January 2014		36,03,847
29th July to 4th August 2013	13,12,184		27th January to 02nd February 2014		6,33,444
05th August to 11th August 2013	2,82,581		03rd February to 09th February 2014		59,83,958
12th August to 18th August 2013		20,16,593	10th February to 16th February 2014		48,05,528
19th August to 25th August 2013		1,40,373	17th February to 23rd February 2014		2,39,796
26th August to 01st September 2013		9,73,468	24th February to 02nd March 2014	11,77,395	
02nd September to 08th September 2013		30,46,146	03rd March to 09th March 2014	4,95,615	
09th September to 15th September 2013		58,01,780	10th March to 16th March 2014	4,41,963	
16th Sepetember to 22nd September 2013		12,47,740	17th March to 23rd March 2014	53,02,829	
23rd Sepetember to 29th September 2013	14,86,026		24th March to 30th March 2014	5,91,940	
Total				2,07,21,095	25,37,33,973

2) Submit the AFC figures for the MYT period FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 along with the supporting tariff orders. Clearly mention the reference tariff orders for AFC against each of the plants mentioned in Format 4 of the regulatory formats.

PED submits to the Hon’ble Commission that PED has considered the AFC projected for FY 2015-16 based on the invoices raised by CGS and the same has been projected for the control period without any escalation. The same has been mentioned in the MYT petition under Para 6.8.5 bullet point number 2.

“ 6.8.5Fixed Charges: The Tariff Regulations for the tariff period FY 2014-19 have recently been notified by CERC. However, CERC has not issued the tariff orders for the respective period for many of the central generating stations based on the new regulations. In absence of the tariff orders, PED has considered the Annual Fixed Charges of FY 2015-16 (H1 actuals) as base year for each generating

station for the purpose of estimation of the fixed charges and the same has not been escalated for projections of Fixed Cost for the Control period. “

a) The fixed charges for NTPC stations are based on CERC tariff orders as mentioned below.

Plant	CERC Order	Petition No.
RSTPS St-III (500 MW)	04.02.2014	137/GT/2013
RSTPS ST-I & II (2100 MW)	26.02.2014	189/GT/2013
TSTPS St-II (2000 MW)	28.05.2013	269/2009
SSTPS St-II (1000 MW)	02.11.2015	303/GT/2014
Vallur(3*500)	30.12.2013 (corrigendum to orders dated 24.12.12 and 20.11.13)	198/GT/2013

b) The fixed charges for NLC plants are as per CERC orders as mentioned below.

NLC TPS II	per CERC order dated 27.06.2011 and 25.06.2013
NLC TPS I Expansion	CERC order dated 31.08.2010, 23.03.2011 and 07.06.2013.
NLC TPS II Expansion	provisionally claimed as per CERC order dated 06.10.2015

c) NTPL – as per CERC order dated 13.10.2015. The fixed charges are being provisionally raised till the receipts of CERC final order for 2014-19. The AFC projected for the control period is as per invoices raised in FY 2015-16.

- 3) Submit the soft copy of the public notices published by the Department regarding intimation of public hearing/tariff petition. The date of publication and names of newspapers should be clearly mentioned in tabular format.

Details of Public Advertisement of Tariff petition by Electricity Department, Puducherry

Sl.no	Name of news paper	Language	Region	Date of publication
1	The New Indian Express	English	Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam	13-01-2016
2	Dina Malar	Tamil	Pondicherry, Karaikal	13-01-2016
3	Dina Thanthi	Tamil	Pondicherry, Karaikal	13-01-2016
4	Malai Malar	Tamil	Pondicherry, Karaikal	13-01-2016
5	Jana Mithra	Telugu	Yanam	18-01-2016

The scanned soft copy of the advertisement is being sent over email.

Sd/-

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Additional information received from ED-Puducherry on MYT Petition for the Control Period FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 :

1. At page 40 of the petition,(para 5.5.2),the year was mentioned as FY 2014-15. The same may be read as FY 2015-16. The typo error is regretted.

2. At page 136, for FY 2015-16 & for the MYT period the connected load for agriculture category was shown as 44654 and for the previous years (13-14 &14-15) it was shown as 59538.

In this regard it is clarified, that from FY 2015-16,the agriculture load was converted into KW instead of HP as the total load mentioned in the table takes KW format. Hence it is clarified that 59538 is in HP units and 44654 is in KW units. The conversion factor is (1hp= 0.75 kw).

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Lr.No 13/ED/SE-I/EE-II/F-ARR/2013-14

Puducherry, dated 21-04-2016

To
The Secretary,
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Goa & UTs,
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VanijyaNikunj Complex, UdyogVihar,
Phase – V, Gurgaon – 122016,
HARYANA.

Sir,

Sub: Electricity Department, Puducherry –Reply to the Hon'ble
JERC on the query raised vide email dated 12-04-
2016MYT tariff petition 2016-19- Petition No: 190 /2016 -
regarding.

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I am enclosing reply to the query raised vide email dated 12-04-2016
towards the MYT tariff petition 2016-19 (Petition No:190/2016) for favourable
consideration of the Hon'ble Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(K. Mathivanan)
Superintending Engineer-I

Encl: As above.

Reply to Information sought by JERC vide letter dated January , 2016 for the first control period FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 as per the JERC Multi-Year Distribution tariff regulations, 2014

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Response by PED for additional information sought by Hon’ble Commission

The response to the additional information sought by the Hon’ble Commission based on the reply submitted to the deficiency note vide letter dated August 28’2015 for the Business Plan Petition for the first control period FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19 are submitted as below.

S.No.	Queries raised by JERC	Response of ED Puducherry
<u>True-up for FY 2013-14 and Provisional True-up for FY 2014-15</u>		
1.	Submit the corresponding regulatory formats in excel format.	It is submitted to the Hon’ble Commission that the regulatory formats in excel format has been enclosed along with the e-mail.
2.	Copy of annual audited accounts or supporting certificates in order to validate that the submitted actual load, number of consumers and sales are the audited figures.	<p>The copy of the financial audit report is already enclosed with the petition. The audit certificate for number of consumers, connected load is not available. However, for sales and purchase in rupee terms a separate schedule is available in the audited accounts.</p> <p>Since, the requirement of audited load, number of consumers and sales was incorporated in MYT Regulations, the same was not undertaken by PED for earlier years.</p>
3.	<p>The utility needs to provide details of long term/short term power purchase, month wise and source wise, and station-wise, month-wise details of FPA/FPPCA , tax, past arrears etc. as per regulatory formats including details of transmission, SLDC/NRLDC charges, arrears for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 (month-wise as per Format 4).</p> <p>The month-wise summary sheets of power purchase should be submitted as per Format 4.Power purchase bills should be submitted along with the detailed summary sheet duly verified from Regional Power Committee and bills raised by the respective generators (difference, if any should be clearly shown in the summary) for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. Bills should be arranged month-wise and submitted before the Commission.</p>	<p>It is submitted to the Hon’ble Commission that the regulation does not specify to furnish month-wise details of power purchase in format-4 and the same has never been furnished before. It is also submitted to the Hon’ble Commission that the month-wise details as requested in format-4 is an exhaustive exercise and needs time to prepare the same.</p> <p>However, the same will be furnished during technical validation session.</p>

S.No.	Queries raised by JERC	Response of ED Puducherry
4.	The Petitioner is required to bring the bills along with the monthly summary sheets duly matched for the respective years for the Technical Validation Session.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the soft copy of the bills (as scanned) will be furnished during technical validation session.
5.	Submit month-wise details of power purchase rebate earned in FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. Also, it may be clarified whether the 'other charges' in the power purchase cost for the aforesaid period has included the amount of rebate or not.	It is clarified to the Hon'ble Commission that the "other charges" in power purchase cost does not include the amount of rebate. The rebate is claimed on the total bill raised by the generating companies and is shown separately. The "other charges" includes any charges other than the fixed charge and energy charge raised in the power purchase bills like RLDC charges, water/pollution cess, incentive etc.
6.	Submit the frequency-wise details of under/over-drawl of UI for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. UI summary sheet, indicating the over-drawl and under-drawl along with the UI payable and receivable amount be submitted. Details of UI paid at the normal rate and penal rate need to be provided separately. Supporting UI bills should be furnished to the Commission.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the details will be furnished during technical validation session.
7.	Submit the supporting bills against the RPO obligation claimed to be fulfilled for the respective years.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the copy of the bills pertaining to RPO purchase will be furnished during technical validation session.
8.	Basis and documentary proofs of the input energy considered for the Energy Balance be furnished.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the input energy is based on the SEM data obtained from weekly REA accounts uploaded by SRPC.
9.	Clarify whether any other short-term transactions other than UI have been undertaken by the Petitioner for the respective years.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that no short-term transactions were undertaken by Electricity Department, Puducherry other than UI.
10.	Submit the energy audit report for FY 2013-14.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that no exclusive energy audit report is available with the department for the FY 2013-14. Under R-APDRP programme now transformers are being metered and the works are nearing completion by March 2016. It is submitted that on completion of the works under R-APDRP, the Department will initiate energy audit.
11.	Submit the asset and depreciation registers for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. FAR should be duly certified by the auditor; the	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the asset register and depreciation register for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 has been prepared.

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	amount of capital cost not rendering useful service should be certified and clearly stated. Third party physical verification certificate is required for consideration of the GFA in the true-up.	However the registers for FY 2014-15 are yet to be audited by external auditor. For FY 2013-14, the FAR schedule has been certified by external auditor M/s JLN US &CO ,Surat.
12.	Submit the details of the FPPCA charges for FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 showing separately month-wise/quarterly as per the frequency of billing along with the calculations for FPPCA rate per unit charged.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the details will be furnished during technical validation session.
Annual Performance Review for FY 2015-16		
1.	<p>The utility needs to provide details of long term/short term power purchase, month wise and source wise, and station-wise, month-wise details of FPA/FPPCA , tax, past arrears etc. as per regulatory formats including details of transmission, SLDC/NRLDC charges, arrears for FY 2015-16 (first six months as per Format 4).</p> <p>The month-wise summary sheets of power purchase should be submitted as per Format 4. Power purchase bills should be submitted along with the detailed summary sheet duly verified from Regional Power Committee and bills raised by the respective generators (difference, if any should be clearly shown in the summary) for FY 2015-16 (actual first six months). Bills should be arranged month-wise and submitted before the Commission.</p>	<p>It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the regulation does not specify to furnish month-wise details of power purchase in format-4 and the same has never been furnished before. It is also submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the month-wise details as requested in format-4 is an exhaustive exercise and needs time to prepare the same.</p> <p>However, the same will be furnished during technical validation session.</p>
2.	The Petitioner is required to bring the bills along with the monthly summary sheets duly matched for H1 of FY 2015-16 for the Technical Validation Session.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the copy of the bills will be furnished during technical validation session.
3.	Submit month-wise details of power purchase rebate earned in FY 2015-16. Also, it may be clarified whether the 'other charges' in the power purchase cost for the aforesaid period has included the amount of rebate or not.	It is clarified to the Hon'ble Commission that the "other charges" in power purchase cost does not include the amount of rebate. The rebate is claimed on the total bill raised by the generating companies. The "other charges" includes any charges other than the fixed charge and energy charge raised in the power purchase bills like RLDC

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		charges,water/pollution cess, incentive etc.
4.	Submit the frequency-wise details of under/over-drawl of UI for H1 of FY 2015-16. UI summary sheet, indicating the over-drawl and under-drawl along with the UI payable and receivable amount be submitted. Details of UI paid at the normal rate and penal rate need to be provided separately. Supporting UI bills should be furnished to the Commission.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the details will be furnished during technical validation session.
5.	Submit the supporting bills against the RPO obligation claimed to be fulfilled for the respective period.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the copy of the bills will be furnished during technical validation session.
6.	Clarify whether any other short-term transactions other than UI have been undertaken by the petitioner for H1 of FY 2015-16.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that no short-term transactions were undertaken by Electricity Department, Puducherry other than UI.
7.	Submit the details of the FPPCA charges for FY 2015-16 (H1 six months) showing separately month-wise/quarterly as per the frequency of billing along with the calculations for FPPCA rate per unit charged.	The calculation for FPPCA rate is furnished for Q1FY 2015-16. It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that these charges will be levied from the month of Jan'16 to March'16. The details of billing analysis of FPPCA for Q1FY 2015-16are not yet available.
8.	R&M expenses for FY 2015-16 needs to be re-submitted in line with the JERC Regulations 2009.	<p>It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission to rephrase para 5.8.4 of the MYT Petition as follows.</p> <p><i>“Repairs and Maintenance Expenses:</i> <i>The petitioner would like to submit to the Hon'ble Commission that adequate R&M expenses are necessary for maintenance of infrastructure and for ensuring proper Standard of Performance of the utility. The revised R&M expenses considering WPI inflation of 2.00% over revised estimates of FY 2014-15 results in Rs. 7.87 Crores. This amount is very low compared to the previous years, unrealistic and thus in the interest of the utility to ensure quality and reliable power to the consumers, the petitioner is considering FY 2013-14 as the base for projecting the R&M expense for FY 2015-16. The increase in WPI has been considered from FY 2012-13 to FY 2013-14 to arrive at the increase in WPI of 5.98% as the WPI inflationary increase for FY 2013-14 to FY 2014-15 is 2% which again will result in lower R&M expenses. The details of R&M expenses estimated for FY 2015-16 based</i></p>

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		<p>on inflationary increase of 5.98% over FY 2013-14 expenses (Rs. 13.46 Crs.) are provided in the table below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table 5-9: R&M Expenses for FY 2015-16 (Rs. Crs.)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1075 397 1837 524"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1075 397 1287 475">Particulars</th> <th data-bbox="1287 397 1465 475">Claimed by Petitioner</th> <th data-bbox="1465 397 1682 475">Approved by Commission</th> <th data-bbox="1682 397 1837 475">Revised Estimates</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1075 475 1287 524">R&M Expense</td> <td data-bbox="1287 475 1465 524">18.35</td> <td data-bbox="1465 475 1682 524">18.35</td> <td data-bbox="1682 475 1837 524">15.12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>In view of the above, the Hon'ble Commission is requested to kindly allow the above Repair and Maintenance Expenses of Rs. 15.12Crs for FY 2015-16."</i></p>	Particulars	Claimed by Petitioner	Approved by Commission	Revised Estimates	R&M Expense	18.35	18.35	15.12
Particulars	Claimed by Petitioner	Approved by Commission	Revised Estimates							
R&M Expense	18.35	18.35	15.12							
<u>ARR for MYT period FY 2016-17 to FY 2018-19</u>										
1.	Submit the corresponding excel model and the regulatory formats in excel formats.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the regulatory formats in excel format has been enclosed along with the e-mail.								
2.	In para 6.3.3, the Petitioner has mentioned that <i>"The Hon'ble Commission has considered 2479.38 MUs as the provisional actual sales for the FY 2014-15 whereas the provisional actual sales are 2366.3 MUs"</i> . The Commission would like to clearly stipulate that it had considered the provisional actual sales for FY 2014-15 as 2479.38 MU based on the submission of the Petitioner during the business plan filing as the said sales being actual for FY 2014-15. The Commission wants clarification as to on what basis the Petitioner has now revised the sales for the foregone period FY 2014-15.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that in the reply submitted on October 16, 2015, to the queries raised during technical validation session of business plan, the provisional actual sales were submitted as 2343.62 MUs. But due to error in data collation, the energy sales has now been revised to 2366.3 MUs during finalisation of accounts for FY 2014-15. While submitting Business plan, provisional actual numbers for sales were not ready with the Department and the approved numbers were considered.								
3.	Likewise, the number of consumers for FY 2014-15 had been considered based on actual as submitted by the Petitioner during the business plan filing. The Petitioner should clarify as to how it has now revised the actual data for the said period i.e. FY 2014-15 in the submission of consumers for the MYT period.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that while submitting business plan, the category wise actual consumer numbers were not available and hence approved numbers have been shown in the business plan. As the category-wise numbers are available now with actual un-audited accounts, the same was modified while filing MYT petition.								

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4.	Provide the status of the operationalization of SLDC in the territory of ED-Puducherry.	The functions of SLDC are now being carried out by System Control Centre (SCC) at the main office of PED. All open access applications are being processed at SCC under the direct control of Executive Engineer reporting to Superintending Engineer.
5.	Submit historical details of assets formed through grants up to FY 2014-15.	It is submitted to the Hon'ble Commission that the initial asset and depreciation register was prepared during the FY 2009-10 and the same is being updated every year. The assets built through consumer contribution have been identified in the asset register and depreciation on those assets was not claimed.
6.	Provide details of assets which have been fully depreciated up to FY 2014-15.	The depreciation register is prepared item-wise and section-wise. The asset which got depreciated to 90% is being maintained in depreciation register with salvage value and no further depreciation is given to that item of asset. A consolidated list of total depreciated assets is not maintained in the depreciation register.
7.	Provide detailed reasoning as to why the Petitioner should be exempted from introduction of TOD tariff for HT consumers for FY 2016-17.	It is informed to the Hon'ble Commission that all the meters installed at HT/EHT consumers are having TOD compatibility. However, the implementation of modern software to capture the data from TOD is yet to be commissioned under R-APDRP programme (Part A). Therefore, it is prayed to the Hon'ble Commission to exempt the Department from introduction of TOD tariff in FY 2016-17.
<i>PPCL petition</i>		
1.	<i>In the PPCL petition the petitioner has stated:</i> The PPCL plant loading is restricted due to low 11KV loads from 8 nos of 11KV feeders by PED Karaikal. Due to this the PPCL generation is restricted to 22MW. EDP need to clarify why the evacuation has been restricted and the reasons for change in arrangement.	It is submitted that most of the steel industry at Karaikal region have closed the factory due to recession/constraints. Therefore the demand has been considerably reduced which is beyond the control of the Department. However, the peak evacuation from 11kv feeders as of now is to the tune of 8MW. The PPCL can export balance power of 22MW through 110 KV feeders with 2X15 MVA power transformers. The constraint in exporting power through 110KV feeder may be called from M/s PPCL.

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Madam,

Sub: Electricity Department, Puducherry –JERC public hearing-
on 28thJanuary2016 at Puducherry - Issues raised by
public and Department response- Submitted - Regarding.

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I am enclosing the details of issues raised during the public hearing on
28thJanuary 2016 at Puducherry along with Department response in the annexure for
further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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PUBLIC HEARING ON MYT PETITION FOR THE CONTROL PERIOD OF 2016-19 VIDE PETITION NO 190/2016 BY THE ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT, PUDUCHERRY ON 28/01/2016 AT PUDUCHERRY

At the outset of the public hearing conducted on 28th January 2016 in Puducherry, the Superintending Engineer- I, Electricity Department, Puducherry has briefed about the MYT Petition filed for the control period of FY 2016-19 and ARR petition for FY 2015-16.

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1.	Shri .P. Narayanasami Ph: 9442064952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Increase in Tariff from 2.64 to 5.22 % which is seems to be double the times, it is requested to reduce the proposed hike.
2.	Shri. K. Murugan CPI Ph: 9488822280	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The public should be informed at the grass root level so that more people can participate in the public hearing. Failure on the part of the Department in this matter. ▪ Puducherry population is 12.47 lakhs. Hearing to be conducted at four regions and at Junior Engineer level. ▪ The meeting is being conducted in a routine manner and as sort of cheating the public. This hike is to be discussed in cabinet secretary or Minister to participate in such meetings, which was also considered by the officials. ▪ Power tariff is seems to be collected from Public. There is not intimation on action taken on Power thefts. ▪ There is Rs. 202 Crores deficit is to be collected what action taken to collect industries which are having huge arrears. No intimation to public. ▪ What are the directives given by the commission to the department and what action taken by the department. No information to public on such issues. ▪ Proposed hike to be withdrawn. ▪ Because of Natural calamities in December 2015, the proposed hike to be withdrawn. ▪ Service Tax and Additional tax to be withdrawn ▪ What is the consumer deposits from 2003 till date. What is the interest on the above deposits and where the deposits are deployed. ▪ Depreciation is shown as additional expenditure. This Depreciation is because of the purchase of low quality materials. ▪ The AT & C losses are huge i.e., 24.67% The loss indicated in the petition by the Department is not acceptable.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BNP 0.75. the rural areas are being neglected. ▪ Social Audit Report to be conducted and made available at Junior Engineer/officer. ▪ No consistency in the gaps as there is a fluctuation in gap. ▪ Fixed charges, meter rent and surcharge are more than the actual consumption charges. Rent being collected for the meter provided by the consumer. ▪ 0-200 consumption means 0-100 will not get benefited. Data on slab wise consumer required. ▪ Infrastructure to be improved by the Department for reducing the T & D losses. ▪ Private participation on Street light maintenance to be withdrawn. ▪ The status of Coal block allotment in Odisha to be intimated. ▪ The Electricity Act 2003 is to be withdrawn as it is not benefiting the electrical consumers.
3.	Shri.Kaliya Murugan Ph: 9787437447	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Public hearing has not been conducted in Villianur area for the past 25 years, but now due to intervention of Hon'ble JERC, the public hearing has been conducted at Villianur area. I thank the Electricity Department officials for conducting the same. ▪ In the last hearing there was a misunderstanding between me and the Hon'ble Chairman which I would like to clarify and I feel sorry for that. ▪ There should not be any cost increase upto 200 units and reduction of unit charges from 201 to 300 units to be considered. The fixed costs charges to be deleted which is a burden to the public. ▪ Strength of Meter Reader to be increased and the bills to be issued in time. The bills to be served from 1st to 10th of every month. ▪ Meter rent is also levied to the consumer purchased meter. Same has to be rectified. ▪ Whether OHOB bill is being served or not. What is the revenue cost of it. Street lights are burning in the day time also. The same has to be rectified by providing timer. ▪ The CC bills for the new consumers are not generated and served in time. The Consumers are afraid to complaint against the erring official fearing harassment from the electricity staff. If

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		<p>the CC bills are issued in time the revenue deficit will be much lesser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Region wise power purchase to be considered. As the cost is different at other regions and the cost difference should be given as subsidy from the other regions. ▪ Whether the staff expenditure is included in the tariff, why when the staff expenditures are met from the Government budget. ▪ The interest on security deposits to be given to the consumers are shown as expenditure instead of making payment by the Department. ▪ Expeditious actions to be taken to provide new service connection.
4.	<p>Shri. R.M Bairavan Ph:94433 65901 (President Karaikal Industries forum)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The levy of FPPCA charges is very late same has to be dropped which is against the JERC decision. ▪ Because of the Recession, economy is in bad shape. Hence, even a small increase in tariff is not desirable. ▪ The solar power to be propagated in collaboration with the REAP as being done in Tamil nadu ▪ The excess energy can be pumped into the grid.
5.	<p>Shri P. Raghupathy Ph: 93454 48661 (President Rajiv Gandhi Human Rights Organisation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As the others have spoken elaborately on the tariff. I will speak about the man power in the Electricity Department ▪ There are 2220 staffs in the Electricity Department and 25 unions in the Electricity Department. How they have been permitted. The bill collectors association has called for a strike on 31th of December 2015. Whether 15 days notice has been given by the Bill Collector association. If not what the action taken by the Electricity Department on the erring official. ▪ In the LED street light conversion, whether the Rs.25.00 Crores is for only 40,000 nos. of Street lights bulb replacement or replacing the entire Lamp post.
6.	<p>Shri. N. Arunachalam Ph:98949 61545</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even though much publicity is given, the public are less in number than the officials of the Electricity Department. ▪ Deficiency in revenue collection. A detailed report has been given to Superintending Engineer-I which needs to be considered.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CC Billing to be made simpler and the format should contain details as given is Tamil nadu. ▪ One year billing details of the each consumers should be made available like done in TNEB. ▪ A centralized Fuse of call center to be established to contact in untine fault complaint. ▪ Street lights to be controlled with respect of sun rise and set. ▪ When oil cost is reduced, no necessity to increase Power tariff. ▪ Local cable TV, internet communication can be done through smart meters by providing additional circuits in the meters. This will resultin additional revenue of Rs. 50.00 Crores to the Department. ▪ O & M sections should be improved with infrastructures. Action to be taken on improving solar power. Smart meters to be provided to all.
7.	Shri.V. Perumal CPM Ph: 94435 35721	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We oppose Electricity Act 2003 as Multi-Year-Tariff is to be proposed. ▪ Whether Rs. 320 Crores had been collected. ▪ Rs. 220 Crores deficit is not acceptable. ▪ No Agriculture, No New Industries, Existing industries are been closed. The Power Tariff hike is one of the reasons for closure of Industries. ▪ Though the proposed hike seems to be smaller will have huge impact on the consumer finance. ▪ The Line loss is 26%. Out of 2500 crores Rs. 250 crores is loss . If the loss is eliminated there is no reason for increase in Power tariff. ▪ Losses to be reduced. ▪ Consumer Security Deposit payment to be streamlined Rs. 48.40 crores payment to be deleted ▪ Power Theft - Yanam in Kanangadurga casting. JERC to interfere to collect amount. We are prepared to provide evidence if Department is ready to take action. ▪ Provision of LED street lightsunder public private partnership is opposed. ▪ Status of Coal blocks allocation in Orissa. ▪ Alternate energy production scheme to be encouraged by the Department. ▪ Department had done dedicated service during cyclone is to be appreciated.

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8.	Shri.G. Nehru @ Kuppusamy, MLA(NR congress party) Ph: 9003444999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As a representative of public some issues on Power tariff are mentioned below ▪ Power tariff is hiked frequently, though opposed by parties no effect on it, Whether the Department is providing reliable power supply. ▪ In every summer there is not even single day without power interruption. ▪ Without giving reliable power supply, hike in power tariff is objected by public. ▪ Marapalam 110 KV Sub-Station was 40 years old. No improvement works were done and it is working on its own. ▪ Immediate action for rectification of UG cable faults, there is no capable person in the Department for attending the cable fault. ▪ Whether the Department has proper equipments to rectify the Cable fault, though the Junior Engineer and Staffs are working at night hours. ▪ Whether additional U.G cable line are being laid to reduce the breakdown of Cable. ▪ To simplify the bill payment system in O&M's computers are to be replaced. Banks are overcrowded for making payments. ▪ No quality tube lights are provided. Bulbs are getting fused in 2 days after replacement. ▪ After attending to all the above problems, Tariff hike can be considered.
9.	Shri Lakshmi Narayanan MLA Ph: 9443860077 (Congress Party)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Last time also we objected but tariff was hiked. ▪ Every year Department is hiking tariff directly or indirectly. ▪ 5.22% Surcharge is much higher. ▪ 202 crores in 3 years Surcharge if levied for short full of previous year then the present consumer will get affected. Department should approach the Government for adjusting the revenue gap. ▪ Who is responsible for the gap? But the Department is putting the burden on all consumers. Details of revenue gap category wise to be provided. Revenue Gap should be collected from that category. ▪ All Domestic consumers be exempted from the surcharge ▪ Revenue gap is due to inefficiency of the Department and not consumers. ▪ 100% metering whether implemented without meters it is not possible to calculate gap ▪ Non work activities like building maintenance

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		<p>are included in the ARR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inclusion of employee cost is not logic/ not reasonable, as Government is providing for the same in the budget. ▪ Capital investment is also shown in the petition. All government/private companies to provide CSR. But the department has not provided for any CSR component. It is the responsibility of the Government to provide for infrastructures. ▪ Rs. 4.00 Crores approved for 100% metering. What is done with this. Without meters how the losses has been assessed. ▪ When the performance of the Department has not improved, increase in tariff is not in the right direction. ▪ Collecting revenue for the past failures of the Department is not acceptable 2016-17 loss is only 21.62 Crores whereas 67.60 Crores is proposed to be collected with Surcharge of 5.22% ▪ The Department to identify region wise loss. ▪ JERC to direct the Government to bear the cost proposed as hike. ▪ Whether the ARR is the Department proposal or the government proposal, whether the Department is taken the approval of the Government.
10.	Shri. Vai.Bala @ BalasubramaniPh: 98423 95455	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on the balance sheet prepared by the Department commission is increasing the power tariff for all. Schools are increasing the school fees accordingly. ▪ Continuous power interruption in Muthialpet region. A suo motto petition has also been filed and now the interruption is reduced. Power interruption to be avoided during exam period. ▪ CC bills payment during the raining period is to be taken as grant as done in the other states. ▪ Delhi government has given subsidy to Doemstic consumers. This has to obtained from the Government. ▪ Power Tariff hike should not be there for the Agriculture and Industries. ▪ The officers are being provided with new Computers and Laptops whereas the Computers in the Bill collection centers are not working properly. Why new computers are not provided. For the delayed payment also surcharge is being

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		<p>levied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My request is not to increase in tariff. ▪ Theft amount not collected and the burden is being passed on to the consumer.
11.	<p>Shri. Rajendiran Sabanayagam Ph: 93808 48305 Sumangala steels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With 2.64 % they should have wiped out all the previous losses • Revenue gap for the next year cannot be Rs. 21.62 Crores and for 2015-16 is Rs. 42.73 Crores. • There is no growth in the Power sector resulting in more revenue gap. • Revenue is more from the Industries which is decreasing due to negative growth. The subsidized category of domestic and commercial categories like star hotels, bars are increasing. • Power intensive and non power Intensive tariff should be implemented. • Power factor incentive of 0.5 % to be increased. • Tariff based on load factor to be implemented as done in Maharashtra. • Incentive for off peak consumption • Subsidy to commercial category to be reduced. • FPPCA and cross subsidy to be reduced. • The expenditure statement to be checked to reduce the revenue gap.
12.	<p>Shri. S. Ravichandran Ph: 9344857789 BJP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whether the Department is doing basic improvement then what is the reason for seeking additional hike in tariff. ▪ In the last hearing the department has assured to provide 85,000 meters by March 2016, but now it is requesting the commission til September 2016. The reasons may be explained. ▪ There is no co-ordination between the PWD and electricity, in Rainbow Nagar 7th cross the day after the new roof laid the Electricity has started digging the road. ▪
13.	<p>Shri. M Narayanasamy Ph:93454 52965 (Makkal Mandram)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciate the Department's effort during the past rainy season for maintaining power supply in the Puducherry region. ▪ We are giving representation every year not to hike the tariff but there is no action for that. ▪ Now Public grievance meeting are being conducted at the level of EE/AE/JE , no higher officials like SE are convening the public

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		grievance meeting.
14.	Shri. T. subrayan Ravi Ph: 99434 82458	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no alternate power supply like Generator in the Bill collection centre. ▪ The meter Reader is not taking reading properly and the bills are not served in time. ▪ If the Cc bill amounts are collected properly the deficit would have come down. ▪ CC charges cheque facility to be allowed to be paid at the bill collection center.
15.	Shri, K. R. Shivalingam Ph: 98423 56383	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciate the Department's effort during the past rainy season for maintaining power supply in the Puducherry region. ▪ The CC charges could not be paid in the bill collection centre due to faulty computer system (computers not working). This lead to repeated visit to collection center which again a waste of petrol ▪ Amount not collected for the product sold.
16.	Shri. R. Chanemougam Ph: 99655 67686	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the OHOB and Agriculture tariff amount collected there will be no need to increase the tariff. ▪ Without knowing the above consumption, how the commission is fixing the tariff. ▪ What the CAG report, whether the same has been taken into consideration while preparing the petition.
17.	Shri. Mohammed Annas Ph: 98940 13820 (MMM Party)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My humble request to the chairman is to increase the tariff for the commercial category from the slab >200 units. ▪ Bill collection time to be increased. ▪ Defective meters to be replaced immediately.

HON'BLE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/DIRECTIONS on 28/01/2016 at Puducherry

Hon'ble Chairman observed that most of the local issues are being raised by the public during the hearing instead of issues related to the Petitions listed. Chairman directed the department to look into the following issues:

- (i) Meter Rent collection, meter rent is not required for consumer purchased meter, if any mistakes pointed out by the consumers should be corrected immediately..
- (ii) New bill format to be introduced from 1st April 2016.
- (iii) TOD metering should be introduced in 2016-17 immediately.

- (iv) convene periodic public grievance meeting once in three months to redress consumer related local issues and has directed that the same has to be reviewed by the higher level like SEs.
- (v) Collection efficiency of arrears to be improved . The Department should go for 100 % collection efficiency.
- (vi) 100 % metering not done by the Department effectively. The Commission is giving repeated directive to the Department, but no action from the Department. The 100% metering to be completed by 2016-17.
- (vii) The list of defaulter should be announced in the public.

DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC QUERIES

1. In order to provide uninterrupted / reliable power supply, the Department has proposed to improve the infrastructure by erecting new EHV sub-stations, new EHT lines, Distribution Transformers at load centers Relaying of UG cables in the areas where UG cables laid long back, laying of UG cables in the new areas, by introducing HV distribution, Aerial bunched cables by funding from JICA, R-APDRP, IPDS DDGYS.
2. **TOD metering:** The tariff order 2015-16 mentions that TOS metering is optional. Hence, it is decided to send notice to HT consumers to get option. Who ever opted for TOD metering, meters will be calibrated. Software is also being modified accordingly. A status report on the implementation of TOD metering will be submitted by the end of June 2016.
3. **100 % Metering:** The first lot of 41,000 meters order are expected by February 2016 end. It is decided to form a special team for each O & M exclusively to replace the defective meters. Providing of meters in unmetred services and replacement of defective meters will be done on priority. A status report on progress of replacement of meters will be submitted by the end of June 2016.
4. **Introduction of new bill format:** Methodology of capturing of reading from the meters is being studied. Methodology of printing the bills forms and dispatch of the bills to the consumers is to be decided. Once the modalities are finalized new bill format will be introduced. Status report will be furnished by the end of June 2016.
5. **Consumers Grievance meetings:** The consumer grievance meeting by the Executive Engineers will be conducted regularly. The petition received will be entered in the Registers and the same will be reviewed by the SEs once in 3 months.
6. **Strengthening of APTS:** More inspection squads will be formed/ reviewed so that number of inspection will be increased. The O & M Engineers will also be asked to inspect the services at random.

7. **Inclusion of Salaries in Expenditure:**The Salaries of the staff involved in non- core activities is not included in the expenditure. Further, the department is preparing accounts as per the format of companies and hence, claiming salaries separately, if not included now and will start including when the department gets corporatized, there will be sudden increase in expenditure / tariff. This Clarification had been submitted to the clarification on earlier occasion also and the Hon'ble commission had accepted the same.

8. **Approval of the Government for the petition:** Approval of the Government has been obtained on the note file before filing the petition. The formal order approving the tariff petition has been issued by the Government vide order No. D. D21016/15/ID(P)D/2016/P3 dated 11-01-2016.

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