

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007 on  
Tariff Petitions submitted by APGCL, AEGCL and ASEB Trader**

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Shri P. K. Bora, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson of AERC, presided over the meeting. The list of officers attending the meeting is at Annexure-1.

The Chairperson stated that the meeting was convened to obtain clarification on certain issues pertaining to tariff petitions submitted by APGCL, AEGCL and ASEB for the years 2007-08 to 2009-10 and he stressed upon the Utilities to submit the information / clarifications as sought for by the Commission within the stipulated time so as to enable the Commission to complete the time bound tariff exercise..

Mr. M. K. Adhikary, Joint Director (T), AERC, stated that in the ASEB petition, there was no mention about import of power from NTPC stations in 2007-08, while it is found from other sources that it is drawing power from NTPC stations. The actual position may be clarified by ASEB. He further stated that there is no claim for carry forward losses in the ASEB petition for 2007-08, while an amount of Rs. 53 crore was approved as carry forward losses in the last year. He stated that as the notification for electricity duty to be levied at the rate of 10 paise /unit with effect from 01.04.2007 is already issued by the Government, an estimated amount of about Rs. 29 crore will be received by the Distribution Companies which may be used for part payment of past terminal benefit liabilities. Mr. S. K. Saha, CGM (Finance) stated that the amount received against increase in electricity duty will be around Rs. 23 crore as electricity duty is levied at different slabs for industrial consumption. He further stated that as fund is not enough for payment of past terminal benefit liabilities of the employees, the amount collected against future terminal benefit liabilities of the employees has been used up for that purpose.

Mr. Adhikary stated that there was a big jump in the number of employees in the order of 2000 from the last year's tariff petition to this year's petition. The Chairperson, AERC, desired to have company wise number of employees along with company wise number of employees to be retired in the current year and directed the Companies to submit the same urgently.

Mr. Anuj Goswami, Deputy Director (Engg.), AERC, referred to the letters No. AERC. 251/2006/314 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2007 and No. AERC. 251/2006/317 dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, where few additional information were sought for tariff processing. He stated that the information were not yet received leading to difficulties in processing the tariff petitions. The representatives of the Companies have stated that the information will be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

Mr. B. Khound, CGM (Generation), stated that the generation from LTPS will be lower than that projected in the tariff petitions for 2007-08 due to less availability of gas.

It was impressed upon the petitioner representatives that they submit the latest position regarding directions issued by the Commission in last Tariff Order (2006-07) as the submissions made in the petitions are not specific.

The Chairperson, AERC, stated that the last date for submission of objections by consumers against the tariff petitions was extended upto 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 so that consumers get sufficient time to submit the objections. He stated that ASEB and Companies should submit their replies to these objections latest by 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2007. The Chairperson asked the representatives of the Companies to intimate the Commission in reply to a letter already sent from the Commission regarding the quantum of electricity that they can earmark for purchase from no conventional sources of energy as percentage of their total consumption which is anticipated for purchase during the coming two three years.

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

Sd/-  
(P.K. Bora)  
Chairperson,  
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Memo No. AERC. 251/2006/321-A  
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Dated Guwahati the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

- (1) **The Chairman**, ASEB, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (2) **The Managing Director**, APGCL /AEGCL /LAEDCL /CAEDCL /UAEDCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (3) **Shri S. K. Saha**, Chief General Manager (F&A), ASEB, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (4) **Shri K. Goswami**, Sr. Manager (Commercial), ASEB, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (5) **Shri B. M. Saikia**, Sr. Manager (Commercial), ASEB, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.

**ANNEXURE – XI**

- (6) **Shri P. Hazarika**, Sr. Manager, AEGCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (7) **Shri H. Dev Nath**, DGM, AEGCL, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (8) **Shri B. Khound**, Chief General Manager (Generation), ASEB, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati - 781 001, for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- (9) All other concerned officials.

Secretary,  
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

**List of Persons attending the meeting on Tariff Petitions submitted  
by APGCL, AEGCL and ASEB Trader held on 22.06.2007**

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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 S. K. Saha**, CGM (F&A), ASEB
- (5) **Shri K. Goswami**, Sr. Manager (Commercial)
- (6) **Shri B. M. Saikia**, Sr. Manager (Commercial)
- (7) **Shri P. Hazarika**, Sr. Manager (AEGCL)
- (8) **Shri H. Dev Nath**, DGM (AEGCL)
- (9) **Shri B. Khound**, CGM (Generation)

**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