

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

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# 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<br>Working Capital | 31.46  |
| Depreciation                   | 172.85 |
| Return on<br>Equity            | 49.04  |
| Sub-total                      | 847.67 |
| Contingency<br>Reserve         | 16.73  |
| GCC Expense                    | 0.30   |
| Incentive                      | 10.05  |

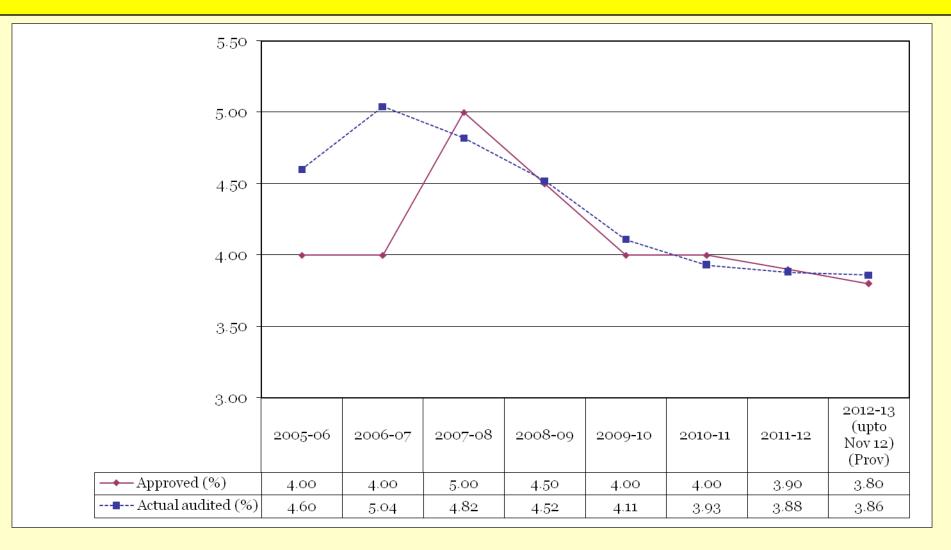
Total ARR: Rs 874.75 Cr; after Misc receipt of Rs 12 Cr, the net ARR to be recovered: Rs 862.75 Cr.



# Analysis of ARR and Transmission Tariff



### **Transmission loss**



Proposed for FY 2013-14 : 3.80%



## Employee cost incl. terminal benefits (Rs Cr.)

| Item               | Proposed<br>for 2011-12 | Approved<br>2011-12 | Proposed<br>2012-13 | Approved<br>2012-13 | Proposed<br>for 2013-14 | Proposed 13-<br>14 vs<br>Approved 12-<br>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<br>11-12: <mark>Rs</mark> |
| Net employees      | 952.06                  | 338.14 *            |                     |                     |                         |   | 176.36 cr and<br>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<br>approved by<br>OERC | Actual R&M<br>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<br>(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<br>approved | 11-12<br>Projection | 11-12<br>approved | 12-13<br>projection | 12-13<br>approved | 13-14<br>proposed |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A&G Expenses                 | 15.14             | 38.34               | 18.00             | 39.11               | 21.25             | 23.09             |
| % increase<br>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<br>Rs. Lakh / bay | Total O&M Expenses<br>(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<br>of line | O&M expenses<br>Rs. Lakh / km  | Total O&M<br>Expenses (Rs. in Cr) |
| Single Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub-<br>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-<br>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<br>for 2013-14 (Rs Cr.) |
|--|---|
| O&M                                    | 67.96   |
| Telecom                                | 48.05   |
| Information Technology                 | 14.51   |
| TP & Con. (Excluding Deposit<br>Works) | 485.11  |
| Civil Works                            | 24.16   |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>       | 639.79  |



### Gross fixed asset and depreciation

| Gross<br>fixed asset | As on 1-4-<br>2011 (actual) | Addition in 2011-12                | As on 1-4-<br>2012 | Addition in<br>12-13 (Given<br>in ARR 13-14) | As on 1-4-<br>2013 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Option 1:            | 2302.15                     | 135.58 (Given in ARR<br>of 13-14)  | 2437.73            | 416.57                                       | 2854.30            |
| Option2:             | 2302.15                     | 227.34 (approved by<br>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<br>Rate<br>prescribed<br>by CERC<br>Regln. 2009 | Depreciation<br>@ Pre-92<br>Rate as per<br>GoI<br>Notification | Gross<br>Block<br>(01.04.12)<br>(Prov.) | Gross<br>Block<br>(01-04-13)<br>(Projected) | Deprcn.<br>for<br>FY 13-14 as<br>per CERC<br>Regln. | Deprcn.<br>for<br>FY 13-14<br>@Pre-92<br>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<br>(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<br>(Lines, Cables &<br>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<br>for 2011-12 | Approved<br>for 2012-13 | OPTCL's<br>Proposal for<br>FY 2013-14 | 12-13 vs.<br>11-12 | 13-14 vs<br>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<br>approval for<br>FY 12-13 (MU) | MU to be<br>handled<br>in<br>FY 13-14 | Rate<br>(P/U) | Tr.<br>Loss<br>(%) | Energy<br>handled<br>including<br>Loss | Amount<br>(Rs.<br>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<br>(Rs / MW/ Day)  | 6000    | 8112    | Proposed<br>increase of<br>35.20% |
| Short term OA charges<br>(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