

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

Coram
Dr. V.K. Garg, Chairperson
Shri S.K. Chaturvedi, Member
Petition No. 78/2012
Suo-moto

In the matter of

Operationalization of Open Access in power sector as per JERC Regulations.

And in the matter of:

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

Present:

1. Shri K. Mathivannan, Superintending Engineer, ED- Puducherry
2. Shri T. Gopalakrishnan, Executive Engineer, ED, Puducherry
3. Shri H.C. Surma, Deputy Engineer, ED- DNH
4. Shri Asarpal Singh, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Lakshadweep

ORDER

17.07.2012

1. Secretary (Power) Goa respondent no. 1

Some information was earlier received from respondent no. 1. Commission did not receive any information asked vide order dated 22.06.2012 from respondent no. 1. Secretary (Power) Goa is directed to submit the information asked vide order dated 22.06.2012 on or before 21.9.2012 positively.

2. Secretary (Power) UT Andaman & Nicobar respondent no. 2

Respondent no. 2 submitted information in brief stating that there is no consumer in the UT having contracted demand more than One MW and there is no need of State Transmission Utility (STU) as well as State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC).

Commission considered and analyzed the information and observed that this information is not correct as at the time of public hearing on the petition for approval of ARR and Tariff determination for FY 2012-13 it came to notice of the Commission that there is one consumer i.e. Indian Navy having contracted load of more than One MW in the UT. But there is no alternate source of supply of power to the consumer at present. Distribution network of the UT is also not connected to grid due to peculiar geographical location of the UT. In these circumstances Commission is of the opinion that there is no need of STU and SLDC in the UT and Open Access cannot be operationalized in the present set up and situation.

3. Secretary (Power) UT Chandigarh respondent no. 3

Respondent no. 3 filed information asked for in the order dated 22.06.2012 and in short submitted that UT Chandigarh is in process of corporatization of Electricity Department for which modalities are being worked out and accordingly, the State Transmission Utility (STU) and State Load Dispatch Center (SLDC) shall be constituted. The respondent filed details of the consumers having contracted demand more than One MW.

Commission analyzed the information, considered the same and observed that there should be STU and SLDC as per JERC Regulations.

Commission directed the respondent no. 3 to constitute STU and SLDC as per JERC Regulations and a status report be submitted along with category wise Asset register by 21/9/2012.

4. Secretary (Power) UT Dadra & Nagar Haveli respondent no. 4

Respondent no. 4 filed information briefly stating that UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is in the process of notifying Electricity Department Dadra & Nagar Haveli as a State Transmission Utility (STU) and distribution utility will be corporatized shortly. State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) has started functioning under control of Electricity Department and one Deputy Engineer has been appointed as nodal officer. ED- DNH has prepared plan for long term and short term Open Access. Asset register is not segregated and details of consumers having contracted demand of more than One MW will be prepared and sent to the Commission.

Commission has gone through the information, considered the same and observed that Electricity Department may function as STU with a nodal officer. SLDC should be an independent agency in its functions and finance and may be operated as per JERC Regulations on Open Access and Grid Code.

Commission directed the respondent no. 4 to submit status report on above points and as asked for in the order dated 22.06.2012 on or before 21.09.2012.

5. Secretary (Power) UT Daman & Diu respondent no. 5

Commission took note of non compliance of the order dated 22.06.2012 by respondent no. 5 and for non appearance. Commission directed the Power Secretary UT of Daman and Diu to take necessary action for non compliance of the order dated 22.06.2012 by respondent no. 5 and submit the information asked vide order dated 22.06.2012 by 21.09.2012.

6. Secretary (Power) UT Lakshadweep respondent no. 6

Respondent no. 6 submitted information in brief stating that there is no consumer in the UT having contracted demand more than One MW and there is no alternative source of supply of power to the consumer at present, therefore, there is no need of State Transmission Utility (STU) as well as State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC).

Commission considered and analyzed the information and observed that there is no alternate source of supply of power to the consumers at present.

Distribution network of the UT is also not connected to grid due to peculiar geographical location of the UT. In these circumstances Commission is of the opinion that there is no need of STU and SLDC in the UT and Open Access cannot be operationalized in the present set up and situation.

7. Secretary (Power) UT Puducherry respondent no. 7

Respondent no. 7 filed information as asked for in the order dated 22.06.2012 briefly stating that Electricity Department has been declared STU and System Control Centre (SCC) is operating as integral part of ED- Puducherry and performing functions of State Load Dispatch Center (SLDC) in the UT of Puducherry. It is further submitted that Asset register is under preparation and will be submitted after audit. The respondent submitted details of the consumers having contracted demand more than One MW.

Commission considered and analyzed the information and observed that Electricity Department may function as STU with a nodal officer. SLDC should be an independent agency in the matter of its functions and finance and may be operated as per JERC Regulations on Open Access and Grid Code.

Commission directed the respondent to furnish status report on all the above points and asked for in the order dated 22.06.2012 by 21.09.2012.

Scheduled for hearing at 11:00 AM on 28.09.2012

Sd/-
(S.K.Chaturvedi)
Member

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(Dr. V.K.Garg)
Chairperson