Wanting information in Annual Revenue Requirement & levy of Annual Fee and Operating Charges for SLDC functions filed by OPTCL for FY 2010-11

1. OERC issued a Road Map 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 thereunder. 15.08.2007

1.2 The Commission at Para 201 of its Order dtd. 20.03.2009 directed SLDC to submit the status of milestones mentioned in the Road Map at the end of each quarter during FY 2009-10. Neither SLDC nor OPTCL has compiled with the aforesaid direction of the Commission. OPTCL is directed to furnish the up-to-date status on the milestones mentioned in Para 1.1 above for the perusal of the Commission.

2. As per Regulation 22 of CERC Regulation, 2009, the System Operation Charges (SOC) from the generating companies shall be collected in proportion to their installed capacity or contracted capacity as the case may be. OPTCL in its ARR Application filed on 30.11.2009 at Page 14 and 15 mentioned about the generating company and sellers from which it is seen that it has not mentioned regarding Orissa share from Machkund Hydro

Electric Project and has not considered Machkund HEP as a Generator. This may please be explained.

3. It is observed from the application filed on 30.11.2009 before the Commission that OPTCL has proposed at page 12 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 and for FY 2009-10 (from April – November, 2009) for the perusal of the Commission.

4. OPTCL in its ARR Application for FY 2010-11 at page 12 has mentioned for collection of Rs.1.00 lakh from all users towards Registration fee. As this is not as per CERC Regulation 2009, the justification of such Registration fee of Rs.1.00 lakh may please be explained.

5. As per Para 203 and 204 of the Commission's Order dtd. 20.03.2009, OPTCL should immediately transfer the Sub-LDCs/ALDCs at Bhubaneswar, Meramundali, Jayanagar and Budhipadar to SLDC and SLDC has to bear all the expenses relating to sub-SLDCs. OPTCL is directed to furnish the upto date status in the matter.

6. As per para 205 & 206 of the Commission's order dtd. 20.02.2009, OPTCL is to ensure that SLDC should be headed by a Chief Load Despatcher in the rank of Director and should have Executives and staff of 81 nos. during 2009-10 at par with ERLDC to man all SLDC Operations having 3 distinct wings of Grid Operation, Commercial and Telecommunication. OPTCL is directed to file a compliance report in this matter.

7. As per Regulation 22 of CERC Regulation, 2009, SOC is to be collected from Intra-State transmission licensee, Generating stations and sellers and Distribution licensees and buyers. OPTCL in its ARR application for FY 2010-11 at page 13 only mentioned names of Distribution Licensees and has not mentioned regarding other buyers. OPTCL is directed to furnish the list of Buyers other than DISCOMs using Intra-State transmission system during FY 2009-10.

8. In the Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2009-10 the Commission had approved an amount of Rs.9.66 crore towards operating charges of SLDC. Item-wise actual expenditure viz. Employee cost, additional compensation, R&M, A&G, Reasonable return,

depreciation, interest on loan and infrastructure development of EASSC/EBC etc., incurred upto November 2009 may be submitted.

9. The A&G expenses projected for 2010-11 includes an amount of Rs. 50 lakh towards training as against the approved amount of Rs.2 lakh for current year i.e. FY 2009-10. Details of such proposal justifying Rs.50 lakh may be furnished.

10. The basis of projecting Rs.2.02 crore towards R&M expenses during FY 2010-11 as against an expenditure of Rs.0.05 crore during FY 2009-10 may be submitted. Further SLDC may justify the need for such huge expenditure on R&M proposed for 2010-11.