

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES
GURGAON**

Coram*
Shri S.K. Chaturvedi, Member
Petition No. 76/2012
Suo-moto
Date of Order 27.12.2013

In the matter of

Loss Reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009.

And in the matter of:

- 1) Electricity Department, Govt. of Goa
- 2) Electricity Department, UT of Andaman & Nicobar
- 3) Electricity Department, UT of Chandigarh
- 4) Electricity Department, UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- 5) Electricity Department, UT of Daman & Diu
- 6) Electricity Department, UT of Lakshadweep
- 7) Electricity Department, UT of Puducherry

..... Respondents

Present:

1. Ms. Sushma Mishra, Junior Engineer, ED- Andaman & Nicobar.
2. Shri M.P. Singh, Superintending Engineer, ED- Chandigarh.
3. Shri Pawan Kr. Sharma, AEE, ED- Chandigarh.
4. Sh. R.B. Chaubal, AE, ED- Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
5. Shri R. Murali, Executive Engineer, ED- Puducherry.
6. Shri T. Gopalakrishnan, Executive Engineer, ED, Puducherry.

Order

The Commission initiated Suo- Moto proceedings/ hearings on total AT&C losses as the licensees were not furnishing information on total AT&C losses of the previous year and current year resulting into failure of proposal of loss reduction program by licensees for ensuing year and next three years as required under Regulation 15 of JERC (Terms and condition for determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2009.

The Commission on 25.05.2012 sent notices to all respondents/ licensees directing them to submit detailed report and road map in respect of AT&C loss reduction program as required under Regulation 15 of JERC (Terms and condition for determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 by licensees for ensuing year and next three years by 22.06.2012 and thereafter by 10.07.2013, 14.10.2013 and lastly by 25.10.2013.

1. Electricity Department - Goa respondent no. 1

The respondent no. 1- ED- Goa submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms

and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 and as directed by the Commission vide order dated 25.10.2013 in affidavit dated 17.12.2013. The report submitted by the respondent is shown in the table below:-

Table

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	ED Goa	14.23	14.1	13.95	13.75

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent. The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 14.23 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 13.75 % by the end of FY 2016-17.

The Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses.

2. Electricity Department - UT of Andaman & Nicobar respondent no. 2

The respondent no. 2- ED- A&N submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 vide affidavit dated 19.12.2013 as directed vide order dated 25.10.2013 by the Commission is shown in the table below:-

Table

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	ED- A&N Admn.	18%	17%	16%	15%

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent. The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 18 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 15 % by the end of FY 2016-17. The respondent further submitted that load centre is concentrated only in the urban area of South Andaman District and as regards to the other two districts of the UT of A&N Islands, the population is settled in scattered villages/ hamlets due to which the LT lines are very lengthy and the highest transmission and distribution voltage is 33 KV only in North. Middle & South Andaman. The voltage level in entire Nicobar group of islands is 11KV and 415 volts.

Therefore, the Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses. The Commission further directs the respondent to submit complete and detailed report and road map in respect of AT&C loss reduction program by licensee for

ensuing year and next three years by 17.04.2014 positively in Performa Annexed "A" & "B" in the order dated 25.10.2013 of South Andaman District.

3. Electricity Department - UT of Chandigarh respondent no. 3

The respondent no. 3- ED- Chandigarh submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 vide affidavit dated 19.12.2013 as directed vide order dated 25.10.2013 by the Commission is shown in the table below:-

Table

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent.

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	ED- Chandigarh	15.50%	15%	14.50%	14%

The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 15.50 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 14 % by the end of FY 2016-17.

The Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses.

4. Electricity Department - UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli respondent no. 4

The respondent no. 4- ED- DNH submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 vide letter dated 26.12.2013 as directed vide order dated 25.10.2013 by the Commission as shown in the table below:-

Table

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	DNHPDCL	4.70%	4.70%	4.65%	4.60%

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent. The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 4.70 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 4.60% by the end of FY 2016-17.

The Commission observed that T&D losses in UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are lowest amongst the licensees of this Commission. There is still scope for further reduction in T&D losses.

Therefore, the Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses.

5. Electricity Department - UT of Daman & Diu respondent no. 5

The respondent no. 5- ED- DD submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 vide letter dated 05.12.2013 as directed vide order dated 25.10.2013 by the Commission is shown in the table below:-

Table

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	ED- D&D	8.80%	8.70%	8.60%	8.50%

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent. The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 8.80 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 8.50% by the end of FY 2016-17.

The Commission observed that T&D losses in UT of Daman & Diu are second lowest amongst the licensees of this Commission. There is still scope for further reduction in T&D losses. Therefore, the Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses.

6. Electricity Department - UT of Lakshadweep respondent no. 6

The respondent no. 6 ED- Lakshadweep failed to submit detailed report and road map in respect of AT&C loss reduction program by licensee for ensuing year and next three years by 22.06.2012, 10.07.2013, 14.10.2013 and lastly by 25.10.2013 despite repeated directions, orders and warnings.

The respondent no. 6 once again failed to submit detailed report and road map in respect of AT&C loss reduction program by licensee for ensuing year and next three years as required under Regulation 15 of JERC (Terms and condition for determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2009. The Commission has taken very serious note for non- compliance of its orders and directions. The Commission directs that a letter be sent to Secretary (Power), UT of Lakshadweep directing him to take action against the defaulting official/ officer for non- compliance of orders/directions of the Commission and to submit complete and detailed report and road map in respect of AT&C loss reduction program by licensee for ensuing year and next three years by 17.04.2013 positively in Performa Annexed "A" & "B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. Otherwise the Commission shall be constrained to initiate proceedings under sections 142, 146 read with section 149 of Electricity Act, 2003 against the licensee for non- compliance of orders/ directions issued by the Commission and JERC Regulations.

7. Electricity Department - UT of Puducherry respondent no. 7

The respondent no. 7- ED- Puducherry submitted report on loss reduction Programme as per Regulation 15 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff) Regulations, 2009 vide affidavit dated 20.12.2013 as directed vide order dated 25.10.2013 by the Commission is shown in the table below:-

Table

For Reduction of T&D losses					
S. No.	Name of Licensee	Existing	Targeted		
			2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	ED- Puducherry	13%	12.33%	11.58%	11.16%

The Commission examined the information/ report submitted by the respondent. The report/ information submitted by the respondent is in Performa annexed "A & B" of the order dated 25.10.2013. The Commission observed that the existing T&D losses for FY 2013-14 of the respondent are 13 %. The respondent has undertaken that they will reduce T&D losses to 11.16 % by the end of FY 2016-17.

The Commission directs the respondent to make sincere and best efforts to further reduce T&D losses.

Scheduled for hearing on 22.04.2014 at 11:00 AM.

Sd/-

(S.K.Chaturvedi)

Member

- * As per Regulation 9 (II) of JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 "Coram is two". Whereas as per proviso of Regulation 9 (II) of JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 if Chairperson or the Member is prevented from attending hearing of which he has been given notice the Member or the Chairman as the case may be attending the meeting shall validly constitute the Coram. Post of the Chairperson is vacant. According to provisions of Section 93 of the Electricity Act, 2003 no act or proceedings of the appropriate Commission shall be questioned or invalidated merely on the ground of existence of any vacancy or defect in the Constitution of the appropriate Commission. So the Member only constitute a valid Coram.

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Secretary