



ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FILE NO. AERC. 704/2018

Petition No.: 16 &17/2018

ORDER SHEET

CORAM: SHRI S.C. DAS, HON'BLE CHAIRPERSON
SHRI DIPAK CHAKRAVARTY, HON'BLE MEMBER

In the matter of

Petition No.16 of 2018 for approval of True-Up for FY 2017-18, Annual Performance Review of FY 2018-19, Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22 and Determination of Tariff for FY 2019-20 under the AERC (Terms and Conditions for determination of Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2018 (Petition No 16/2018)

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Petition for Condonation on Delay in submitting of Audited Annual Accounts of APDCL for the FY 2017-18. (Petition No 17/2018)

In the matter of

Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd. (APDCL)

-----Petitioner

Present:

Petitioner

Mr. B M Saikia, CGM (Com&EE)

Mr. M Dasgupta, CGM (F)

Mr. R. Choudhury, DGM (TRC)

Mr. P. K. Baishya, AGM (TRC)

Mr. Rahul Das, DM (TRC)

Ms. Bonita Das, AM (TRC)

Ms Amrita Kaur, Consultant

ORDER

Dated 10.12.2018

1. The Commission took up the Petitions at 4 PM and initiated the proceeding by directing the Petitioner to give a brief on the Petitions filed before the Commission.
2. The Petitioner explained in brief on their petitions.
3. The Commission noted that Technical Validation Session on the said Petition was held in the Forenoon of **December 10, 2018** in presence of Officials of the Commission and representatives of the Petitioner. The data queries have been provided to the Petitioner immediately after the Technical Validation Session (TVS).
4. On query by the Commission regarding the non-submission of audited accounts of FY 2017-18 by APDCL, the Petitioner replied that the statutory auditor has assured to provide the audited accounts by December 20, 2018. The Petitioner would then be able to submit the same to the Commission. The Commission expressed displeasure and directed CGM (F&A) to maintain the time schedule.
5. The Commission directed the Petitioner to submit Comptroller and Auditor General Report

(C&AG) Report along with Management comments on the same, and Board approval on the same by **31.01.2019**.

6. The Commission observed that the fees submitted by Petitioner for the present Petition is less by around Rs. 80 Lakh. The Petitioner prayed to the Commission for payment of such fees on installment basis along with the next year's Petition.
7. The Commission questioned the Petitioner on the exorbitant increase of sales shown in Jeevan Dhara category and on the higher distribution loss claimed in the Petition as compared to the distribution loss agreed by the Petitioner under UDAY scheme. The Petitioner replied that during the signing of UDAY scheme, SAUBHAGYA scheme was not envisaged and therefore the target distribution loss could not be achieved.
8. After hearing the submissions of APDCL, the Commission directed:
 - I. The Commission directed the Petitioner to submit the revised Petition after rectifying the defects identified during the TVS, along with abridged form of Petition for publication on or before **December 15, 2018** to the Commission.
 - II. The Commission directed the Petitioner to publish in the Newspaper the abridged form of the Petition, after due approval of the Commission and also upload the Petition on its website on **December 18, 2018**.
 - III. Based on the submission made by the Petitioner, the Commission directed the Petitioner to upload the Audited Accounts of FY2017-18 duly certified by the Statutory Auditor on or before **December 22, 2018** in APDCL website.
 - IV. The Commission directed the Petitioner to submit the replies to data queries on or before **December 26, 2018**.
 - V. The Commission allowed the petitioner 60 days time and directed the Petitioner to pay the balance fee amount of **Rs. 83,56,238/-** (Rs Eighty Three Lacs Fifty Six Thousand Two Thirty Eight only) on or before **31.01.2019**. Delay beyond 31.01.2019 will attract interest at applicable rate.
 - VI. After the submission of replies to data queries, APDCL shall give a detailed presentation on the submitted Petition. The date of the presentation shall be informed separately to APDCL.
 - VII. The Commission shall conduct separate sessions for discussion on comments given by statutory/ C&AG auditor, with the Accounts team of APDCL and on compliance of directive with MD, APDCL. The dates will intimated in due course.

The **Petition No 16/2018** is provisionally admitted subject to rectification of defects in the Petition and subsequent submission of pending information/replies of data queries by the Petitioner.

Sd/-

(Dipak Chakravarty)
Member
AERC

Sd/-

(Subhash Chandra Das)
Chairperson
AERC