

## **No change in Retail Supply Tariff (RST) for the FY 2014-15 after successive increase in last four years**

Electricity Tariff proceedings for the FY 2014-15 has been completed and notified by the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission by 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2014. But it could not have been published in view of imposition of Model Code of Conduct by the Election Commission of India. However, it is made public today on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 after end of the General Election in the State including re-polling.

For the FY 2014-15, there is no change in Retail Supply Tariff (RST) in the State for all classes of consumers. It has been remained same as was in the last year i.e. FY 2013-14. Though the DISCOMs have projected higher level of distribution loss of 32.04%, the Commission has considered average distribution loss of 21.38% for determination of RST for consumer of the State. However, DISCOMs are directed to implement smart metering schemes, Energy Audit, SCADA on pilot basis in their Licence area.

The average Bulk Supply Price (BSP) of GRIDCO has been reduced of about 2 paise per unit in view of the reduction in power purchase cost from the generators as compared to last year. The average BSP is computed at 263.21 paise per unit for the FY 2014-15 as against 265.27 paise per unit in last year. However, there is an increase in the average generation tariff of OHPC Power Stations (except Chiplima and Indravati) mainly due to increase in operation and maintenance expenditures. The average generation tariff of all OHPC Stations has been fixed at 83.02 Paise per unit for the FY 2014-15 against 70.77 paise per unit in the last financial year 2013-14. The Commission has not approved for purchase of high cost of power from certain Central Thermal Power Stations for State consumption as the low cost power is available from some IPPs inside the State. However, depending on the commercial viability, GRIDCO may purchase the said high cost power and also power available from other sources after meeting the State demand for trading purpose. The revenue earned from such trading would wipe out the past liabilities of GRIDCO.

The transmission charges for OPTCL has not been changed for the FY 2014-15. It has been remained same at 25 paise/ unit as was fixed for the last year. The Commission has approved a transmission loss of 3.75% in OPTCL system as against the loss of 3.80% approved in the last year. However, there is a slightly increase in SLDC charges.