

ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAVAN
UNIT - VIII, BHUBANESWAR - 751 012

No. Dir(T)-372/2009/1065
Date :29 .08.2015

To

The Sr. G.M. (Power System),
State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC),
GRIDCO Colony,
Po-Mancheswar Rly. Colony,
Bhubaneswar-17.

Sub: Review of Performance of SLDC for the period from April, 2014 to March, 2015 held on 17.08.2015.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to send herewith the record note on review of performance for the period from April, 2014 to March, 2015 held on 17.08.2015 in the conference hall of OERC for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Sd/-
SECRETARY I/C

CC:

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information.
2. The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-10 for information.

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Record note of the Review Meeting on Performance of SLDC for the FY 2014-15

Date of Review	:	17.08.2015 at 11:00 AM
Period of Review	:	April, 2014 to March, 2015
Representatives of SLDC Present	:	As per list enclosed in the OPTCL Performance Review Report.

1. The Performance of SLDC for the period from April, 2014 to March, 2015 was reviewed by the Commission on 17.08.2015 in the Conference Hall of OERC. Earlier the Commission had written letter to OPTCL on 30.7.2015 requesting them for a separate presentation on SLDC indicating its performance related issues for FY 2014-15. Accordingly on 17.8.2015 SLDC made a presentation to the Commission on its performance during FY 2014-15.
2. SLDC indicated that it had handled 25694 MU of energy during FY 2014-15 which involved 53 Nos. of entities. SLDC prepared 2456 Nos. of schedules during the period under review averaging to 205 Nos. per month.
3. SLDC provided a clear picture relating to the approved revenue by the Commission vis-à-vis the actual expenditure incurred during the year. The table below portrays the true picture which is self explanatory.

Approved Vrs. Actual Expenditure, 2014-15

Sl No.	Item	Approved by OERC	Actual Expenditure
1.	Employee Cost	428.20	426.60
2.	R & M	254.40	207.28
3.	A & G	116.62	93.96
4.	Depreciation	26.33	26.33
5.	Interest on Working Capital	30.88	0.00
	Total	856.43	754.17

4. **SLDC Development Fund & Capex Plan:** SLDC reported Rs.22.07 crore of deposits in the SLDC Development Fund as on 01.4.2015. The fund is to be utilized by SLDC for its CAPEX plan. SLDC is directed to submit its Capex plan at the earliest to best utilize the funds in this account for strengthening of its Infrastructure, IT, Communication etc.

5. **Weekly UI Impact:** The drawl of energy by the four DISCOMs during FY 2014-15 was higher deviating from the schedules prepared by SLDC. Accordingly, the four DISCOMs have to pay deviation charges as follows:-

**Deviation Charges payable by DISCOMs
(Rs.Crore)**

DISCOM	Deviation charges payable
CESU	147.79
NESCO	102.39
SOUTHCO	37.32
WESCO	143.26
TOTAL	430.75

However, no DISCOM has paid the above deviation charges so far. DISCOMs are persistently giving lower schedules but are drawing higher quantum under the impression that deviation charges are not payable by them. This practice has to be done away with.

6. **Dumb Terminals:** CESU, NESCO and SOUTHCO have already installed these terminals. SLDC reported that WESCO was yet to install such a terminal. Commission directed SLDC to pursue the matter with WESCO for early functionalisation. On obtaining confirmation from SLDC, a team of OERC shall assess the performance of the terminal and submit report to the Commission by September, 2015.
7. **Open Access:** SLDC stated that during the period under review, it received 1297 nos. of Short Term Open access (STOA)/Medium Term Open access (MTOA) applications out of which 1243 nos. of applications were disposed of and 54 were rejected/withdrawn.
8. **Energy Accounting and Settlement Service Centre (EASSC):** SLDC reported that EASSC was fully operational and functioning at SLDC. SLDC is preparing the monthly State Energy Account, weekly UI / deviation charge billing and mock reactive energy account at EASSC. Commission directed SLDC to arrange the visit to the EASSC by a Committee consisting of CEO/Authorised officer of all four DISCOMs (or their authorized representatives), SGM, SLDC under the Chairmanship of Director (Engg.), OERC and submit report to the Commission on its satisfactory performance by September, 2015. This follows from the directive of the Commission vide para 99 of ARR and Fees & Charges Order of the Commission for SLDC functions for FY 2015-16. This may please be got done immediately.
9. **Staff Position and Independent Functioning:** SLDC has added seven personnel during FY 2014-15 taking the total strength to 68.
10. **Creation of wholly owned subsidiary “Odisha Power System Corporation Ltd. (OPSCL) under OPTCL:** As per Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 the STU

shall operate the SLDC until a government company is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL is operating SLDC at present. Commission desired that the existing Chief Load Dispatcher should have functional autonomy.

11. **Separation of assets and liabilities:** All assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified and Transfer of assets shall be done through a Transfer Scheme by Government of Odisha.
12. **Quarterly Performance:** SLDC is furnishing the performance report to the Commission for review as and when required.
13. **Directions of the Commission:**
 - i) The Commission had directed SLDC vide para 66 of the SLDC ARR and Fees and Charges for FY 2015-16 in Case No. 66/2014 that with a view to strengthen SLDC function through Capex, SLDC may file separately the detailed Capex proposal along with necessary cost-benefit analysis justifying the need for such expenditure. SLDC is now directed to file the Capex Plan for strengthening of SLDC in terms of Infrastructure, IT, Communication and for best utilization of SLDC Development Fund.
 - ii) SLDC is directed to pursue the matter of installation of dumb terminal with WESCO at the earliest and WESCO is directed to operationalise the system within this month with necessary help from SLDC.
