

**BEFORE THE ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN, UNIT-VIII,  
BHUBANESWAR-751012**

**CASE No. 103 / 2012  
FILING No...2**

**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 2013-14.

**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 Hon'ble Commission vide letter No. 103 / 2012 / 4656 dated 03.01.2013.

**The humble applicant above named**

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:**

That the Hon'ble Commission on scrutiny of the application for Annual Revenue Requirement and Fees and Charges of State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), Orissa for FY 2013-14 have sought clarifications and additional information vide letter No. 103 / 2012 / 4656 dated 03.01.2013 by raising 8 Nos. queries. OPTCL hereby submits the following clarifications and additional information in the paragraphs mentioned hereunder for kind information of the Hon'ble Commission.

**Query No. 1.0:**

*OERC issued a Road Map over five years ago for implementation of levy of Annual Fee and Operating Charges for SLDC functions vide letter No. 1313 dated 04.08.2007 and the important milestones and the time-line proposed by OERC are mentioned as under:*

**1.1 (a)** *Transfer of all assets belonging to the Unified State Load Despatch Centre at Mancheswar and Sub-Load Despatch Centres at Bhubaneswar, Meramundali, Jayanagar and Budhipadar with the land, buildings, plant and equipments associated or related to the State Load and Sub-Load Despatch Centres to SLDC to function as an independent autonomous entity under OPTCL (in line with Transfer Scheme of 2005 of GOO).....31.08.2007.*

**(b)** *Establish EBC / Energy Accounting and Settlement System Centre (EASSC) for preparation of monthly State Energy Accounting, weekly UI and Reactive Energy Accounting (both provisional and final) for billing and payment by stakeholders deploying requisite personnel, software and hardware ..... 31.08.2007.*

**(c)** *Transfer of all records / PPAs to SLDC relating to payment of ULDCs charges to PGCIL ..... 31.03.2008.*

**(d)** *SLDC is to act as Nodal Agency for the purpose of overall co-ordination for implementation of Intra-State ABT, Intra-State Open Access and operations there under .....15.08.2007.*

**1.2** *The Commission vide Order dated 20.03.2009 in Case No. 65/2008 approved ARR of Rs.9.66 crores for FY 2009-10 for SLDC separating operating charges @ Rs. 2000 / MW / month from transmission charges of OPTCL w.e.f. 01.04.2009 to be collected from four DISCOMs, LTOA & STOA customers. The Commission issued certain directions to OPTCL for revamping SLDC during FY 2009-10.*

**1.3** *The Commission vide Order dated 20.03.2010 in Case No. 146 of 2009 approved ARR of Rs.7.66 crore for FY 2010-11 for SLDC to be recovered through System Operation Charges (SOC) and Market Operation Charges (MOC) and issued a number of directions to OPTCL to enable SLDC to function as an Independent System Operator (ISO) as recommended by Girish B Pradhan Committee of MoP, Govt. of India.*

**1.4** *The Commission vide Order dated 18.03.2011 in Case No. 150 of 2010 approved ARR of Rs.8.80 crore for FY 2011-12 for SLDC to be recovered through SOC and MOC and issued a number of directions to SLDC to play the statutory role of an independent body in accordance with Section-32 of the Electricity Act, 2003.*

**1.5** *The Commission vide Order dated 23.03.2012 in Case No. 97 of 2011 approved ARR of Rs. 09.02 crore for FY 2012-13 for SLDC to be recovered through SOC & MOC & vide para 203 to 207 issued directions to OPTCL which include creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Odisha Power System Corporation Ltd (OPSCCL) under OPTCL for further better management of SLDC, to assign the present Director (Engg.) to function as Chief Load Despatcher and impress upon the State Government to post a full fledged Director in SLDC by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012, to transfer the assets and liabilities relating to SLDC to SLDC by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012, establishment of Energy Accounting and Settlement System Centre (EASSC) to function w.e.f. 01.04.2012, to issue monthly State Energy Account, weekly UI account etc. from April, 2012 onwards and to have at least 81 nos of Executives & staffs in SLDC by 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012 at par with ERLDC pending finalization of NPC report.*

*OPTCL is directed to send the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the directions of earlier years as well as on the direction in Para 203 to 207 of OERC order dated 23.03.2012 which were meant for effective functioning of SLDC as an ISO.*

**Reply:**

**1.1(a)** Regarding transfer of assets belonging to SLDC & sub-LDCs, it is to submit that, most of the assets of SLDC along with the sub-SLDCs have been identified as per the direction of Hon'ble Commission. Land officer of OPTCL has been entrusted to identify the land & building to be handed over to SLDC.

**1.1(b)** The existing Energy Billing Centre (EBC) of GRIDCO facilities are used for performing EASS work of SLDC. Software developed by INFOSYS is temporarily loaded in hardware of EBC. Handing over of EASSC to SLDC is under progress. EASSC & EBC are supposed to function very closely. Both of them shall be relocated in SLDC building for which location is being readied. Necessary steps have already been taken for establishment and commissioning of Energy Accounting & Settlement Service Center (EASSC) at SLDC for preparation of State Energy Accounting and settlement thereof. Presently, the monthly State Energy Accounting, the weekly UI statement & billing are being done since April 2012. The application software for Reactive Energy billing has already been developed by M/s WIPRO Ltd., which is under validation / testing stage.

**1.1(c)** As per the existing agreement, GRIDCO is paying the ULDC charges for recovery of the outstanding amount for investments made by the POWERGRID on ULDC project which has been provided in the ARR of GRIDCO.

**1.1(d)** As per the direction of OERC, SLDC is discharging its responsibilities as a Nodal Agency for the purpose of overall co-ordination for implementation of Intra-State ABT, Intra-State Open Access and operations there under.

**1.2 to 1.5**

That as per the direction of Hon'ble Commission in different orders while approving the ARR for FY 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13, SLDC is discharging its responsibilities and performing all the activities such as UI billing, Energy accounting & other statutory functions. SLDC is functioning as an Independent System Operator under the direct administrative control of CMD, OPTCL.

The contents of para 203 to 207 of the order dated 23.03.12 are the observations of the Hon'ble Commission relating to direction to the State Government / OPTCL to take initiative for creation of a subsidiary corporation named as "OPSCL" under OPTCL which has also been directed at para-203. The view of OPTCL includes the following points for not converting SLDC as a separate subsidiary company.

- (i) No other State in India has yet separated the SLDC functions from STU.
- (ii) Presently, OPTCL is managing its activities with the available insufficient manpower. With separation of SLDC, meeting of additional manpower of SLDC diverting from OPTCL would pose serious problem.
- (iii) Alternatively, the separation would entail immediate recruitment of huge additional manpower to fully meet the SLDC structure which is neither possible nor desirable.
- (iv) The creation of a wholly owned subsidiary Power System Corporation of India (POSOCO) under POWERGRID for independent System Operation of RLDCs & NLDC does not necessarily call for similar separation in State level as the volume and nature of activities carried out by the SLDC are fundamentally different from RLDCs & NLDC.
- (v) SLDC in Odisha has to work in close co-ordination with the Government Companies like OPTCL and GRIDCO for maintaining uninterrupted quality power supply in the State.

- (vi) Functional autonomy of SLDC can be continued within the present system.
- (vii) Separate Corporation is not necessary as it will not be cost effective.
- (viii) The recommendations of Gireesh B Pradhan Committee are advisory in nature. However, as explained above, certain important recommendations have been carried out in respect of Odisha SLDC.

**Regarding the direction at para- 204,** at present the State Load Despatch Center, Odisha is under Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited, the designated State Transmission Utility, under the provision of Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act 2003 and the State Load Despatch Center is operating autonomously under the direct administrative control of CMD, OPTCL.

**Regarding the direction at para- 205 & 206,** the reply has already been stated at Para 1.1 (a) & 1.1 (b).

**Regarding the direction at para- 207,** posting of required number of technical and support executives at SLDC is being taken up on top priority basis.

**Regarding the direction at para- 208,** the performance report in respect of SLDC is being submitted to OERC regularly while conducting the performance review of OPTCL.

**Query No. 2:**

*It is observed from the application filed on 29.12.2012 before the Commission that OPTCL has proposed at Page 9 Para 5 to collect Application Fee of Rs.5000/- per application and Scheduling Charges of Rs.2000/- per day or part thereof from STOA customers. OPTCL is directed to furnish the receipt of such Application Fee and Scheduling Charges from STOA customers for FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 and from April 2012 to November, 2012 for the perusal of the Commission.*

**Reply:**

An application has been filed by OPTCL for approval of ARR & Fees & Charges for SLDC for the FY 2013-14 on 30.11.2012 before OERC. At Page 9 Para 5 of the said application provision has been kept to collect Application Fee of Rs.5000/- per application and Scheduling Charges of Rs.2000/- per day or part thereof from STOA customers.

The amount received for application fee and scheduling charges from STOA customers for FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 and from April 2012 to November, 2012 is as tabled below for the perusal of Hon'ble Commission

(in ` lacs)

Sl. No.	Details of charges	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 11/2012)
1.	Application fee	13.43	14.95	6.30	4.50	3.65
2.	Scheduling Charges		21.81	22.17	26.38	14.75
3.	Total	13.43	36.76	28.47	30.88	18.40

**Query No. 3:**

*OPTCL in its ARR Application for FY 2013-14 at Page 8 Para 4 (c) has mentioned for collection of Rs.1.00 lakh from all users towards Registration Fee. OPTCL is directed to furnish the details of collection towards Registration Fee from the users during FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 & during FY 2012-13 (from April to November 2012) for perusal of the Commission.*

**Reply:**

**Details of Registration Fee Received**

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Amount in `
1	2009-10	Nil
2	2010-11	35,00,000
3	2011-12	4,00,000
4	2012-13 (up to Nov.-12)	4,00,000

**Query No. 4:**

*The Commission vide Para 230 of the Order dtd.20.03.2010 directed that a separate fund styled as "SLDC Development Fund" under a separate Head of Account under SLDC should be established with effect from 01.04.2010 with a corpus of unspent amount as on 31.03.2010 of SLDC to start with.*

*OPTCL is directed to furnish the following as regard to "SLDC Development Fund"*

- a) Initial corpus available as on 01.04.2010.*
- b) Amount deposited during FY 2010-11*
- c) Amount deposited during FY 2011-12*

d) Amount deposited during FY 2012-13 (from April to November, 2012) under this head with details thereof.

e) The details of amount spent out of this fund during FY 2010-11, FY 2011-12 & 2012-13(from April to November, 2012)

**Reply:**

The details of "SLDC Development Fund" are as follows:

a) Opening Balance as on 01.04.2010	: ` 622.87 lakhs
b) Amount deposited during FY 2010-11	: ` 239.69 lakhs
c) Amount deposited during FY 2011-12	: ` 167.87 lakhs
d) Amount deposited during FY 2012-13 (from April-November, 2012)	: ` 173.16 lakhs
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Total Amount available	: ` 1203.59 lakhs

e) Capital Expenditure made during Financial Year:

(i) 2010-11	: ` 69.99 lakhs
(ii) 2011-12	: ` 213.35 lakhs
(iii) 2012-13 (up to Nov.-2012)	: ` 8.93 lakhs

**Query No. 5:**

*In the Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2012-13, the Commission had approved an amount of Rs.9.02 crore towards SOC & MOC of SLDC. OPTCL may furnish the item-wise actual expenditure viz. Employee cost, additional Compensation for implementation of Intra State ABT, R&M, A&G, depreciation, and interest on working capital incurred from April to November 2012 during FY 2012-13.*

**Reply:**

The item wise actual expenditure for FY 2012-13 (up to November 2012) is tabled as under.

Sl No.	Item	Expenditure in ` lakhs
1.	Employee Cost	170.597
2.	Additional compensation	-
3.	R & M	142.206

4.	A & G	49.069
5.	Reasonable Return	-
6.	Depreciation	-
7.	Interest on Loan	-
8.	CAPEX	8.937

**Query No. 6:**

*OPTCL may furnish the month-wise Cash flow Statement for the Financial Year 2012-13 indicating the opening & closing balance of cash for FY 2012-13 (Actuals up to November 2012).*

**Reply:**

The month-wise Cash flow Statement for the Financial year 2012-13 indicating the opening & closing balance of cash for FY 2012-13 (Actuals up to November 2012) is enclosed as **ANNEXURE-I**.

**Query No. 7:**

*OPTCL may furnish the actual Pay, GP, DA, ADA, HRA etc. paid by SLDC to Employees during FY 2012-13 (April 2012 to November 2012).*

**Reply:**

The actual Pay, GP, DA, ADA, HRA etc. paid by SLDC to Employees during FY 2012-13 (April 2012 to November 2012) is tabled below:

Sl. No.	Description	lakhs
1	Pay + GP	87.63
2	DA	59.46
3	Other Allowance	6.02
4	Medicine Allowance	3.67
5	HRA	12.31
6	Other Staff Cost (Green Card , Conveyance reimbursement)	1.51

**Query No 8**

*OPTCL may furnish the Annual Accounts for SLDC for the Financial Year 2009-10, FY 2010-11 & FY 2012-13.*

**Reply:**



The Accounts for SLDC for the Financial Years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 (up to November 2012) are enclosed as **ANNEXURE-II**.

BY THE APPLICANT  
THROUGH

Bhubaneswar,  
Dt. 24.01.2013

SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER (PS)  
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**Affidavit verifying the Reply**

I, Sri Prashanta Kumar Dash, son of Late B. N. Dash, aged about 57 years, residing at Bhubaneswar do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. I am the Senior General Manager, Power System, SLDC, OPTCL the Applicant, and am duly authorized to make this affidavit on its behalf.
2. The Statements made in Paras herein above now are based on official information and I believe them to be true.

The statements made in the paras herein above are based on information and I believe them to be true.

Bhubaneswar  
Dt. 24.01.2013

**DEPONENT**