

Analysis of OPTCL's ARR and Transmission tariff for FY 2013-14

By: World Institute of Sustainable Energy, Pune (Consumer Counsel) 04 February, 2013



Proposal of OPTCL



Proposed Revenue Requirement for FY 13-14 (Rs crore)

Employee Cost	341.20
R&M Cost	108.91
A&G Cost	23.09
Interest on loan	121.11
Interest on Working Capital	31.46
Depreciation	172.85
Return on Equity	49.04
Sub-total	847.67
Contingency Reserve	16.73
GCC Expense	0.30
Incentive	10.05

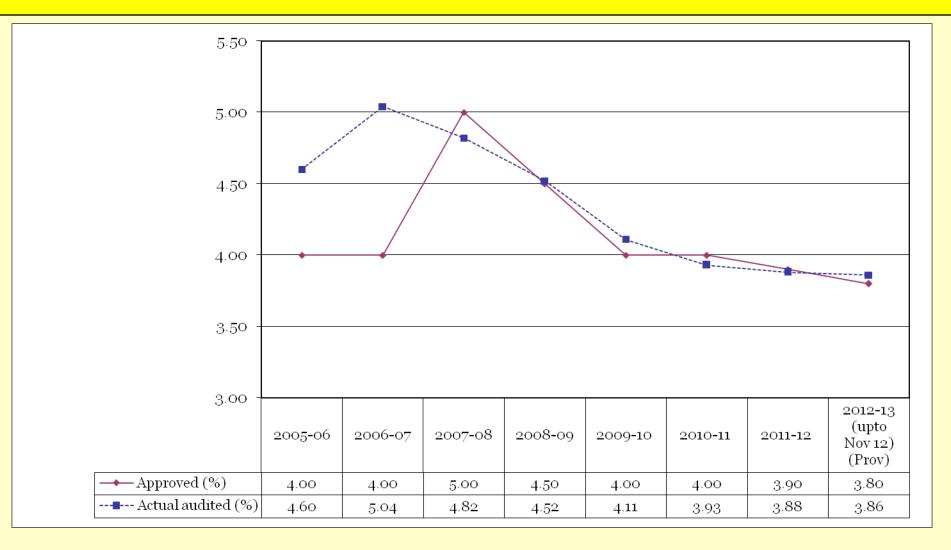
Total ARR: Rs 874.75 Cr; after Misc receipt of Rs 12 Cr, the net ARR to be recovered: Rs 862.75 Cr.



Analysis of ARR and Transmission Tariff



Transmission loss



Proposed for FY 2013-14 : 3.80%



Employee cost incl. terminal benefits (Rs Cr.)

Item	Proposed for 2011-12	Approved 2011-12	Proposed 2012-13	Approved 2012-13	Proposed for 2013-14	Proposed 13- 14 vs Approved 12- 13	Remarks
Gross amount	961.66	347.74	664.9	323.1	349.48		* Terminal
capitalization	9.60	9.6	9.54	4.64	8.28		benefit -FY 11-12: <mark>Rs</mark>
Net employees	952.06	338.14 *					176.36 cr and FY 12-13: Rs
cost			655.4	318.5 *	341.2	7.13%	129.80 cr
	1	12-13 approved	đ	13-14 propos	sed	% increase	
Basic pay +GP			62.69		69.74		11.25%
DA			45.14	59.98		32.88%	
HRA			9.40	13.95		48.40%	
Medical Expense	S		3.13	3.49		11.50%	
Stipend			3.39		2.68		-20.94%
Provision toward	s arrear pay		49.04				
revision				14.09	(wage revision)		-71.27%
Terminal benefit		129.80		144.13			11.04%
Payment of pension	differential		10.00		23.00		130.00%
Others		10.53		3 18.42		18.42 74.9	
Less capitalizatio	n		4.64		8.28		78.45%
Total			318.48		341.20		7.13% 6



Employee cost incl. terminal benefits (contd.)

Submission

- OPTCL has requested 7.13% rise in employee cost including terminal benefit.
- Basic Pay + GP: Yearly escalation of 3% shall be allowed over the approved/actual amount of 2012-13 and actual number of employee.
- DA: The DA proposed for 2013-14 (86% of basic + GP) should be as per prevailing rate decided by Govt of Odisha.
- HRA: The HRA proposed for 2013-14 (@ 20% of basic + GP) may be reviewed according to norms and audited data.
- Provision towards wage revision, enhanced in salary and stipend to new recruited may be reviewed.
- Terminal benefit and differential pension: may be reviewed considering the valuation report of the Independent actuary appointed by OERC and Govt directives.
- Further, OPTCL in its additional submission projected Rs 3 cr over employee cost towards outsourcing: needs to be reviewed.



R&M Expenses (Rs crore)

Year	R&M Expenses approved by OERC	Actual R&M Expenditure	Particulars	Proposed FY 2013-14
2006-07	36.00	11.31	a) O&M	83.08
2007-08	47.00	16.52	b) Telecom	14.59
2008-09	53.88	15.66	c) Civil Works	6.00
2009-10	47.00	26.14	d) IT	5.24
2010-11	60.00	28.31		
2011-12	75.00	45.70 (Provisional)	Total R&M	108.91 (14.62% increase over
2012-13		37.86 (Upto Nov 12)		approved in FY 12-13)
	95.02	95.02 (Estimated)		
2013-14		108.91 (Proposed)		

Submission

Comparison of the approved and actual R&M expenses in last few years reveals that OPTCL actually incurred less expenditure than approved; therefore, consumer should not be burdened with excessive projected R&M expenses. In actual cash flow towards R&M upto Nov 12, OPTCL has made an expenditure of Rs 37.86 cr only.



A&G Expenses (Rs crore)

	10-11 approved	11-12 Projection	11-12 approved	12-13 projection	12-13 approved	13-14 proposed
A&G Expenses	15.14	38.34	18.00	39.11	21.25	23.09
% increase over last year			18.89%		18.06%	8.66%

Submission

- Hon'ble Commission have linked the yearly escalation in A&G expenses with growth in WPI.
- Average WPI increase in 2012-13 (April-Dec) over 2011-12 period is 6.74%. So, allowable A&G may be Rs
 19.24 crore plus inspection fee and licensee fee.



O&M Expenses as per CERC

Segregation of Bays	No. of Bays	O&M expenses Rs. Lakh / bay	Total O&M Expenses (Rs. in Cr)
765 kV	0	91.64	0.00
400 kV	32	65.46	20.95
220 kV	229	45.82	104.93
132 kV and below	1413	32.73	462.47
TOTAL O&M EXH	PENSES FOR BAYS	=	588.35
Segregation of EHT lines	ckt. km of line	O&M expenses Rs. Lakh / km	Total O&M Expenses (Rs. in Cr)
Single Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors)	0.00	0.671	0.000
Single Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor)	241.50	0.447	1.080
Single Circuit (Single Conductor)	3984.45	0.224	8.925
Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors)	0.00	1.174	0.000
Double Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor)	276.73	0.783	2.167
Double Circuit (Single Conductor)	6841.51	0.336	22.987
TOTAL O&M EXPENSES FOR LIN	35.16		
AGGREGATE O&M EXPENSES FOR BOTH LINES & BA	YS =		623.51

Projected O&M: *Rs 473.20 Crore* (Employee:341.20, R&M:108.91, A&G:23.09); whereas as per CERC Regulation it is Rs 623.51 Crore.



Loan liability

Observation:

- OPTCL has reported State Govt (cash loan) balance of the tune of Rs 2 crore and requested to allow Rs 0.26 crore as a interest component of state Govt loan in the ARR.
- OPTCL has proposed new loans of Rs 351.11 crore (during 12-13) and Rs 543.82 crore (during 13-14) at interest rate of 12.25%.
 Submission:
- Interest on State Govt. (Cash loan) should be kept in abeyance as per Govt directive and earlier OERC orders.
- Interest of Rs 54.81 crore on new loan shall not be allowed in the ARR of FY 2013-14.
- The loans availed from REC and PFC need review.



Capex Plan

Capex Projected:	Capex plan given in ARR for 2013-14 (Rs Cr.)
O&M	67.96
Telecom	48.05
Information Technology	14.51
TP & Con. (Excluding Deposit Works)	485.11
Civil Works	24.16
Total Capital Expenditure	639.79



Gross fixed asset and depreciation

Gross fixed asset	As on 1-4- 2011 (actual)	Addition in 2011-12	As on 1-4- 2012	Addition in 12-13 (Given in ARR 13-14)	As on 1-4- 2013
Option 1:	2302.15	135.58 (Given in ARR of 13-14)	2437.73	416.57	2854.30
Option2:	2302.15	227.34 (approved by Commission)	2529.49	416.57	2946.06

Submission:

- Consumer counsel has calculated the Gross Fixed Asset by taking reference of actual and approved GFA as on 1.04.2011 and 1.04.2012 respectively.
- Summing the yearly asset addition (FY 11-12 & FY 12-13 as given in ARR), the GFA arrived is lower than that claimed by OPTCL.
- Commission may review the corresponding GFA and adjust the depreciation claimed accordingly.



Gross fixed asset and depreciation (contd.)

Particulars	Depreciation Rate prescribed by CERC Regln. 2009	Depreciation @ Pre-92 Rate as per GoI Notification	Gross Block (01.04.12) (Prov.)	Gross Block (01-04-13) (Projected)	Deprcn. for FY 13-14 as per CERC Regln.	Deprcn. for FY 13-14 @Pre-92 Rate
Land and Rights	0.00%	0.00%	36.48	41.67	0	0.00
Buildings	3.34%	1.80%	78.64	89.82	3.00	1.62
Plant & Machinery (Other Civil works)	3.34%	1.80%	4.79	5.47	0.18	0.10
Plant & Machinery	5.28%	3.80%	1387.20	1584.48	83.66	60.21
Plant & Machinery (Lines, Cables & Network Assets)	5.28%	2.57%	1405.92	1605.87	84.79	41.27
Vehicles	9.50%	12.86%	1.50	1.71	0.16	0.22
Furniture, Fixture	6.33%	4.55%	2.57	2.94	0.19	0.13
Office Equipment	6.33%	9.00%	12.02	13.73	0.87	1.24
	TOTAL			3345.69	172.85	104.79



Return on equity, Reserve & others

Observation:

• Equity share capital claimed by OPTCL: Rs 253.07 Crore = Rs 60.07 crore (time of de-merger) + Rs 143 crore (received upto FY 11-12) + Rs 50 crore (during FY 12-13).

Submission:

- Commission shall not allow RoE on equity available at the time of de-merger.
- Rs 50 crore equity share capital and rate of return @ 19.38% need to be verified.
- Disallow the claim for further Contingency reserve and interest on working capital.
- Incentive claimed by OPTCL should be verified.



Summary of ARR (2013-14)

ITEMS	Approved for 2011-12	Approved for 2012-13	OPTCL's Proposal for FY 2013-14	12-13 vs. 11-12	13-14 vs 12-13
Employees Cost including Terminal Benefits	338.14	318.48	341.20	-5.81%	7.13%
R&M Cost	75.00	95.00	108.91	26.67%	14.64%
A&G Cost	18.00	21.25	23.09	18.06%	8.66%
Interest on Loan Capital	61.33	35.33	121.11	-42.39%	242.80%
Depreciation	79.42	78.57	172.85	-1.07%	119.99%
Return on Equity	7.45	22.17	49.04	197.58%	121.20%
Interest on Working Capital			31.46		
Sub-Total	579.34	570.80	847.66	-1.47%	48.50%
Special Appropriation	33.93	38.71		14.09%	-100.00%
Contingency Reserve			16.73		
GCC Expense including SLDC charges	1.00	1.02	0.30	2.00%	-70.59%
Incentive for system availability	2.00	2.00	10.05	0.00%	402.50%
Total	616.27	612.53	874.74	-0.61%	42.81%
Less Misc. Receipts	43.77	25.51	12.00	-41.72%	-52.96%
Annual Revenue Requirement	572.50	587.02	862.74	2.54%	46.97%
Transmission Charges (paise/unit)	25.00	25.00	33.80	0.00%	35.20%



Proposed Transmission tariff

Sl.No	Customer	Commission's approval for FY 12-13 (MU)	MU to be handled in FY 13-14	Rate (P/U)	Tr. Loss (%)	Energy handled including Loss	Amount (Rs. Crore)	
1	CESU	8236	8854	25	0	8854	221.35	
2	NESCO	5306	6100	25	0	6100	152.50	
3	WESCO	6496	6821	25	0	6821	170.53	
4	SOUTHCO	3047	3350	25	0	3350	83.75	
	Total DISCOMs	23085	25125			25125	628.13	
5	Emergency Sale to CGPs	100	100	25	0	100	2.50	
6	Wheeling to industries from CGPs	300	300	25	3.8	312	7.80	
	Total	23485	25525			25537 638.43		
Total	Total Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2013-14 (Rs crore)						862.75	
Total	Total Units proposed for Wheeling (in MU)						25525	
Less: Revenue to be earned from LTOA Customers (Rs crore)							638.43	
Defici	Deficit in ARR for FY 13-14 at the existing Transmission Charge @ 25 P/U						-224.32	
Prop	Proposed transmission tariff (P/U)						33.80	



Open access charges

	2012-13	2013-14	
Long term OA charges (Rs / MW/ Day)	6000	8112	Proposed increase of 35.20%
Short term OA charges (Rs / MW/ Day)	1500	2028	00070



Summary

- OPTCL has proposed a hike of 35.20% in transmission tariff.
- The increase in transmission tariff is resulted due to higher claim of OPTCL in following components:
 Employee cost incl. terminal benefits and pension/R&M expenses/ A&G expenses/ Interest on new loan and old state govt. loans/ Gross fixed asset and depreciation/ RoE, Contingency reserve, and Interest on working capital.
- Hon'ble Commission may consider the submission of consumer counsel and finalize the transmission tariff at appropriate level.



Thank you