

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016  
Filing No -3**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by Sambalpur District Consumer Federation, through its Convener cum General Secretary, Gobind Narayan Agrawal, Advocate, Balajee Mandir Bhawan, Khetrajpur, Sambalpur, Odisha-768 003.

**... Objector**

**Rejoinder to the objections raised by the objector Sambalpur District Consumer Federation, Sambalpur**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

That the objector Sambalpur District Consumer Federation has raised consolidated objections on the ARR application of all the Licensees. It is observed that there is no specific objection with regard to OPTCL's application for approval of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**Filing No - 4**

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**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s Swain & Sons Power Tech Pvt. Ltd (SSPTPL), Swati Villa, SuryaVihar, Link Road, Cuttack-753 012, Odisha

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That, the contents of Para-1 to 2 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that SLDC has almost incurred HR expenses with insignificant difference with the approved amount during FY 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16. It is anticipated that during FY 2016-17, the HR expenses shall reach the approved amount.

It is further submitted that the present staff strength including contractual is mentioned as 69 numbers at para 1 (e), while the proposed staff strength for FY 2017-18 is mentioned as 67 nos. as approved by the Government of Odisha excluding personnel at Sub-LDC which have been included in OPTCL staff structure. The approved staff strength (67nos.) is adequate to perform the present activities of SLDC. Filling up of the remaining posts is under process.

It is submitted that with the existing manpower, SLDC is performing all major activities as per the provision of Act & Regulation.

It is submitted that, the website of SLDC is updated regularly in respect of major information like implemented open access transactions, energy accounting, daily / monthly / quarterly / annual system performance report, daily drawal & dispatch schedule for DISCOMs and Generating Stations respectively etc. However, some of the information, not urgent in nature are yet to be displayed. Action is being taken for displaying the above.

The employee cost for 2017-18 has been computed considering the approved 67 number of employees as approved by the Government & implementation of 7th Pay Commission Report. Payment of arrear amounting Rs. 80.00 lakhs arising due to implementation of 7th Pay commission report has been considered.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that AMC charges of SCADA / EMS & VPS contribute a substantial amount of R&M expenses. During FY 2016-17, the R&M expenses shall reach the approved amount as the bill towards AMC charges is pending for payment due to non-receipt of the bill from POWERGRID. As such, the proposal of the Objector is not acceptable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, depreciation for the assets in the Unified Load Despatch Center and offices in SLDC has been computed as Rs. 23.853 lacs as per CERC Regulation (Form-4B). The major amount of depreciation charges is for recovering the depreciation cost for Video Projection Screen (VPS) amounting Rs. 9.118 lacs and the depreciation cost for IT equipments at EASSC amounting Rs. 7.702 lacs. Depreciation of new assets such as AC, furniture, UPS, photocopier, battery etc. has also been considered. As such, the proposal of the Objector is not acceptable.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that the interest on working capital amounting Rs. 366.067 lacs computed as Rs. 45.03 lacs as per OERC Regulation considering 9.3% rate of interest (SBI base Rate) plus 300 basis point. Even though SLDC has not taken loan to meet the working expenses, the provision has been kept due to non-receipt of SLDC charges from the Users for a period of two months from the

commencement of Financial Year. The expenses have to be met from the charges collected from the Users for the previous year which could have been kept in the SLDC development fund. The loss of interest for the above amount is being recovered as interest on working capital.

6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7 & 8, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not based on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, in reply to Para-9, it is submitted that, for the purpose of determination of the Annual Charges for CGPs, the maximum MW scheduled during April to October 2016 has been considered. Some CGPs / Generators have stopped injection during the FY 2016-17. In absence of approved injection schedule for some of the CGPs during the FY 2016-17 (up to October'16), the approved schedule quantum for previous year has been considered for purpose of levying SLDC charges anticipating revival of power injection by them during FY 2017-18.
8. That, in reply to Para-10, it is submitted that, as per provision of Regulation 20 & 21 of OERC (Fees and Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2010, OPTCL proposed to collect Annual Charges from those industries who are importing power through Intra / Inter-State open access as they are coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11, it is submitted that OPTCL has suggested to collect scheduling charges @ 2000/- per day as per the previous order.
10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. OPTCL has filed an application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The C.G.M., SLDC is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. The post of Director has already been sanctioned by Government of Odisha.

It is submitted that, EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field. Schedule based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012. The monthly energy accounting for Discoms and Open access customers on 15 minutes block basis is being uploaded in the SLDC website and forwarded to all customers on 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month by email.

The objections made relating to merit order despatch is not specific. However, SLDC is adopting merit order generation despatch.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the issues raised by the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
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CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

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**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s Adhunik Metaliks Ltd., IPICOL House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Annexe Building, Janpath, Bhubaneswar -751 022.

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

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is adequate to perform the present activities of SLDC. Filling up of the remaining posts is under process.

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SLDC has not taken loan to meet the working expenses, the provision has been kept due to non-receipt of SLDC charges from the Users for a period of two months from the commencement of Financial Year. The expenses have to be met from the charges collected from the Users for the previous year which could have been kept in the SLDC development fund. The loss of interest for the above amount is being recovered as interest on working capital.

6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8 & 9, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not based on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, in reply to Para-10, it is submitted that, for the purpose of determination of the Annual Charges for CGPs, the maximum MW scheduled during April to October 2016 has been considered. Some CGPs / Generators have stopped injection during the FY 2016-17. In absence of approved injection schedule for some of the CGPs during the FY 2016-17 (up to October'16), the approved schedule quantum for previous year has been considered for purpose of levying SLDC charges anticipating revival of power injection by them during FY 2017-18.
8. That, in reply to Para-11, it is submitted that, as per provision of Regulation 20 & 21 of OERC (Fees and Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2010, OPTCL proposed to collect Annual Charges from those industries who are importing power through Intra / Inter-State open access as they are coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that OPTCL has suggested to collect scheduling charges @ 2000/- per day as per the previous order.
10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-13, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. OPTCL has filed an application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The C.G.M., SLDC is functioning



as Chief Load Despatcher. The post of Director has already been sanctioned by Government of Odisha.

It is submitted that, EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field. Schedule based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012. The monthly energy accounting for Discoms and Open access customers on 15 minutes block basis is being uploaded in the SLDC website and forwarded to all customers on 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month by email.

The objections made relating to merit order despatch is not specific. However, SLDC is adopting merit order generation despatch.

### **PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the issues raised by the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016**

**Filing No - 6**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by Sri Ananda Kumar Mohapatra, Power Analyst, Mohapatra & Associates, Cost Accountant, Plot No.-L-II / 68, SRIT Colony, Budharaja, PS-Ainthapalli, Town & District- Sambalpur, Odisha – 768 004.

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That, the contents of Para-1, 2 & 3, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator headed by Chief Load Despatcher, under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL.

SLDC has been financially unbundled and is maintaining separate books of account and is meeting its expenses out of the revenue generated as per OERC order. Hence SLDC is financially independent from OPTCL.

It is further submitted that OERC vide letter No. 1313 dated 04.08.2007 issued a road map for implementation of levy of annual fee and operating charges for SLDC functions in Odisha in order to separate SLDC charges from the existing transmission charges of OPTCL with effect from 01.04.2008 to make SLDC self -reliant. As per direction of Hon'ble Commission, separate application for approval of Annual Fees and Operating Charges for SLDC function is being filed by OPTCL since FY: 2009-10.

Subsequently, on notification of OERC (Fees & Charges of SLDC & other related matters) Regulations, 2010, the application for approval of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees & Charges for SLDC is being prepared & submitted before Hon'ble Commission as per the provision of Regulation.

2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that Hon'ble Commission are reviewing the performance of SLDC. Further, statutory / internal audit of SLDC account is being conducted annually by independent Chartered / Cost accountant firm. As such, the allegation made by the objector is not maintainable.
3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, 6 & 7, it is submitted that as per the provision of 3 (1) of the OERC (Fees & Charges of SLDC & other related matters) Regulations, 2010, CLD, SLDC, OPTCL has filed the application for Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18. Since, the Regulations do not specify the competency of the applicant, it is not necessary to file the tariff application by an accountancy expert only. As such the allegation made by the Objector is not tenable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8, it is submitted that OPTCL has complied to the direction of Hon'ble Commission as mentioned at Para-1 above. Further, all assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified and used exclusively by SLDC personnel, Transfer of assets shall be done through a 'Transfer Scheme' by Government of Odisha after due notification.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-9, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.

6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-10 & 11, it is submitted that the contents are repetitive in nature for which reply has already been made in above para.
7. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12 to 18, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.
8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-19 & 20, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not maintainable as function of SLDC is not related to the activities like electrification & low voltage in distribution network etc.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-21 to 22, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.
10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-23, it is submitted that SLDC is optimizing the State's drawal from Machhakund PH with the available network configuration.
11. That, in reply to the contents of Para-24 & 25, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.
12. That, in reply to the contents of Para-26, it is submitted that the State's hydro generation is being made as per the decision made by the Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha in coordination with OHPC.
13. That, in reply to the contents of Para-27 to 30, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the issues raised by the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s Aarti Steels Limited, Plot No.- 18/1 (B), Sector-10, CDA, Cuttack- 753 014.

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That, the contents of Para-1 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-2, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The C.G.M., SLDC is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher.
3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3 to 10, it is submitted that the contents of the para are not related to the application.

**PRAYER**

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CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

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**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by North Odisha Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NOCCI), Ganeswarpur Industrial Estate, Januganj, Balasore – 756 019

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

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**AND**

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**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s Visa Steel Limited, Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, At/Po: Jakhapura-755 026, Dist- Jajpur, Odisha

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

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5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that the interest on working capital amounting Rs. 366.067 lacs computed as Rs. 45.03 lacs as per OERC Regulation considering 9.3% rate of interest (SBI base Rate) plus 300 basis point. Even though

SLDC has not taken loan to meet the working expenses, the provision has been kept due to non-receipt of SLDC charges from the Users for a period of two months from the commencement of Financial Year. The expenses have to be met from the charges collected from the Users for the previous year which could have been kept in the SLDC development fund. The loss of interest for the above amount is being recovered as interest on working capital.

6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7 & 8, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not based on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, in reply to Para-9, it is submitted that, for the purpose of determination of the Annual Charges for CGPs, the maximum MW scheduled during April to October 2016 has been considered. Some CGPs / Generators have stopped injection during the FY 2016-17. In absence of approved injection schedule for some of the CGPs during the FY 2016-17 (up to October'16), the approved schedule quantum for previous year has been considered for purpose of levying SLDC charges anticipating revival of power injection by them during FY 2017-18.
8. That, in reply to Para-10, it is submitted that, as per provision of Regulation 20 & 21 of OERC (Fees and Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2010, OPTCL proposed to collect Annual Charges from those industries who are importing power through Intra / Inter-State open access as they are coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11, it is submitted that OPTCL has suggested to collect scheduling charges @ 2000/- per day as per the previous order.
10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The C.G.M., SLDC is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. The post of Director has already been sanctioned by Government of Odisha.

It is submitted that, EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field. Schedule based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012. The monthly energy accounting for Discoms and Open access customers on 15 minutes block basis is being uploaded in the SLDC website and forwarded to all customers on 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month by email.

The objections made relating to merit order despatch is not specific. However, SLDC is adopting merit order generation despatch.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the issues raised by the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016  
Filing No-10**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by Mr Ramesh Chandra Satpathy, Secretary of National Institute of Indian Labour, Plot No. 302(B), Behera Sahi, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751 012, Khurda

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That the contents of Para 1 are matters of record only. OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That the contents of Para-2 are provisions of the Act, OPTCL has no comments to offer.
3. That in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) until a government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly SLDC is at present operated by OPTCL, the STU. SLDC is operating the State grid most efficiently to maintain the electrical parameters within the statutory limit.

4. That in reply to the contents of Para-4, it submitted that OPTCL (SLDC) has complied with the directions of Hon'ble Commission.
5. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (a & b), it is submitted that SLDC is now functioning autonomously under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL, the designated State Transmission Utility (STU). C.G.M. SLDC is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. The post of Director has already been approved by Government of Odisha.
6. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (c), it is submitted that SLDC development fund has already been created and operative at present.
7. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (d), it is submitted that EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field. Schedule based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012 and mock reactive energy charges billing is also being prepared.
8. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (e), it is submitted that monthly report on STOA transactions is being displayed on SLDC website. Further, the status of OA applications received & rejected is being submitted to Hon'ble Commission during performance review.
9. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (f), that Government of Odisha has already approved the SLDC structure for 67 nos. of employees of different category excluding personnel at Sub-LDC which have been included in OPTCL staff structure. Posting of required numbers of staffs is under progress.
10. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (g), it is submitted that SLDC is presenting its performance report before Hon'ble Commission for review.
11. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (h), it is submitted that OPTCL has no views to offer.



12. That in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that the details of SLDC development fund are available in the ARR application filed by OPTCL.

13. That in reply to the contents of Para-7, it is submitted that the actions taken by OPTCL have already mentioned in above para.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the prayer of the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016**

**Filing No - 11**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s FACOR Power Limited, At/P.O.- Randia, Dist.- Bhadrak – 756 135, Odisha

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named  
MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That, the contents of Para-1 to 2 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that SLDC has almost incurred HR expenses with insignificant difference with the approved amount during FY 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16. It is anticipated that during FY 2016-17, the HR expenses shall reach the approved amount.

It is further submitted that the present staff strength including contractual is mentioned as 69 numbers at para 1 (e), while the proposed staff strength for FY 2017-18 is mentioned as 67 nos. as approved by the Government of Odisha excluding personnel at Sub-LDC which have been included in OPTCL staff structure. The approved staff strength (67nos.) is adequate to perform the present activities of SLDC. Filling up of the remaining posts is under process.

It is submitted that with the existing manpower, SLDC is performing all major activities as per the provision of Act & Regulation.

It is submitted that, the website of SLDC is updated regularly in respect of major information like implemented open access transactions, energy accounting, daily / monthly / quarterly / annual system performance report, daily drawal & dispatch schedule for DISCOMs and Generating Stations respectively etc. However, some of the information, not urgent in nature are yet to be displayed. Action is being taken for displaying the above.

The employee cost for 2017-18 has been computed considering the approved 67 number of employees as approved by the Government & implementation of 7th Pay Commission Report. Payment of arrear amounting Rs. 80.00 lakhs arising due to implementation of 7th Pay commission report has been considered.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that AMC charges of SCADA / EMS & VPS contribute a substantial amount of R&M expenses. During FY 2016-17, the R&M expenses shall reach the approved amount as the bill towards AMC charges is pending for payment due to non-receipt of the bill from POWERGRID. As such, the proposal of the Objector is not acceptable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, depreciation for the assets in the Unified Load Despatch Center and offices in SLDC has been computed as Rs. 23.853 lacs as per CERC Regulation (Form-4B). The major amount of depreciation charges is for recovering the depreciation cost for Video Projection Screen (VPS) amounting Rs. 9.118 lacs and the depreciation cost for IT equipments at EASSC amounting Rs. 7.702 lacs. Depreciation of new assets such as AC, furniture, UPS, photocopier, battery etc. has also been considered. As such, the proposal of the Objector is not acceptable.
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commencement of Financial Year. The expenses have to be met from the charges collected from the Users for the previous year which could have been kept in the SLDC development fund. The loss of interest for the above amount is being recovered as interest on working capital.

6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7 & 8, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not based on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, in reply to Para-9, it is submitted that, for the purpose of determination of the Annual Charges for CGPs, the maximum MW scheduled during April to October 2016 has been considered. Some CGPs / Generators have stopped injection during the FY 2016-17. In absence of approved injection schedule for some of the CGPs during the FY 2016-17 (up to October'16), the approved schedule quantum for previous year has been considered for purpose of levying SLDC charges anticipating revival of power injection by them during FY 2017-18.
8. That, in reply to Para-10, it is submitted that, as per provision of Regulation 20 & 21 of OERC (Fees and Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2010, OPTCL proposed to collect Annual Charges from those industries who are importing power through Intra / Inter-State open access as they are coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11, it is submitted that OPTCL has suggested to collect scheduling charges @ 2000/- per day as per the previous order.
10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that as per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a Government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The C.G.M., SLDC is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. The post of Director has already been sanctioned by Government of Odisha.

It is submitted that, EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field. Schedule

based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012. The monthly energy accounting for Discoms and Open access customers on 15 minutes block basis is being uploaded in the SLDC website and forwarded to all customers on 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month by email.

The objections made relating to merit order despatch is not specific. However, SLDC is adopting merit order generation despatch.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the issues raised by the objector is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016**

**Filing No- 12**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath,  
Bhubaneswar

**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by Mr. R. P. Mahapatra, Retired Chief Engineer & Member (Gen.), erstwhile OSEB, Plot No.-775 (P), Lane-3, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751 013.

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

1. That, the contents of Para-1 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-2, it is submitted that:

***Compliance to the direction of Hon'ble Commission at Para-109***

As per provision under Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, the State Transmission Utility shall operate the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) until a government company or any authority or corporation is notified by the State Government. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator headed by Chief Load Dispatcher, under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The post of Director has already been approved by Government of Odisha.

***Compliance to the direction of Hon'ble Commission at Para-110***

All assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified and used exclusively by SLDC personnel, Transfer of assets shall be done through a 'Transfer Scheme' by Government of Odisha after due notification.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that:

While approving the ARR & Fees and Charges for SLDC function for FY: 2015-16 vide order dated 23.03.2015 in Case No.-66/2014, Hon'ble Commission had given certain directions. The compliance of the said directions are as detailed.

That in compliance to direction at Para-94, it is submitted that SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL.

That in compliance to direction at Para-95, it is submitted that at present, C.G.M. (SLDC) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher.

That in compliance to direction at Para-96, it is submitted that all assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified and used exclusively by SLDC personnel. Transfer of assets shall be done through a 'Transfer Scheme' by Government of Odisha after due notification.

That in compliance to direction at Para-97, it is submitted that Govt. of Odisha have approved SLDC structure for deployment of 67 Nos of staff at SLDC, Bhubaneswar. The approved structure is excluding personnel at Sub-LDC which have been included in OPTCL staff structure. Filling up of the remaining posts is under progress.

That in compliance to direction at Para-98, it is submitted that SLDC is furnishing the Performance Report to OERC for review as directed by Hon'ble Commission.

Capital Expenditure amounting Rs. 5.58 lacs has been incurred during FY 2015-16 (up to October-2015) against approval of Hon'ble Commission for Rs. 5.6 lacs.

4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-2, it is submitted that action taken by OPTCL (SLDC) for compliance of directions has been explained at Para-1 above.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that SLDC is functioning autonomously under the ambient of OPTCL, the STU as per the provision of the Act. Gridco is the designated entity for receiving power from all sources including State's ISGS share. In case of non-compliance of schedule by the embedded OA customer, Gridco's drawal schedule will be ultimately affected. In view of the above, some sort of commercial agreement is required between embedded OA customer & Gridco, in absence of implementation of Intra State ABT to the generators.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5 it is submitted that SLDC has never asked to any CGP for not to inject power to the CTU network. However, as a part of grid operation activity, SLDC can direct any user not to inject power beyond the schedule depending grid condition.
7. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6 it is submitted that since, OPTCL is looking after the SLDC function, the staff cadre is being maintained by OPTCL.
8. OPTCL has no views regarding the Transfer Scheme to be notified by Government of Odisha.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8 & 9, it is submitted that the suggestion made by the Objector is not justified.

**PRAYER**

In view of the facts and clarifications submitted above, the prayer of the objector Sri R.P. Mahapatra is not tenable and may not be considered by the Hon'ble Commission while approving the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2017-18.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

CHIEF LOAD DESPATCHER, SLDC



**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-65/2016**

**Filing No - 3 to 12**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** An application for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2017-18.

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited., Janpath, Bhubaneswar. **... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

1. Shri G.N. Agrawal, Convenor-cum-Gen. Secy, Sambalpur District Consumers Federation, Balajee Mandir Bhawan, Khetrajpur, Dist-Sambalpur-768003.
2. M/s. Swain & Sons Power Tech Pvt. Ltd., Swati Villa, Surya Vihar, Link Road, Cuttack-753012.
3. M/s Adhunik Metaliks Limited, IPICOL House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Annexe Building, Janapath, Bhubaneswar – 751 002.
4. Sri Ananda Kumar Mohapatra, Power Analyst, S/o-Jachindranath Mohapatra, Plot No-L-II/68, SRIT Colony, Budharaja, PS-Ainthapali, Dist- Sambalpur-768004.
5. M/s Aarti Steels Limited, Plot No.—18/1B, Sector-10, CDA, Cuttack-753014.
6. Shri Devashis Mahanti, President, North Odisha Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NOCCI), Ganeswarpur Industrial Estate, Januganj, Balasore – 756019.
7. M/s. Visa Steel Limited, Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, At/Po. Jakhapura-755026, Dist-Jajpur
8. Shri Ramesh Ch. Satpathy, Secretary, National Institute of Indian Labour, Plot No.302(B), Beherasahi, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012
9. M/s FACOR Power Limited, At/P.O.- Randia, Dist.- Bhadrak-756135.
10. Shri R.P. Mahapatra, Retd. Chief Engineer & Member (Gen., OSEB, Plot No. 775 (Pt.), Lane-3, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013

**... Objectors**

**Affidavit verifying the Application**

I, Sri Purnendu Sekhar Sahu, son of Late Abhiram Sahu, aged about 57 years, presently working at SLDC, Bhubaneswar do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. I am the Chief Load Despatcher, SLDC of Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited, the applicant in the above matter, and am duly authorized by the said applicant to make this affidavit on its behalf.
2. The statements made herein the above are based on information and I believe them to be true.

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 30.01.2017

**DEPONENT**