

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015
Filing No-2**

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 2016-17.

and

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

... Applicant

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Reply to the queries by the Hon'ble Commission vide letter No. 56 /
2015 / 1647 dated 26.12.2015

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That Hon'ble Commission on scrutiny of the application for Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for SLDC functions for the FY 2016-17 have sought for clarifications and additional information vide letter No. 56 / 2015 / 1647 dated 26.12.2015 by raising 12 Nos. queries. OPTCL hereby submits the following clarifications and additional information in the paragraphs mentioned hereunder for kind information of the Hon'ble Commission.

Query No. 1.

The Commission had directed SLDC to file the details of proposed capital expenditure plan of Rs. 851 lakhs with necessary cost analysis with the Commission. The same has not been filed as yet. SLDC may explain the course of action taken by it for the purpose.

Reply:

The CAPEX proposal for FY 2015-16 for Rs. 851 lakhs could not be taken up. However, a modified CAPEX proposal has been submitted along with the ARR for FY 2016-17.

Query No. 2.

Similarly, certain directions were given on functioning of SLDC vide para 92 of the Fees and Charges Order for SLDC, 2015-16 to function as independent system operator. The present status may be indicated.

Reply:***Direction at Para-92: Ring fencing of SLDC and Posting of Chief Load Despatcher & Executives.***

SLDC has already been ring fenced as it is functioning independently under direct administrative control of CMD, OPTCL. Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. At present 64 nos. of Executives & staffs including contractual staffs have been posted at SLDC. Approval of the organization structure for SLDC is under process by the Government. However, more numbers of Executives are expected to be posted at SLDC during the FY 2016-17.

Query No. 3.

The Commission had given some directives vide Para 93 to 99 of the Order in Case No 66 of 2014. Para-wise compliance to such directives with latest developments thereof may be submitted.

Reply:**Para-94: SLDC to act as an Independent System Operator**

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.

Para-95: Posting of Director / Chief Load Despatcher.

At present, Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher.

Para-96: Separation of assets and liabilities

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.

Para-97: Posting of Executives & Staffs

At present 64 nos. of Executives & staffs including contractual staffs have been posted at SLDC. Further, more numbers of Executives are expected to be posted at SLDC during FY 2016-17 pending finalization of the organization structure by the Government.

Para-98: Quarterly Performance / Capital Expenditure Report.

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.

Para-99: Functioning of EASSC.

- (i) EASSC is functioning at SLDC for State Energy Accounting and UI charge / Deviation charge billing on receipt of energy meter data from field.
- (ii) Schedule based energy accounting and Un-scheduled inter-change / deviation charges billing are being prepared by SLDC with effect from 01.04.2012.

Query No. 4.

SLDC may furnish the details of receipt towards Application Fee and Scheduling Charges from STOA customers for FY 2013-14, 2014-15 and from April 2015 to November, 2015 for the FY 2015-16.

Reply:

The details of application money and scheduling charges received by SLDC are given below:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Application Fee (Rs.)	Scheduling Charges (Rs.)
1	2013-14	25,40,000	1,06,22,000
2	2014-15	48,95,000	1,05,59,240
3	2015-16 (up to Nov’15)	42,35,000	1,01,94,000

Query No. 5

SLDC may furnish the details of collection towards Registration Fee from the users for FYs 2013-14, 2014-15, and from April 2015 to November, 2015.

Reply:

The details of Registration Fee received by SLDC are given below:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Registration Fee (Rs.)
1	2013-14	5,00,000
2	2014-15	5,00,000
3	2015-16 (up to Nov'15)	9,00,000

Query No. 6

SLDC may furnish the item-wise actual expenditure viz. Employee cost, R&M, A&G, Depreciation, and Interest on Working Capital incurred during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (up to November, 2015).

Reply:

Figures in Rs. Lakhs

Sl. No.	Item	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (up to Nov'15)
1	Employee Cost	303.338	426.605	280.373
2	R&M	191.778	207.283	125.547
3	A&G	112.375	93.962	52.585
4	Depreciation	13.168	14.959	0
5	Interest on Working Capital	0	0	0
	Total	620.659	742.809	458.505

Query No. 7

SLDC may furnish the month-wise Cash flow Statement for the financial year 2014-15 indicating the opening & closing balance of cash. Actuals from April to November 2015 may also be submitted.

Reply:

The month-wise Cash flow Statements for the financial year 2014-15 and from April to November 2015 are annexed as **Annexure-1(a) & 1(b)**.

Query No. 8

SLDC may furnish the actual Pay, GP, DA, ADA, HRA etc. paid to Employees during FY 2015-16 (April 2015 to November 2015).

Reply:

The actual Pay, GP, DA, ADA, HRA etc. paid to Employees during FY 2015-16 (April 2015 to November 2015) is as tabled:

Figures in Rs.

Item	MONTH							
	Apr-15	May-15	June-15	July-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15
PAY	13,08,536	11,69,130	11,60,978	11,64,679	11,35,802	11,37,380	11,55,915	11,27,780
GP	3,13,431	2,90,589	2,88,810	2,85,170	2,82,987	2,83,370	2,83,370	2,83,390
DA	18,17,746	18,49,044	16,37,274	16,38,048	16,03,219	16,05,450	19,66,381	16,79,281
HRA	2,15,487	1,99,574	1,97,084	1,95,799	1,89,930	1,89,940	1,90,002	1,87,858

Query No. 9

SLDC may furnish the Annual Accounts for the Financial Years ending 2013-14 & 2014-15.

Reply:

The Annual Accounts for FY 2013-14 & 2014-15 are annexed as **Annexure-2(a) & 2(b)**

Query No. 10

SLDC has proposed to collect SOC from the generating stations having 4768.44 MW capacity. But it is not matched with GRIDCO's filing before the Commission for drawal of power for State. So, SLDC should propose the projected MW to be scheduled by SLDC during FY 2016-17 in co-ordination with GRIDCO.

Reply:

For the purpose of determination of the SOC & MOC, installed Capacity of Generating Companies and for CGP, the maximum MW scheduled during April to October 2015 have been considered. In absence of approved injection schedule for some of the CGPs during the FY 2015-16 (up to October'15), the approved schedule quantum for previous year has been considered for purpose of levying SLDC charges. As such, the quantum of energy projected by Gridco may not necessarily match with the quantum indicated by SLDC for the purpose of computation of SLDC charges.

Query No. 11

In Annexure-V, SLDC has proposed a Capital Expenditure of Rs. 9.78 cr. for 2016-17. SLDC should furnish the details of Capital Expenditure such as present status of Capital Expenditure, period of completion, funding source etc., in a comprehensive manner.

Reply:

The detail status of CAPEX proposed is as indicated below:

<i>Rs. in Lacs</i>					
Sl. No.	Item	Amount	Present Status	Period of completion	Funding Source
1	Construction of New Building adjacent to the existing building at SLDC, Bhubaneswar for accommodation of staff	800.00	IDCO team have verified the site and prepared draft plan.	3 years	SLDC development fund
2	Procurement of computer & Peripherals for use at SLDC	5.00	Proposal to be placed.	1 year	SLDC development fund
3	Procurement of new furniture & fixture	5.00	Proposal to be placed.	1 year	SLDC development fund
4	Establishment of Video Conferencing system at SLDC with Firewalls configuration	25.00	A separate Video Conferencing system at SLDC for connecting to RLDC and NLDC is being taken up by M/s Chemtrols as an inbuilt component of ULDC project.		Proposal submitted along with the ARR application shall be dropped for the time being.
5	Installation of Roof Top Solar PV of 60 kW capacity.	55.00	Tender process in progress	1 year	SLDC development fund
6	Software for countering the cyber attacks	20.00	Proposal placed to IT wing.	1 year	SLDC development fund
7	Replacement of old Air Conditioners at SLDC control room & office building	12.00	Already approved by Hon'ble OERC	FY-2015-16	SLDC development fund
8	Photocopier (2 nos.)	3.55	Already approved by Hon'ble OERC	FY-2015-16	SLDC development fund
9	Colour scanner (2 nos.)	0.20		1 year	SLDC development fund
10	Provision of UPS at SLDC	10.00	Proposal to be placed.	1 year	SLDC development fund

Query No. 12

SLDC may furnish the details of available SLDC Fund as on 31.03.2015. A note on plan of action for utilization of such fund in the ensuing year may also be furnished.

Reply

The details of SLDC development fund is as annexed as **Annexure-3**.

It is proposed to meet the CAPEX from the SLDC Development fund as detailed above at reply to Query No. 11.

Bhubaneswar

06th January, 2015

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Affidavit verifying the Application

I, Sri Manoranjan Mohanty, son of Late Baishnab Charan Mohanty, aged about 58 years, presently working at SLDC, Bhubaneswar do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

I am the Sr. General Manager (Power System) 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.

The statements made herein the above are based on information and I believe them to be true.

Bhubaneswar
06th January, 2016

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