

ORISSA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAVAN
UNIT – VIII, BHUBANESWAR – 751 012
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Case No. 102/2012
Date: 24.12.2012

From

Director (Tariff) I/c
OERC

To

The Chairman-cum-Managing Director,
OPTCL, Janpath, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Annual Revenue Requirement & Tariff Application for 2013-14, Case No. 102/2012.

Sir,

On scrutiny of the above application, it has been noticed that information and analysis with regard to a number of items which are extremely relevant for the purpose of scrutiny of Annual Revenue Requirement and Tariff for FY 2013-14 have not been furnished. An Annexure indicating items on which information/clarification are needed is enclosed.

You are hereby directed to furnish the information as per the queries raised in the said Annexure by **05.01.2013** positively. The queries raised in this letter along with the replies shall be supplied to all the persons who might purchase the documents.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Sd/-
Director (Tariff) I/c

Wanting Information in OPTCL's ARR Filing for FY 2013-14

TECHNICAL:

1. OPTCL is directed to furnish the upto date progress achieved in respect of all the Transmission projects and also Projects completed during Year 2011-12 & 2012-13 upto November, 2012. Further, OPTCL should submit the original estimated cost, schedule date of completion with date of original order vis-à-vis actual expenditure and expected completion date along with the reason of delay of its transmission projects.
2. As submitted in the annual statement of system performance for the FY 2011-12 OPTCL's system has faced aggregated Annual interruptions varying from 1 hour to 102 hours at different locations on account of conductor/jumper snapping, insulator failure, bursting of Current Transformer/Potential Transformer, breaker problem, system disturbance, Lightning Arrester failures and others. In the ARR filing for 2013-14, OPTCL has claimed transmission availability of 99.84% for 2011-12 and requested for incentives, hence the steps taken by OPTCL in maintaining the power supply in the event of such interruptions needs a detailed explanation.
3. OPTCL at Page 37 (Table-23) of its ARR application for FY 2013-14 specified that the revenue receipt from inter-state and intra-state Short Term Open Access Charges for 1st six months of FY 2012-13 is Rs. 1.27 Cr. OPTCL may furnish the actual volume of energy handled and receipt of STOA charges from STOA customers during FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 (April to November, 2012) for information of the Commission.
4. The Commission in its order dtd.23.03.2012 while passing order on ARR & Transmission Tariff for FY 2012-13 approved wheeling to industries from CGP of 300 MU and sale to CGPs by GRIDCO of 100 MU. OPTCL may furnish the actual quantum of inter & intra-state wheeling and sale to CGPs during FY 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (from April to November, 2011). OPTCL may also indicate the receipt towards supervision charges during FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 (April to November, 2012) and the projected receipt of such charges upto March 2013.
5. Information required under the following formats have not been furnished or partly furnished.

<u>Name of TRL,TRP & TRP FORMATS</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
TRL – 1 Information required for Transmission Tariff	not filled up
TRL – 3 Abstract of Grid sub-station	not filled up
TRL – 9 Abstract of Transmission lines and grid Sub-stations.	not filled up
TRP – 4 Frequency Excursion	not filled up
TRT – 6 Input to Orissa grid	not filled up.
TRT – 7 Output of EHT Grid sub-stations Excluding auto transformer	not filled up
TRT – 8 Calculation of Transmission Loss of EHT System	not furnished.

6. A table and a pie-chart indicating the duration and nature of interruption of transmission system of OPTCL during 2011-12 & 2012-13 (upto November, 2012) may be furnished. Further, OPTCL is required to explain the reasons and action taken to avoid such type of interruptions in future.
7. OPTCL is directed to submit the actual audited Transmission Loss for last five years and loss for the year 2012-13 (Upto November,2012).

FINANCE:

8. Audited Accounts for the FY 2011-12 is not available. The same may be submitted.
9. In Form TRF-2, OPTCL projected capital expenditure of Rs.447.49 crore during FY 2012-13. For the first 6 months of the financial year 2012-13 the licensee has spent an amount of Rs.79.34 crore only. The licensee is therefore required to submit the plan of action to spend the remaining amount Rs.368.15 crore (447.49-79.34 crore) in the balance 6 months of the FY 2012-13.
10. Regarding payment of differential amount of pension and pensionary benefit to absorbed Govt. engineers in OPTCL, the licensee has made a provision of Rs.23.00 crore in the revenue requirement for 2013-14. In this connection the Commission in para 247 of the tariff order 2012-13 has given the following direction.

“The Commission approves an amount of Rs.10 cr. provisionally for the FY 2012-13 and directs to pursue the matter with Govt. of Odisha and workout the actual liability on the basis of the Govt. of Odisha notification.”

The up-to-date status of such notification determining the actual liability may be submitted.

11. The following information relating to number of employees may be submitted.
 - (i) No. of employees as on 1.4.2011
 - (ii) Induction of new employees during FY 2011-12
 - (iii) Retired during FY 2011-12
 - (iv) No. of employees as on 31.3.2012
 - (v) Induction of new employees during 2012-13
 - (vi) Retired/to be retired during 2012-13
 - (vii) No. of employees as on 31.3.2013
 - (viii) Induction of new employees during 2013-14
 - (ix) Retired/to be retired during 2013-14
 - (x) No. of employees as on 31.3.2014
12. The draft NPC report submitted to the State Govt. for approval may be made available to the Commission.
13. Month wise details of basic pay, grade pay, D.A., HRA etc. drawn from April, 2012 to November, 2012 for the FY 2012-13 may be submitted.

14. For the Financial Year 2012-13, the Commission approved an amount of Rs.95.0 crore under the head Repair & Maintenance expenses. The actual status of procurement of materials (Item wise) and its execution (Actual upto November, 2012) may be submitted, in the following format and also information for the last 5 years based on audited data may be submitted.

Sl No.	Name of the Item	Amount (Rs. In Crore)	Date of delivery of materials	Present status of execution

15. For the FY 2012-13 & 2013-14, the amount shown under the head contingency reserve amounts to 14.65 crore to 16.73 crore respectively. OPTCL may inform regarding the utilization of contingency reserves as approved by the Commission in previous years.
16. Month-wise cash flow statement considering the revenue items only for the FY 2011-12 & 2012-13 (actual upto November, 2012) may be submitted.
17. In format TRF-9, it is revealed that Gross receivable from GRIDCO and others stands at Rs.188.56 and 192.47 crore for the FY 2012-13 & 2013-14. As per the direction of the Commission in Para 348 of the Transmission tariff order, the transmission charges of OPTCL shall be duly secured by a First charge over receivables of GRIDCO in favour of OPTCL. Hence, the OPTCL should have no problem in getting their billed amount in full.

Therefore, OPTCL is required to submit reasons for showing receivables from GRIDCO and others in their filing (Format F-9)

OPTCL has filed its ARR Application for the FY 2013-14 with the Commission which has been registered as Case No.102/2012. After scrutiny of the said application some discrepancies/deficiencies have been noticed which has been summarized in the Annexure placed in this file for perusal and approval of the Commission. A draft letter to OPTCL is also placed for approval of the Commission.

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Director (Tariff) I/c

Member (S)

Member (M)

Chairperson