

**Minutes of the Meeting on Tariff Petitions submitted by ASEB and successor Companies for FY 2007-08 to 2009-10 held on 27.04.2007**

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The Chairperson welcomed the officers of ASEB and the successor entities to the meeting. The list of officers present in the meeting is at Annexure-1.

The Chairperson pointed out some discrepancies /anomalies in the Tariff Petitions submitted by the Companies which need rectification. The Tariff Petitions were submitted by the Companies on 28.02.2007. On scrutiny, it was found that some vital documents like Opening Balance Sheet as on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005 and Financial Statement for 2005-06, supporting documents for power purchase etc. were not furnished and so the Companies were requested to furnish them. After submission of these documents, it was found that there were still certain discrepancies in the data provided in the Tariff Petitions and some clarifications were still needed on some vital issues for which written reply is needed. These are shown in Annexure-2 to Annexure-5. The Chairperson specifically mentioned about clarification on constitution and operationalisation of Trust Fund and details of power purchase for FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07.

Shri J. P. Saikia, Member, sought clarification on the variance on drawl of power from projected ones from various CSGS stations in 2006-07 and likely drawl of power from NTPC in 2007-08.

Mr. M. Adhikary, Joint Director (Tariff), stated that high manpower cost and power purchase cost proposed in the Tariff Petitions for 2007-08 for the Companies needs clarifications. The details of manpower cost is shown in Annexure-5 and power purchase cost in Annexure-3 and Annexure-4. He stated that it needs clarification why Special charge on BST for unfunded liabilities is shown as expense. Also the arrangement for terminal liabilities for the newly recruited employees which was not shown in the petitions needs to be stated in detail. He stated that difference between the estimated employee cost in Tariff Order 2006-07 and that proposed for 2007-08 to the tune of Rs. 151.85 cr. needs clarification. The total number of employees for all the utilities are shown almost in the same level around 15,000 from FY 2005-06 to FY 2007-08 against the figure of 13,620 in Tariff Order for FY 2006-07 which needs explanation. He also stated that in the Financial Statements of the three Distribution Companies, revenue from sale of power category wise are not shown consistent with prevailing tariff categories while the Commission in its order dated 18.08.2006 directed the Companies to make statements showing different elements as per prevailing schedule of

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tariff for convenience of future truing up exercise. He also stated that it is incumbent upon APGCL to apply for determination of provisional tariff for Karbi Langpi H. E. Project (KLHEP) for scheduling purpose. Regarding BTPS and CTPS, the petitioners claimed tariff against the assets of both the stations which are closed for last few years. It was requested that the status report of both the stations along with the status of the proposed NTPC project at Salakati be furnished at the earliest.

It was brought into the notice of all the officers of APGCL, AEGCL, ASEB and the Distribution Companies a number of inconsistencies and ambiguities in Tariff Petitions with respect to un-audited Financial Statement for FY 2005-06 etc. as stated in Annexure-2 which needs to be corrected. It was observed that the details of investment funds from various sources are not shown in the petitions which needs to be shown separately for ADB and APDRP, both loan and grant.

The Chairperson, AERC impressed upon the officers of APGCL, AEGCL, ASEB and the Distribution Companies to firm up the base figures so that tariff determination can be properly done by the Commission. If the base figures get inflated because of elements like arrears, this should be properly indicated otherwise the projection will be erroneous.

Mr. M. Adhikary stated that electricity duty is payable by the cogeneration and standby units in the State which is not collected so far. He requested the officers of the Companies to impress upon the Government to devise a mechanism for the same.

The meeting ended with thanks from the Chairperson to all those present in the meeting.

Sd/-(H. Dutta)  
Member, AERC

Sd/-(J. P. Saikia)  
Member, AERC

Sd/-(P.K. Bora)  
Chairperson, AERC

**List of Persons attending the meeting on Tariff Petitions submitted by  
ASEB and successor Companies for FY 2007-08 to 2009-10  
held on 27.04.2007**

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- (1) **Shri P. K. Bora, IAS (Retd.),** Chairperson, AERC
- (2) **Shri J. P. Saikia,** Member, AERC
- (3) **Shri H. Dutta,** Member, AERC
- (4) **Shri A. K. Sachan,** MD, LAEDCL & CAEDCL
- (5) **Shri A. C. Bhuyan,** MD, APGCL
- (6) **Shri D. K. Dutta,** CE & MD, UAEDCL
- (7) **Shri T. K. Bose,** CGM (D), LAEDCL
- (8) **Shri B. K. Sarma,** CGM (D), CAEDCL
- (9) **Shri P. K. Hazarika,** GM (Com-T), ASEB
- (10) **Shri K. Sarkar,** DGM, UAEDCL
- (11) **Shri Prosenjit Roy,** GM, AEGCL
- (12) **Shri H. Devnath,** DGM, AEGCL
- (13) **Shri Anil Kr. Borthakur,** DGM, APGCL
- (14) **Shri Probin Hazarika,** Sr. Manager, AEGCL
- (15) **Shri Binoy Mohan Saikia,** Sr. Manager / GM (Com-T)
- (16) **Shri Jayanta Pd. Choudhury,** Manager (Com-T)
- (17) **Shri Kumudeswar Goswami,** Sr. Manager (Com-T)
- (18) **Shri Surajit Baruah,** AMA, UAEDCL
- (19) **Shri Pradip Goswami,** Deputy Manager, LAEDCL
- (20) **Shri Akhil Ch. Debnath,** Sr. Manager, LAEDCL
- (21) **Shri K. Baruah,** CGM (F&A), LAEDCL
- (22) **Shri S. K. Saha,** CGM (F&A), CAEDCL /APGCL /AEGCL

**List of Officers of AERC present :**

- (1) **Smti Neelima Dewri Dutta,** ACS, Secretary, AERC
- (2) **Shri M. Adhikary,** Joint Director (Tariff), AERC
- (3) **Shri Anuj Goswami,** Deputy Director (Engineering), AERC
- (4) **Shri Alik Purakayastha,** Deputy Director (Finance), AERC