Before the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission Pot No-4, Chunokoli, Shailashree Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751021

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Act 2003

And

IN THE MATTER OF:

TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd.), Corporate Office, Power House, Unit-8, , Bhubaneswar- 751 012 represented by its Chief — Regulatory & Enforcement.

...Petitioner

And

IN THE MATTER OF:

GRIDCO, OPTCL, SLDC, DoE-Govt. of Odisha and all other Concerned Stakeholders

...Respondents

Affidavit

I, Bharat Kumar Bhadawat, aged about 53 years, son of late Shri Shankar Lal Bhadawat residing at Bhubaneswar do hereby solemnly affirm and say as follows:

- 1. I am the Chief-Regulatory & Enforcement of TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd. the Petitioner in the above matter and I am duly authorized to swear this affidavit on its behalf.
- 2. The statements made in the submission herein shown to me are based on information provided to me and I believe them to be true.

Bhubaneswar.

Dated: 29.11.2024

(Bharat Kumar Bhadawat)

Chief-Regulatory & Enforcement

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Application under Section 42 of the Electricity Act 2003 read with OERC (Terms and Conditions of Intra-State Open Access) Regulations 2020 for approval of Wheeling Charges, Cross Subsidy Surcharge and Additional Surcharge for FY 2025-26

1. TP Central Odisha (TPCODL) is required to submit proposal for approval of Open Access charges before the Hon'ble Commission for the FY 2025-26 as per the provisions of OERC (Terms and Conditions of Intra-State Open Access) Regulations 2020. Any customer under the licensee area of TPCODL intending to avail one MW or more power from any other Utility or generator by availing open access facility of distribution network of the Licensee may do so, by paying Open Access Charges applicable from time to time. This application is for approval of Open Access charges for FY 2025-26.

For determination of Open Access Charges for the Financial Year 2025-26, the Licensee considered estimated figures as presented in its ARR application for FY 2025-SHA DISTRIBL

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A. Wheeling charge for Open Access:

- 3. In the petition for determination of ARR for FY 2025-26, TPCODL had submitted the following for wheeling business for FY 2025-26.
- 4. TPCODL is an entity formed with effect from 1st June 2020 and has inherited the systems as existing at the time of Effective date from CESU. As per the Tariff Regulations, the ARR needs to be worked out for Wheeling and Retail Supply business separately. However, such segregation requires tracking of expenses Capital in nature separately for Wires and Retail Supply business. In addition, the O&M expenditure also needs to be segregated separately. At this point of time, TPCODL has not achieved separation of the two. Further, even the Hon'ble Commission has approved the expenditure under various heads for both the businesses together and has achieved the segregation under pre-defined ratio.
- 5. Accordingly, in this submission, for the purpose of working out the Wheeling Charges, we have segregated the expenditure on the basis of the ratios used by the Hon'ble Commission in the various tariff orders. Based on the same, the Wheeling and Retail Supply ARR would be as follows:

Table 1: Wheeling Business ARR

Sr No	Particulars	Total (Rs Cr)	Wheeling Business Share	Retail Supply Business Share	Wheeling Business ARR (Rs Cr)	Retail Supply ARR (Rs Cr)
1	Cost of Normative power Purchase (including Transmission Charge and SLDC Charges)	4688.4	0%	100%	0.00	4688.36
	O&M Charges					
2	Employee Costs (Net of capitalization)	931.43	60%	40%	558.86	372.57
3	Repairs and Maintenance	428.23	90%	10%	385.41	42.82
4	Admin and General	250.35	40%	60%	100.14	150.21
5	Bad and Doubtful Debt including Rebate	67.20	0%	100%	0.00	67.20
6	Depreciation	153.58	90%	10%	138.22	15.36
7	Interest for Capital Loan (incl. Finance Cost)	98.05	90%	10%	88.24	9.80
8	Interest for Working Capital	45.44	10%	90%	4.54	40.90
9	Interest on Security Deposits	80.85	0%	100%	0.00	80.85
10	Return on Equity	144.55	90%	10%	130.10	14.46
11	Tax on RoE	48.62	90%	10%	43.76	4.86
12	Non Tariff Income-Wheeling	-74.13			-54.13	
13	Non Tariff Retail Income					-20.00
	Total	6862.54			1395.15	5467.39



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6. The Sales estimated in the petition are as follows

Table 2: Sales Estimate for FY 2025-26 (MUs)

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Sr No	Particulars	FY 2025-26
1	LT Sales	6551
2	HT Sales	2771
3	EHT Sales	2128
4	Total Sales	11449

 Based on the above submissions, the Wheeling Charges for TPCODL for Long Term and Medium Term Open Access and Short Term Open Access work out to following as provided in table below.

Table 3: Wheeling Charges computation

Sr No	Particulars	Unit	Value
1	Wheeling ARR	Rs Cr	1395
2	Energy Input to TPCODL	Mus	13823
3	Less EHT Sales	MUs	-2128
4	Energy input for wheeling computation	MUs	11695
5	Average Load served by the Distribution Licensee	MW	1335.07
6	Wheeling Charges for Medium Term and Long Term	Rs/MW/Day	28630
7	Wheeling Charges for Short Term	Rs/Kwh	1.19

- B. Cross subsidy surcharge for HT and EHT Consumers:
- 8. The Cross Subsidy Surcharge proposed is based on the formula given in the Tariff Policy of 2016. The extracts of the Tariff Policy with regards to the CSS formula is given as under

Extracts : CSS formula from Tariff Policy

Surcharge formula:

S = T - [C/(1-L/100) + D + R]

Where

S is the surcharge

T is the tariff payable by the relevant category of consumers, including reflecting the Renewable Purchase Obligation

C is the per unit weighted average cost of power purchase by the Licensee, including meeting the Renewable Purchase Obligation

D is the aggregate of transmission, distribution and wheeling charge applicable to the relevant voltage level

L is the aggregate of transmission, distribution and commercial losses, expressed as a percentage applicable to the relevant voltage level

R is the per unit cost of carrying regulatory assets.

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9. Based on the same, and converting the Demand Charges (Rs/kVA/Month) for 100 % Load Factor (LF), the CSS for EHT and HT category of consumers is as follows:

Table 4: Computation of Cross Subsidy Surcharge (CSS)

Sr No	Particulars	Units	EHT	HT
1	Average Energy Charge	Rs/Kwh	5.80	5.85
2	Demand Charges	Rs/KVA/Month	250	250
3	PF Considered		0.97	0.94
4	Average Hours in a month	Hrs	730	730
5	Demand Charges converted with 100 % LF	Rs/Kwh	0.353	0.364
6	Total Tariff for CSS considered (1+5)	Rs/Kwh	6.15	6.21
7	Cost of Power Purchase	Rs/Kwh	3.15	3.15
8	Applicable Losses	%	3%	8%
9	Wheeling Charge	Rs/Kwh	0	1.19
10	CSS	Rs/KWh	2.91	1.60

C. Additional Surcharge:

- 10. As per Regulation 24 (2) of the OERC Terms and Conditions of Intra-State Open Access Regulations 2020, the condition for applicability of Additional Surcharge is as follows:
 - (2) This additional surcharge shall become applicable only if the obligation of the licensee in terms of power purchase commitments has been and continues to be stranded or there is an unavoidable obligation and incidence to bear fixed costs consequent to such a contract. Note: Fixed costs related to network assets would be recovered through wheeling charges.
- 11. Presently, TPCODL procures power from Gridco alone and is paying a Bulk Supply Tariff of Rs 3.15 per kWh for the same under the Bulk Supply Agreement signed between Gridco and TPCODL on 30th June 2020. Since in the present arrangement of power purchase, there is no obligation to bear any fixed costs for purchase even after reduction of sales on account of Open Access, no Additional Surcharge has been proposed.



D. Prayers

- 12. TPCODL prays that the Hon'ble Commission may kindly pleased to;
- 1. Accept this Open Access Charges application of the applicant.
- 2. Approve the Open Access Charges of the Utility for FY 2025-26.
- 3. Permit making additional submission required in this matter.
- 4. Grant any other relief as deemed fit & proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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Dated: 29.11.2024

(Bharat Kumar Bhadawat)

Chief-Regulatory & Enforcement