

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015**

**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 2016-17.

**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 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. It is anticipated that during FY 2015-16, the HR expenses shall reach the approved amount.

It is further submitted that the present staff strength including contractual is mentioned as 64 numbers at para 1 (e), while the proposed staff strength for FY 2016-17 is mentioned as 71 nos. considering induction of 7 nos. of employees during FY 2015-16. At Annexure-I, the proposed category of staff as approved by OERC in line with ERLDC is mentioned which is not considered for computation of HR expenses.

The proposed manpower structure in respect of SLDC is pending with the Government for approval.

It is further submitted that 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.

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.

It is submitted that, after approval of SLDC structure by Government, deployment of required number of staffs shall be made. The telecom executives / staffs presently deployed at SLDC are being paid by SLDC. In view of the above, human resource expenses have been projected by apportioning the current year expenditure anticipating 71 numbers of employees to be deployed in the FY 2016-17. Payment of arrear RPP for retired executives, which is due, has been incorporated in HR expenses.

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4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, it is to be submitted that OPTCL has no comments to offer.

5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that The interest on working capital amounting Rs. 189.649 lacs computed as Rs.36.34 lacs as per OERC Regulation considering 10% 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.
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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 Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2016-17. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher.

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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 2016-17.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**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-753012, Odisha

**... Objector**

**The Humble Applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

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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 Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2016-17. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL. The Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher.

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. 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.

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 2016-17.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)



**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**Case No.-56/2015  
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 2016-17.

**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.
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), it is submitted that the restructuring plan in respect of SLDC is under process by the Government.
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 2016-17.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt:25.01.2016

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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 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 2016-17.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**AND**

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**... Applicant**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by North Odisha Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NOCCI), Ganeswarpur Industrial Estate, Januganj, Balasore - 756019

**... Objector**

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**AND**

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**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Reply to the queries raised by M/s FACOR Power Limited, At/P.O.- Randia, Dist.- Bhadrak – 756135, Odisha

**... Objector**

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**PRAYER**

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By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
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SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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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 the Utkal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Limited. (UCCI), N-6, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015

**... 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. Accordingly, OPTCL, being the designated STU, is operating SLDC at present.
3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-3, it is submitted that as per direction of Hon'ble Commission, OPTCL, the STU is filing a separate application for SLDC function.

4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4, it is submitted that the Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. SLDC is now operating autonomously as an independent system operator under the direct administrative control of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of OPTCL.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-5, it is submitted that AMC charges of SCADA / EMS & VPS contribute a substantial amount of R&M expenses. During FY 2015-16, 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 same from POWERGRID.As such, the suggestion as proposed by the Objector is not justified.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6 & 7, it is submitted that during FY 2015-16, the HR expenses shall reach the approved amount. The salary of staffs for 2016-17 has been computed considering the salary disbursed for the month of Sept'2015 as the base. The overall increase of 30% has been considered to determine the HR expenses taking into account the annual Increment, anticipated impact of 7th Pay commission and increase in DA.
7. That, in reply to the contents of Para-8, it is submitted that the Capital Expenditure is being met from SLDC Development fund after obtaining due approval from Hon'ble Commission. In the ARR application, OPTCL has also filed CAPEX amounting Rs. 987 lacs to be incurred during FY 2016-17.

**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 2016-17.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015  
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 2016-17.

**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 Vedanta Limited, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Fortune Tower, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.

**... 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 & 5, it is further submitted that 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. Those contractual staffs are likely to be substituted by regular employees. The telecom. staff deployed at SLDC are exclusively engaged for SLDC activities such as ensuring uninterrupted data communication and monitoring SCADA function on real time basis which is an integrated part of SLDC function.
3. That, in reply to the contents of Para-6, it is submitted that, with the existing manpower, SLDC is preparing 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 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.

4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-7 to 9, it is submitted that during FY 2015-16, the HR expenses shall reach the approved amount. The salary of staffs for 2016-17 has been computed considering the salary disbursed for the month of Sept'2015 as the base. The overall increase of 30% has been considered to determine the HR expenses taking into account the annual Increment, anticipated impact of 7th Pay commission and increase in DA.
5. That, in reply to the contents of Para-10, OPTCL has no comments to offer.
6. That, in reply to the contents of Para-11 to 15, it is submitted that AMC charges of SCADA / EMS & VPS contribute a substantial amount of R&M expenses. During FY 2015-16, 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 same from POWERGRID. As such, the suggestion as proposed by the Objector is not justified.
7. That, the contents of Para-16 & 17, 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.

8. That, in reply to the contents of Para-18, it is submitted that the Sr. G.M. (PS) is functioning as Chief Load Despatcher. 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.

**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 2016-17.

By the Applicant  
Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)



**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015**

**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 2016-17.

**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

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 Despatch Centre (SLDC), Odisha for the FY 2016-17.

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, Sr. G.M. (PS) 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 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.

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.

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 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.

4. That, in reply to the contents of Para-4 & 5, 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 2016-17.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015**

**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 2016-17.

**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 2016-17.

By the Applicant

Through

Bhubaneswar  
Dt: 25.01.2016

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BHUBANESWAR**

**Case No.-56/2015**

**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 2016-17.

**AND**

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

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

1. M/s. Visa Steel Limited, Kalinganagar Industrial Complex, At/Po. Jakhapura-755026, Dist-Jajpur
2. M/s. Swain & Sons Power Tech Pvt. Ltd., Swati Villa, Surya Vihar, Link Road, Cuttack-753012. Ph. No. 9437155337
3. Shri Ramesh Ch. Satpathy, Secretary, National Institute of Indian Labour, Plot No.302(B), Beherasahi, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012
4. Shri Prashanta Kumar Das, President, State Public Interest Protection Council, 204, Sunamoni Apartments, Telenga Bazar, Cuttack-753009.
5. Shri Devashis Mahanti, President, North Odisha Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NOCCI), Ganeswarpur Industrial Estate, Januganj, Balasore – 756019.
6. M/s FACOR Power Limited, At/P.O.- Randia, Dist.- Bhadrak-756019.
7. Utkal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Limited. (UCCI), N-6, IRC Village, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751015.
8. M/s. Vedanta Limited, 1st Floor, Fortune Tower, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar-751023.
9. Shri R.P. Mahapatra, Retd. Chief Engineer & Member (Gen., OSEB, Plot No.775(Pt.), Lane-3, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751013
10. Shri G.N. Agrawal, Convenor-cum-Gen. Secy, Sambalpur District Consumers Federation, Balajee Mandir Bhawan, Khetrajpur, Dist-Sambalpur-768003.

**... Objectors**

**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:

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  
25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

**DEPONENT**