

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
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 2015-16.

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-751012, 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 most of the directions of Hon'ble Commission and all effort is being taken to comply with all 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). Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. Posting of Director as Chief Load Despatcher is under consideration by OPTCL.
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 at present, EASSC is 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.
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.
9. That in reply to the contents of Para-5 (f), it is submitted that the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon.
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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt:06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-4**

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 2015-16.

AND

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

... Applicant

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Reply to the queries raised by Western Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Ltd., North Eastern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Ltd., Southern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Ltd., Registered Office: N 1/22, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015

... 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. The contents of Para 2 (a) are recommendation of Girish B. Pradhan report. OPTCL has no comments to offer.
3. In reply to the contents of Para 2(b), it is submitted that

Regarding the direction at Para-117:

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.

It is further to say that the creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Power System Corporation (POSO) under POWERGRID for independent System Operation of RLDCs and NLDCs does not necessarily call for a similar separation in the state level as the volume and nature of activities carried out by the SLDC are fundamentally different from RLDCs and NLDCs.

Regarding the direction at para-118:

Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. Posting of Director as Chief Load Despatcher is under consideration by OPTCL.

Regarding the direction at para-119:

All assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified for transfer, which shall be done through a Transfer Scheme by Government.

Regarding the direction at para-120:

At present EASSC is 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.

Regarding the direction at para-121:

At present 66 nos. of Executives & staffs including contractual staffs have been posted at SLDC. Further, more numbers of Executives are expected to be posted at SLDC in near future.

4. In reply to the contents of Para 3.1 & 3.2, OPTCL has no comments to offer.
5. In reply to contents of Para 3.3, it is submitted that the assets used for SLDC & Sub-LDC functions have been identified. The items under CAPEX as mentioned at Annexure-V of the application are proposed to be taken up during FY 2015-16 and accordingly, twenty five percent of depreciation amount arising from the CAPEX plan has been included anticipating completion of 25% of the items proposed as indicated at Annexure-VI of the application.
6. In reply to contents of Para 3.4, it is submitted that:
 - **Employee Cost:** The restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon. At present 66 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 2015-16.

In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 81 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2015-16, Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

- **Operation & Maintenance:** Some new items under O&M expenses such as providing VPN connectivity to DISCOMs, civil works & electrical maintenance have been projected during FY 2015-16 in the ARR application.

As such, the expenditure proposed by OPTCL is justified.

7. In reply to contents of Para 3.5, it is submitted that justification for provision of interest on working capital has already been mentioned in the ARR application.
8. In reply to contents of Para 4, it is submitted that SLDC charges are being levied to NALCO & ICCL considering their maximum schedule. There is no provision in the Regulation for levy of charges considering those CGPs as buyer.
9. In reply to contents of Para 5, it is submitted that as approved by the Commission, OPTCL is meeting the CAPEX from SLDC Development Fund. The Development Fund comprising of one time Registration Fee, Application money, Scheduling charges paid by OA customers and unspent revenue recovered through Annual Charges of SLDC. Equity investment for CAPEX can also be met from this fund. As such the SLDC Development Fund cannot be stopped as suggested by the objector. There is no such provision in the Regulation to utilize the interest of SLDC development fund for computation of fees & charges.

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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-5**

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 2015-16.

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 A.K Sahani, B/L-108, VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar:

... Objector

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That the objections raised by the Petitioner are not related to the application filed by OPTCL for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2015-16, rather issues relating to DISCOMs, implementation of orders of Hon'ble Commission in different Cases which has already been compiled by OPTCL (SLDC).

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-6**

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 2015-16.

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-751013.

... **Objector**

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That, in reply to the contents of Para-1, it is submitted that

Direction at Para-117:

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.

It is further to say that the creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Power System Corporation (POSOCO) under POWERGRID for independent System Operation of RLDCs and NLDCs does not necessarily call for a similar separation in the state level

as the volume and nature of activities carried out by the SLDC are fundamentally different from RLDCs and NLDCs.

Direction at Para-118:

Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. Posting of Director as Chief Load Despatcher is under consideration by OPTCL.

Direction at Para-119:

All assets pertaining to SLDC & Sub-LDCs have been identified for transfer, which shall be done through a Transfer Scheme by Government.

Direction at Para-120:

At present EASSC is 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.

Direction at Para-121:

At present 66 nos. of Executives & staffs including contractual staffs have been posted at SLDC. Further, more numbers of Executives are expected to be posted at SLDC in near future.

Direction at Para-122:

SLDC is furnishing the Performance Report to OERC for review as and when required.

2. 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.
3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, 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 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.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, 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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-7**

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 2015-16.

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 2015-16.

By the Applicant
Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-8**

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 2015-16.

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 Sesa Sterlite Limited, Sesa Ghar, 20 EDC Complex Patto, Panjim-403001, Goa. Plant site At: Burkhamunda, District-Jharsuguda, Odisha. Correspondance address M/s Sesa Sterlite Limited, 1st Floor, Fortune Tower, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023, 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 the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon. At present 66 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 2015-16. The telecom executives / staffs presently deployed at SLDC are exclusively engaged for SLDC activities such as coordinating with their counterparts at OPTCL sub-stations for uninterrupted data communication to the control centre. SLDC has proposed Telecom staffs in the structure also. Most of the contractual staffs, presently engaged at SLDC are performing the work of regular employees while others are engaged as data

entry operator, which is also a part of SLDC function. As such, their remuneration being paid by SLDC has been considered in the employee cost. Those contractual staffs are likely to be substituted by regular employees. In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 81 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2015-16, Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

It is also submitted that, with the existing manpower SLDC is preparing monthly energy accounting, UI charge billing and cross-subsidy surcharge billing in schedule time.

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 relevant at present are yet to be displayed. Action is being taken for displaying the above.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that some new items under O&M expenses such as providing VPN connectivity to DISCOMs, civil works & electrical maintenance have been projected during FY 2015-16 in the ARR application. As such, the escalated rate as indicated by the Objector is not acceptable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, it is to be submitted that depreciation for the existing assets in the Unified Load Despatch Center and offices in SLDC has been computed as Rs. 24.464 lacs as per CERC Regulation. Twenty five percent of depreciation amounting Rs. 18.211 lakhs arising from the CAPEX plan (Annexure-VI of the application) has been included anticipating completion of 25% of the items.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that the bank interest was considered as 10.25% in the ARR application.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7 & 8, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not basing on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, the contents of Para-9 is provisions of Regulation & SLDC has no views.

8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-10 & 11, it is submitted that SLDC has suggested not to collect SLDC charges from the CGPs who have stopped generation as they are not using the intra state network. However, SLDC has suggested to collect charges after their revival. On the other hand, the industries drawing power through inter-state open access are using the State network and coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges as per the provision in the OERC Regulation.
9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that as per the direction of Hon'ble Commission, the balance amount of the revenue remained unspent at the end of financial year is being deposited in the SLDC development fund.

Further, as per provision under Section 8(3) of the regulation, SLDC shall be entitled to utilize the money deposited in the SLDC development fund for meeting stipulated equity portion in asset creation and margin money for raising loan from the financial institution and funding R & D projects with due approval of the Commission. In view of the above, the proposal of the objector for truing up SLDC accounts and carry forward the unspent amount to the next financial year may not be accepted.

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. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL.

It is further to say that the creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Power System Corporation (POSOCO) under POWERGRID for independent System Operation of RLDCs and NLDCs does not necessarily call for a similar separation in the state level as the volume and nature of activities carried out by the SLDC are fundamentally different from RLDCs and NLDCs.

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At present EASSC is 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.

SLDC is furnishing the Performance Report to OERC for review as and when required.

SLDC is issuing despatch instruction to the State generating stations and drawal schedule for ISGS stations. In surplus scenario, the State's ISGS share is being surrendered from costly stations on real time basis.

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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-9**

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 2015-16.

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 Limited, IPICOL House, 3rd Floor, Annexe Building, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022.

... Objector

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That, the contents of Para-1 to 3 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon. At present 66 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 2015-16. The telecom executives / staffs presently deployed at SLDC are exclusively engaged for SLDC activities such as coordinating with their counterparts at OPTCL sub-stations for uninterrupted data communication to the control centre. SLDC has proposed Telecom staffs in the structure also. Most of the contractual staffs, presently engaged at SLDC are performing the work of regular employees while others are engaged as data entry operator, which is also a part of SLDC function. As such, their remuneration being paid by SLDC has been considered in the employee cost. Those contractual staffs are

likely to be substituted by regular employees. In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 81 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2015-16, Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

It is also submitted that, with the existing manpower SLDC is preparing monthly energy accounting, UI charge billing and cross-subsidy surcharge billing in schedule time.

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 relevant at present are yet to be displayed. Action is being taken for displaying the above.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, it is submitted that some new items under O&M expenses such as providing VPN connectivity to DISCOMs, civil works & electrical maintenance have been projected during FY 2015-16 in the ARR application. As such, the escalated rate as indicated by the Objector is not acceptable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is to be submitted that depreciation for the existing assets in the Unified Load Despatch Center and offices in SLDC has been computed as Rs. 24.464 lacs as per CERC Regulation. Twenty five percent of depreciation amounting Rs. 18.211 lakhs arising from the CAPEX plan (Annexure-VI of the application) has been included anticipating completion of 25% of the items.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7, it is submitted that the bank interest was considered as 10.25% in the ARR application.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8 & 9, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not basing on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, the contents of Para-10 is provisions of Regulation & SLDC has no views.
8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11 & 12, it is submitted that SLDC has suggested not to collect SLDC charges from the CGPs who have stopped generation as they are not using the intra state network. However, SLDC has suggested to collect charges after their

revival. On the other hand, the industries drawing power through inter-state open access are using the State network and coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges as per the provision in the OERC Regulation.

9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-13, it is submitted that as per the direction of Hon'ble Commission, the balance amount of the revenue remained unspent at the end of financial year is being deposited in the SLDC development fund.

Further, as per provision under Section 8(3) of the regulation, SLDC shall be entitled to utilize the money deposited in the SLDC development fund for meeting stipulated equity portion in asset creation and margin money for raising loan from the financial institution and funding R & D projects with due approval of the Commission. In view of the above, the proposal of the objector for truing up SLDC accounts and carry forward the unspent amount to the next financial year may not be accepted.

10. That, in reply to the contents of Para-14, 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.

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PRAYER

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By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**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 2015-16.

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-753012, Odisha

... Objector

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

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2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon. At present 66 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 2015-16. The telecom executives / staffs presently deployed at SLDC are exclusively engaged for SLDC activities such as coordinating with their counterparts at OPTCL sub-stations for uninterrupted data communication to the control centre. SLDC has proposed Telecom staffs in the structure also. Most of the contractual staffs, presently engaged at SLDC are performing the work of regular employees while others are engaged as data entry operator, which is also a part of SLDC function. As such, their remuneration being paid by SLDC has been considered in the employee cost. Those contractual staffs are

likely to be substituted by regular employees. In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 81 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2015-16, Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

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8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-10 & 11, it is submitted that SLDC has suggested not to collect SLDC charges from the CGPs who have stopped generation as they are not

using the intra state network. However, SLDC has suggested to collect charges after their revival. On the other hand, the industries drawing power through inter-state open access are using the State network and coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges as per the provision in the OERC Regulation.

9. That, in reply to the contents of Para-12, it is submitted that as per the direction of Hon'ble Commission, the balance amount of the revenue remained unspent at the end of financial year is being deposited in the SLDC development fund.

Further, as per provision under Section 8(3) of the regulation, SLDC shall be entitled to utilize the money deposited in the SLDC development fund for meeting stipulated equity portion in asset creation and margin money for raising loan from the financial institution and funding R & D projects with due approval of the Commission. In view of the above, the proposal of the objector for truing up SLDC accounts and carry forward the unspent amount to the next financial year may not be accepted.

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. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL.

It is further to say that the creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Power System Corporation (POSOCO) under POWERGRID for independent System Operation of RLDCs and NLDCs does not necessarily call for a similar separation in the state level as the volume and nature of activities carried out by the SLDC are fundamentally different from RLDCs and NLDCs.

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SLDC is issuing despatch instruction to the State generating stations and drawal schedule for ISGS stations. In surplus scenario, the State's ISGS share is being surrendered from costly stations on real time basis.

11. That, in reply to the contents of Para-14, it is submitted that, the issue raised by the Objector is not related to the Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges for State Load Despatch Center for FY 2015-16 filed by OPTCL. However, the Objector may raise this issue through separate filing before Hon'ble Commission.

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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

Case No.-66/2014

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 2015-16.

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 Visa Steel Limited, Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, At/Po: Jakhapura-755026, Dist- Jajpur, Odisha

... Objector

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That, the contents of Para-1 to 3 are matter of records; OPTCL has no comments to offer.
2. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Govt. and will be implemented soon. At present 66 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 2015-16. The telecom executives / staffs presently deployed at SLDC are exclusively engaged for SLDC activities such as coordinating with their counterparts at OPTCL sub-stations for uninterrupted data communication to the control centre. SLDC has proposed Telecom staffs in the structure also. Most of the contractual staffs, presently engaged at SLDC are performing the work of regular employees while others are engaged as data entry operator, which is also a part of SLDC function. As such, their remuneration being paid by SLDC has been considered in the employee cost. Those contractual staffs are

likely to be substituted by regular employees. In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 81 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2015-16, Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

It is also submitted that, with the existing manpower SLDC is preparing monthly energy accounting, UI charge billing and cross-subsidy surcharge billing in schedule time.

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 relevant at present are yet to be displayed. Action is being taken for displaying the above.

3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, it is submitted that some new items under O&M expenses such as providing VPN connectivity to DISCOMs, civil works & electrical maintenance have been projected during FY 2015-16 in the ARR application. As such, the escalated rate as indicated by the Objector is not acceptable.
4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is to be submitted that depreciation for the existing assets in the Unified Load Despatch Center and offices in SLDC has been computed as Rs. 24.464 lacs as per CERC Regulation. Twenty five percent of depreciation amounting Rs. 18.211 lakhs arising from the CAPEX plan (Annexure-VI of the application) has been included anticipating completion of 25% of the items.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7, it is submitted that the bank interest was considered as 10.25% in the ARR application.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8 & 9, the suggestion submitted by the objector is not basing on any fact and random, as such may not be considered.
7. That, the contents of Para-10 is provisions of Regulation & SLDC has no views.
8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11 & 12, it is submitted that SLDC has suggested not to collect SLDC charges from the CGPs who have stopped generation as they are not

using the intra state network. However, SLDC has suggested to collect charges after their revival. On the other hand, the industries drawing power through inter-state open access are using the State network and coming under 'buyer' category, thus liable to pay the SLDC charges as per the provision in the OERC Regulation.

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PRAYER

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By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-66/2014
Filing No-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 2015-16.

AND

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

... Applicant

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Reply to the queries raised by State Public Interest Protection Council, through its President, Prashanta Kumar Das, Odisha, Cuttack-753009

... Objector

The Humble Applicant above named

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That the objector State Public Interest Protection Council has raised 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 2015-16.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar
Dt: 06.02.2015

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BHUBANESWAR**

Case No.-66/2014

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 2015-16.

AND

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

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

1. Shri Ramesh Ch. Satpathy, Secretary, National Institute of Indian Labour, Plot No.302(B), Beherasahi, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012
2. Shri A K Bohra, Chief Executive Officer (Comm), NESCO, WESCO & SOUTHCO, Regd. Office- Plot No. N-1/22, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-15.
3. Shri Akshya Kumar Sahani, Retd. Electrical Inspector, GoO, B/L-108, VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar
4. Shri R.P. Mahapatra, Retd. Chief Engineer & Member (Gen., OSEB, Plot No.775(Pt.), Lane-3, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013
5. Shri G.N. Agrawal, Convenor-cum-Gen. Secy, Sambalpur District Consumers Federation, Balajee Mandir Bhawan, Khetrajpur, Dist-Sambalpur-768003, Mob No. 9438334049
6. M/s. Sesa Sterlite Limited, 1st Floor, Fortune Tower, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
7. M/s. Adhunik Metaliks Limited, IPICOL House, 3rd Floor, Annexe Building, Janapath, Bhubaneswar-751022
8. M/s. Swain & Sons Power Tech Pvt. Ltd., Swati Villa, Surya Vihar, Link Road, Cuttack-753012. Ph. No. 9437155337
9. M/s. Visa Steel Limited, Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, At/Po. Jakhapura-755026, Dist-Jajpur
10. Shri Prashanta Kumar Das, President, State Public Interest Protection Council, 204, Sunamoni Apartments, Telenga Bazar, Cuttack-753009.

... Objectors

Affidavit verifying the Application

I, Sri Manoranjan Mohanty, son of Late Baishnab Charan Mohanty, aged about 57 years, presently working at SLDC, Bhubaneswar do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. 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.
2. The statements made herein the above are based on information and I believe them to be true.

Bhubaneswar
06th February, 2015

DEPONENT