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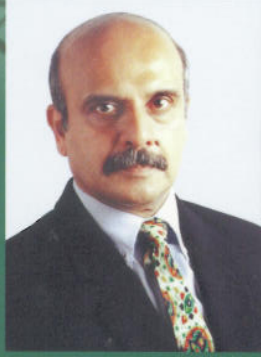


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission continued to grapple with the consequences of acute power crisis for the second consecutive year in 2006-07. It is amply clear by now that power shortages are unlikely to end soon, despite the goal of electricity for all by 2012. This is going to be a continuing challenge and a major hurdle in the Commission's effort to develop an open market in electricity in the State of Maharashtra.

As one of India's most industrialized States, Maharashtra cannot afford power shortages, especially with other States scrambling for a bigger slice of the investment pie. Yet, despite our best efforts, the supply shortage has not been mitigated, as the pace of increase in generation capacity is inadequate to bridge the widening gap between demand and supply. In fact in 2006-07, only around 350 MW of additional generation capacity has become available to the State, from the Ratnagiri Gas and Power Project Limited (RGPPL), as a consequence of which the demand-supply gap increased to around 5500 MW, necessitating an increase in the load shedding.


The Commission took the initiative during the year to awaken consumers to the need for energy conservation and takes reasonable satisfaction in the enthusiasm and consensus it was able to develop on this count. It also took several steps to ensure Demand Side Management (DSM) and included DSM measures in the Multi-Year Tariffs introduced in the State from April 1, 2007, such as introduction of steep tariffs for multiplexes and shopping malls, to disincentivise consumption from the grid by such consumers and encourage addition of additional generation capacity at load centres.

But with the State and the country moving into an era of high economic growth, conservation can help only up to a point. Clearly, there is need for more innovative approaches. Last year, the Commission examined and implemented the CII Pune chapter's proposal to utilize the surplus captive generating capacity of around 90-100 MW available with the top 30 industries in the area. Undoubtedly, there were challenges in implementing the proposal because of the difference in costs for captive plants running on liquid fuel as against conventional plants running on coal. However, the Pune Model has found wide acceptance and has been successful in showing the path to alleviating load shedding by utilizing locally available generation capacity or creating additional generation capacity at the load centre.

The Commission has, therefore, proposed a franchisee model based on the principle of distributed generation to cater to the needs of regions which have the capacity to pay additional reliability surcharge in exchange for relief from load shedding. The Distributed Generation-Based Distribution Franchisee (DGBDF) model is an extension of the distribution franchisee concept provided within the legal framework of the Electricity Act, 2003. As in the case of the Pune CII model, the MERC will determine the reliability surcharge for electricity injected into the system by the franchisee, which would have several options for alleviating the supply deficit in its area.

The Commission also took further steps to encourage generation of electricity from renewable sources through the Renewable Purchase Specification (RPS) Framework. Under this, every distribution utility, captive generator and open access consumer will have to procure electricity generated from renewable energy sources at percentages specified by the Commission. The RPS for the first year (2006-07) is 3 per cent and increases to 6 per cent by 2010. It is gratifying to note that consumers living in the concrete jungle of Mumbai are being served 'green power' in the prescribed ratio and are able to contribute to protection of the environment.

The office of the Electricity Ombudsman under the EA 2003 has also provided an efficient alternative remedy to consumers for speedier, simpler and cheaper redress as envisaged under the Act.



Dr. Pramod Deo

THE YEAR 2006-2007 IN REVIEW

The seventh year of the existence of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission was another very challenging one because of the acute power shortage in the State, which still continues.

The Commission adopted a twin-track approach – helping the power utilities to mitigate the impact of the shortfall keeping the interests of all sections of society and the State in mind, while at the same time creating awareness among consumers, especially those in Mumbai, about the need for energy conservation on a long-term basis. A significant achievement here was the implementation of the energy conservation awareness campaign by the utilities for consumers in Mumbai. This was executed under the guidance of the Commission, which facilitated and catalysed the campaign.

The Commission took several other steps during the year to:

- encourage generation of electricity from renewable sources, as per the Electricity Act (EA), 2003, by issuing the long-term Development of Renewable Energy Sources and associated Renewable Purchase Specification (RPS) Framework;
- determine, for the first time, the 'Schedule of Charges' of the five distribution licensees in the State under Section 46 of the EA 2003, in accordance with its Supply Code Regulations;
- make the Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) framework applicable in Maharashtra with effect from April 2007;
- notify the MERC (General Conditions of Distribution Licence) Regulations, 2006, which supersedes the MERC (Distribution Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004;
- determine the transmission tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2006-07 and FY 2007-08;
- introduce load research and capture greater energy efficiency potential through Demand Side Management (DSM) to reduce the demand-supply gap; and
- frame the Electricity Consumer's Rights Statement (ECRS), a charter of what power consumers in the State have a right to expect from the utilities and what they could do to exercise those rights.

Commission Meetings

The Commission held 18 meetings during the year under the Chairmanship of Dr Pramod Deo, with Shri A. Velayutham and Shri S.B. Kulkarni as Members.

State Advisory Committee

The 7th State Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was held on 9th October, 2006 to discuss the

Declaration/Notification of Rural Areas and the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

The Chairman, Dr Pramod Deo, sought views of the Members of the SAC on the 'Rural Electrification Policy' issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, on August 23, 2006, which emphasises that the "appropriate Government shall endeavour to supply electricity to all areas including villages and hamlets". He also referred to the State-appointed Abraham Committee's recommendations on demarcation of rural areas.

The Chairman sought the views of Members on delimitation of rural areas to enable the Commission to send its recommendation/advice to the Maharashtra Government under Section 86(2) of the EA, 2003. Accordingly, the Government of Maharashtra vide its notification No. RAD-2005/CR-434/NRG-3 dated November 27, 2006 has notified the Rural Areas for the purpose of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Earlier, Maharashtra had declared achievement of 100% electrification based on the earlier definition, but 5,554 villages with a population of 18.72 lakhs are yet to be electrified as per the recent definition. These villages are to be covered under the Union Government's RGGVY.

DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) AND ENERGY CONSERVATION

While steps are in progress to enhance power availability by capacity additions through new power stations and renovation and modernisation of existing ones, the Commission issued directives and facilitated processes to reduce losses and also obtain power from other sources. However, with the gap between demand and supply continuing to widen, the Commission issued further directives to all Distribution Licensees to develop Demand Side Management (DSM) Plans and incorporate them in the long-term power procurement strategy, as a part of the integrated resource planning exercise initiated in 2005-06. The Commission also directed Distribution Licensees in Mumbai to jointly launch a campaign to spread awareness of energy conservation among electricity consumers.

Pilot Project Development

The Commission continued its initiative to support development of pilot/demonstration projects in the area of Energy Efficiency and DSM. It approved for implementation a pilot DSM project by BrihanMumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST), and a DSM proposal by Reliance Energy Limited (REL) involving a total outlay of Rs 1.34 crore.

BEST's pilot project involves an energy-efficient lighting project promoting the use of electronic ballast as a replacement for electromagnetic ballasts (to be implemented in five large office buildings); energy

efficiency in water pumping in high-rise domestic/commercial buildings (to be implemented in 10 high-rise domestic/office buildings); and a five-day training programme in energy efficiency for BEST officials. The training programme was conducted by National Productivity Council and energy audits of pumping systems are in progress. The Commission approved the funding of the pilot project from the amount collected by BEST as Load Management Charge (LMC).

REL's DSM proposal comprises preparation of a DSM plan, conduct of 30 energy audits, load research, and capturing energy efficiency potential through DSM bidding on REL's feeder in 8th Khar Road area. The Commission has approved the funding of these activities from the amount collected by REL as LMC.

DSM Bidding Mechanism

In view of the limited experience that Distribution Licensees in the State have in the DSM area, MERC found it desirable to develop options under which other implementing organisations – such as energy service companies, equipment manufacturers, financial institutions, energy users and NGOs – are provided incentives to develop and implement cost-effective energy conservation and DSM programmes.

An effective method of encouraging and facilitating the implementation of DSM activities by such organizations is the establishment of a DSM acquisition process or a DSM bidding process. Hence, the MERC commissioned a study to develop a mechanism for establishing a DSM bidding process among the State Distribution Licensees. The Commission envisages that, once such process has been established, Distribution Licensees will be able to quickly capture the DSM and energy saving potential existing in various sectors and contribute towards mitigation of power shortages.

Select feeders of all electricity Distribution Licensees in the State (both from urban and rural areas, as applicable) were studied to identify the most cost-effective options for DSM. The study also provided draft model contract, draft standards for select equipment as well as bidding options for each of the feeders.

Draft bidding documents and other reports were carefully analysed. After several rounds of discussions and revisions, three model DSM bid documents were prepared for three different feeders – the REL feeder in Khar and the BEST feeder on Carmichael Road in Mumbai, and the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL) feeder in Nagpur. These three bid documents are being evaluated by respective Licensees, after which bids would be invited by them.

DSM Plan Development under Multi-Year Tariff (MYT)

The Commission, in line with its Tariff Regulations, directed the Distribution Licensees to include DSM

measures in their long-term power procurement plans. It advised Distribution Licensees to adopt DSM as an integral part of their operations and also directed Distribution Licensees to undertake design, development and implementation of DSM initiatives.

They were advised that DSM initiatives should include technical and financial assistance, incentives and guidance to motivate consumers to adopt energy conservation and energy-efficiency improving measures and practices. It was also urged that they motivate other stakeholders such as financiers, energy-efficient delivery companies and manufacturers of energy efficient products, processes and devices to participate in the DSM initiatives.

The Commission also directed Distribution Licensees to track and monitor load and electricity consumption continuously in order to assess the impact of DSM initiatives. Systematic load research is the key to providing this data. Load research also provides insight into consumer load profile, cost of service, and data on profitability. Hence, the Commission directed all Distribution Licensees to initiate systematic load research exercises on a continuing basis and make load research an integral part of their operations.

ENERGY CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN

A significant achievement during the year was the implementation of the energy conservation awareness campaign for consumers in Mumbai in line with the communication strategy developed the previous year. The main objectives of the campaign were to sensitise residents of Mumbai to the looming power shortage, share responsibility with Distribution Licensees for mitigating load shedding, and motivate them to control and reduce the use of electricity.

The Commission facilitated and catalysed the implementation of the campaign jointly developed and implemented by the three Mumbai Distribution Licensees – BEST, REL and The Tata Power Company Limited (TPC). In June 2006, these Licensees formed a joint coordination committee and selected a professional agency to provide creative inputs for the campaign around the catchy slogan "I Will, Mumbai Will".

The campaign used all mass media – outdoor, print, radio and cinema – as well as ground activation activities to achieve its objectives. The campaign involved a total expenditure of Rs 4.8 crore. This was funded from the amount that Distribution Licensees had collected as "Load Management Charge (LMC)".

Comprehensive Evaluation of Pilot Projects

The Commission also directed MSEDCL and REL to take up the evaluation, through independent agencies, of two pilot projects implemented in the previous year for promoting compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) – one by

MSEDCL in Nashik and the other by REL in Mumbai. The Commission's aim in directing a comprehensive evaluation, especially of the MSEDCL project, was to translate the experience and learning from the pilot projects for better design and execution of the State-wide programme for promotion of CFLs.

The evaluation was carried out in terms of project impact measurement [amount of energy (kWh) saved and demand (MW/kW) reduced], efficacy and workability of the various processes employed during pilot project implementation. Based on the findings of the evaluation exercise, and on the advice of the Commission, MSEDCL decided to expand the CFL promotion project to cover four districts of the State (Pune, Nagpur, Aurangabad and Kolhapur) by outsourcing project design and implementation.

MSEDCL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PLANNED LOAD SHEDDING

MSEDCL submitted that the demand-supply gap in its licence area had increased to 5300-5500 MW, forcing it to resort to distress load shedding from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., in addition to the planned load shedding. In order to reduce public unrest, MSEDCL proposed an increase in planned load shedding as a temporary emergency measure and sought the Commission's approval for one more staggered load shedding day for Industrial and MIDC feeders.

The Commission held a Public Hearing in Pune on February 15, 2007, after which MSEDCL withdrew the second staggered day of load shedding on its own without any direction from the Commission.

In its Order dated February 20, 2007, the Commission noted that from the simulations presented by MSEDCL, the load shedding requirement would be higher than that proposed. It directed MSEDCL to explore the surplus captive capacity with industry and explore alternative models like distributed generation-based distribution franchisees, especially for urban and industrial agglomerations.

MSEDCL was directed to display the prevalent load shedding schedule for each feeder prominently at each sub-station, with adequate publicity in the local newspapers. It directed MSEDCL to expeditiously undertake the agricultural feeder separation programme as the hours of load shedding could be brought down further if these schemes were implemented, coupled with the increased supply availability projected by MSEDCL. It also directed MSEDCL that when the requirement of load shedding reduces, agriculture-dominated regions should get relief first, followed by other regions, with urban and industrial conglomerations coming last.

TARIFF ISSUES

During the year under review, the Commission reviewed and approved the Aggregate Revenue Requirements (ARR) and Tariffs for FY 2006-07 for the five Distribution Licensees – MSEDCL, BEST, TPC-D, REL-D and the Mula Pravara Electric Co-operative Society (MPECS), as well as the State Transmission Utility, viz., Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL), and the Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MSPGCL).

The ARR of the Generating Company and the Licensees were approved in accordance with the norms stipulated under the Commission's Tariff Regulations, with explanation given for deviation from the Regulations, if any.

One of the important decisions the Commission has taken, in line with the National Electricity Policy, is to create a new sub-category for all Licensees – Below the Poverty Line (BPL) for consumers using less than 30 units per month. It has also introduced two-part tariffs for this sub-category.

The Commission has also introduced a new category, viz., Advertisements & Hoardings, Shopping Malls, etc. with higher tariff to deliver the message of energy conservation.

The Commission also structured differential pricing for hydel generation during peak and non-peak periods as an economic signal to generating companies to maximise hydel generation during peak period and reduce utilization of hydro resources during the non-peak hours.

MSEDCL's ARR & Tariff Petition for FY 2006-07

For the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL), this was the first ARR and Tariff Petition after unbundling of MSEDCL. After due public process, the Commission issued an Order dated October 20, 2006, determining the ARR and retail tariff applicable for consumers in MSEDCL Licence area from October 01, 2006 to March 31, 2007, which was further extended to April 30, 2007. The key features are:

- (a) The Commission decided to rely only on consumer metering data for estimating agricultural consumption and directed that henceforth recorded consumption of metered consumers – or information based on complete DTC metering – would form the basis for estimation of agricultural consumption.
- (b) MSEDCL was directed to reduce distribution losses by 2% in FY 2006-07 and to introduce a staff incentive scheme to target distribution loss reduction, by making the staff responsible for the losses in their area.

- (c) The Commission discontinued the levy of Regulatory Liability Charges (RLC) from October 1, 2006.
- (d) The Commission introduced a new sub-category, viz., Advertisement & Hoardings as part of the LT Commercial category. It determined tariff in such a way that it would be more economical for such consumers to opt for power supply through DG sets.
- (e) The Commission considered power from costly and non-costly sources separately. The non-costly power was allocated equally, irrespective of categories or regions. This meant that all regions would suffer load shedding of nine hours per day. However, since agriculture-dominated regions are subjected to 12 hours of load shedding, the effective load shedding for other regions is reduced to 7.25 hours. Since consumers not located in agriculture-dominated regions are benefited through reduced load shedding because of additional supply from costly sources, the Commission determined the Additional Supply Charges (ASC) such that the consumers would pay for the ASC in proportion to the relief from load shedding.
- (f) BPL consumers have been exempted from payment of Additional Supply Charges (ASC), and residential consumers consuming less than 300 units per month will pay only 10% of the ASC.

MSPGCL's ARR & Tariff for FY 2006-07

The Commission vide its Order dated September 07, 2006, determined the ARR and Generation Tariff of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MSPGCL), applicable from September 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

The key features of the Commission's Order include:

- (a) Two-part station-wise generation tariffs for FY 2006-07 on the basis of trial balances of the generating stations. Wherever the trial balance details were not available, the fixed costs were allocated in proportion to the Net Fixed Assets of the generating stations.
- (b) A differential energy tariff for peak and non-peak hours for hydro generating stations. Tariff for non-peak hours is based on the highest variable cost of the thermal generating stations of MSPGCL and is fixed at Rs.1.65/kWh; tariff during peak hours is equal to Rs.2.00/kWh, fixed at 20% higher than the tariff for non-peak hours.

The Commission also provisionally approved tariffs for the New Paras and New Parli units based on the estimated costs submitted by MSPGCL.

MSETCL's ARR & Tariff for FY 2006-07

In the case of Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL), the Commission issued an Order on June 28, 2006, determining the ARR and Transmission Tariff valid till March 31, 2007. The key features are:

- a) Transmission losses for MSETCL transmission network were stipulated as 4.85%, for FY 2006-07.
- b) The Commission projected employee expenses for FY 2006-07 by applying a five-year CAGR to employee expenses of the previous year, and allowed an increase because of increase in Dearness Allowance and annual increments.
- c) For estimating the Administration & General (A&G) expenses for FY 2006-07, the Commission considered a year-on-year (YoY) increase of 4.21% over the A&G expenses of the previous year.
- d) The Repair & Maintenance (R&M) expenses were allowed based on past trends, and MSETCL was allowed to claim additional R&M expenses as a one-time expenditure, if the detailed R&M plan was approved by the Commission.
- e) The Commission considered an average of the fixed asset capitalization in the past two years, as allowable capital expenditure for FY 2006-07.

BEST's ARR & Tariff for FY 2006-07

The BEST Undertaking preferred an Appeal before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (ATE) in New Delhi, challenging the Operative Order and the detailed Order passed by the Commission for determination of ARR and Retail Tariff for BEST's consumers for FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06. As a result of ATE's Judgment dated August 18, 2006 and directions issued thereunder, the ARR for FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 and Tariff for FY 2005-06 for BEST underwent a change and was re-determined under the Commission's Supplementary Order dated September 26, 2006.

Subsequently, BEST sought a review of the said Supplementary Order, which was disposed of by the Commission's Order dated November 8, 2006.

As regards BEST's request to de-link the ARR and Tariff, the Commission made it very clear that it did not wish to de-link the determination of ARR and Tariff. Further, under Section 61(f) of EA 2003, it was mandatory for the Commission to be guided by Multi-Year Tariff principles while determining tariff and specifying the terms and conditions for determination of tariff.

As the MYT framework had to be implemented for all Licensees, including BEST and Generating Companies in Maharashtra with effect from April 1, 2007, the

Commission therefore ruled that it would determine the ARR for FY 2006-07 and, subject to prudence checks, would allow any excess/gap in the ARR along with carrying cost for the two months of February 2007 and March 2007 at the rate of 6% p.a., at the time of tying up for FY 2006-07.

The main features of the Commission's Order dated January 18, 2007, with regard to the BEST's Application were:

- a) The Commission observed that BEST should adopt a fair and transparent cost allocation statement of joint and common costs between the licensed business and other businesses and this should be separately identifiable in the accounts.
- b) The Commission rejected the BEST's claim that the electric supply division would need to pay rent for using the space in the bus depots, as these two units (transport and electric supply) are part of one legal entity – the Municipal Corporation. However, the Commission directed that expenses incurred by BEST with respect to the maintenance of those premises could be apportioned on a reasonable basis between the transport division and electric supply division of BEST, in proportion to the space used/occupied by them, respectively.
- c) The Commission allowed the distribution loss of 12.4% for FY 2005-06 and 11.5% for FY 2006-07.

TPC's ARR for FY 2005-06 and ARR & Tariff for FY 2006-07

Salient features of the Commission's Order of October 3, 2006, on the TPC Petition:

- a) The Commission approved the ARR and Tariff for FY 2006-07 separately for each function, i.e., Generation, Transmission and Distribution.
- b) The Commission opined that high cost generation should be despatched taking into consideration State-wide Merit Order Despatch (MOD) principles. Depending on the demand, generation from Unit 4 of TPC would be considered by the Commission only for meeting the demand in certain months of the year, when the demand exceeds the supply available, excluding Unit 4 generation capacity.
- c) In the absence of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between TPC-G and Distribution Licensees and in the absence of capacity allocation, the Commission approved the interim measure for recovery of Annual Fixed Charges of TPC-G in proportion to average non-coincident peak demand of three Distribution Licensees met by TPC during FY 2005-06.

- d) The Commission considered the distribution loss of 2.93% for projecting the energy required by TPC-D at Transmission-Distribution interface.
- e) The Commission determined the wheeling charges for each voltage based on the voltage-wise asset base and capacity levels at each voltage. The ARR was segregated between wheeling business and retail supply business based on the submissions made by TPC. The Commission ruled that consumers connected directly to the transmission network would not be required to pay the wheeling charges.

REL's ARR for FY 2005-06 and ARR & Tariff for FY 2006-07

The salient features of the Commission's Order of October 3, 2006, on the REL Petition:

- a) The Commission approved the ARR and Tariff for FY 2006-07 separately for each function, i.e., Generation, Transmission and Distribution.
- b) The Commission considered the revised operational norms for REL, keeping in view the past performance, while at the same time retaining some incentive for the Utility to encourage sustained efficient operation. The Commission also elaborated the mechanism of sharing the benefits of improved performance for controllable factors, between the consumers and the Utility.
- c) The Commission considered the actual distribution loss of 12.00% for FY 2005-06 and 11.52% for FY 2006-07.
- d) The Commission decided to levy an 'additional energy charge' of Rs 0.97 per kWh payable by all consumer categories (except the BPL category), for a period of six months only, i.e., for the period October 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, to comply with the ATE Order in the context of rebates given by REL to select consumers.
- e) The Commission also decided that in case of any inter-utility power exchange within the State other than 'contracted' power procurement, the rate applicable would be the marginal cost of the supplying utility and the same would be applicable on the net supply between utilities.
- f) The Commission introduced ToD tariffs for the HT industrial and commercial consumers, and LT industrial consumers, with a view to disincentivise consumption during evening system peak hours, viz., 18:00 to 22:00 hours.
- g) The Commission determined the wheeling charges for each voltage based on the voltage-wise asset base and capacity levels at each voltage.

MPECS Tariff for FY 2006-07

The Commission vide its Order dated February 23, 2007, determined the ARR and Retail Tariff of Mula Pravara Electric Co-operative Society (MPECS) for its consumers applicable from March 1, 2007. To improve the performance of MPECS, the Commission directed it to:

- (a) introduce a staff incentive scheme, to target distribution loss reduction by making the staff responsible for the losses in their area.
- (b) undertake 100% metering in a phased manner, as well as give new connections only on metered basis. This was done to establish the correct level of distribution losses through effective measurement of energy input and energy sales, instead of estimation of energy sales to consumers.
- (c) strengthen the distribution system in order to reduce overloading, technical losses, transformer failure rates and supply interruptions.
- (d) undertake institutional strengthening in terms of organization, key systems, processes, procedures, and introduction of employee performance incentive schemes to enable revenue improvement and cost reduction.
- (e) carry out comprehensive load survey of its agricultural, industrial, commercial and domestic consumers, and re-state the sanctioned load to reflect the actual connected load, which would enhance the revenue stream of MPECS.
- (f) determine the voltage level-wise and consumer category-wise losses and cost of energy supplied to enable estimation of the subsidy requirements, and effective pricing of the energy supplied.
- (g) undertake Demand Side Management programmes, including measures to improve the pump efficiency of agricultural pump sets.

The principles followed by the Commission while working out the applicable tariffs were that the tariffs should reflect the average Cost of Supply (CoS) for the Licensee and the tariff structure should be aligned to the MSEDCL's tariff structure for similar categories.

MULTI-YEAR TARIFF ORDERS

The MYT framework is meant to provide a roadmap and benchmarks for Licensees so that the annual tariff-setting exercise becomes simpler. However, introduction of MYT requires a sound database, preparedness and regular flow of information. The Commission issued Multi-Year Tariff (MYT) Orders as it

made the MYT framework applicable in Maharashtra with effect from April 2007. The Commission also ruled that it would review the Licensees' performance during the last quarter of FY 2007-08, and directed them to submit their Petition for Annual Performance Review for every year of the Control Period before November 30 of every year, with a detailed reason for deviation in performance.

The cross-subsidy surcharge was determined as 'zero' for all Distribution Licensees, in accordance with the guidelines of the Tariff Policy and in view of the high marginal cost of power purchase.

MSETCL's MYT Order

In the case of MSETCL, the Commission tied up MSETCL's actual revenue and expenses for FY 2005-06, stipulated the performance trajectory over the Control Period, and classified expenses as controllable and uncontrollable expenses. The salient features of the Order include:

- a) The Commission incorporated the performance trajectory of transmission losses and system availability in the MYT framework for MSETCL, which are the most important performance indicators of transmission licensees.
- b) The Commission accepted MSETCL's proposal to retain the trajectory of transmission losses over the Control Period at 4.85%, with the proviso that transmission loss levels would be reviewed once MSETCL completed the Availability Based Tariff (ABT) metering at all interface points and metered data is submitted to the Commission.
- c) The Commission accepted the system availability norms, as it was in accordance with the Commission's Tariff Regulations.

BEST's MYT Order

The BEST Undertaking, a municipal authority in Mumbai, submitted a Petition for approval of its Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for the financial years 2007-10 and the tariff for FY 2007-08 on December 11, 2006. A Public Hearing was held on February 27, 2007 and the Commission, vide its Order dated April 03, 2007, determined the ARR of the BEST Undertaking for the Control Period from FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10 and the retail tariff applicable for BEST's consumers from April 01, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

Under the Order, the Commission:

- a) allowed the revenue shortfall in FY 2006-07 to be recovered in FY 2007-08 and BEST was directed to reduce distribution losses by 0.5% during each year of the Control Period.
- b) introduced a new 'Reliability Charge' on specific categories of consumers, to recover the

expenditure on costly power purchase and standby charges payable for supply of reliable and continuous power.

- c) replaced RkVAh charges with a Power Factor (PF) penalty/incentive mechanism.
- d) introduced Time of Day (ToD) tariff for certain HT consumer categories to discourage consumption of electricity during peak hours.
- e) increased the tariff for conspicuous consumption categories like shopping malls, floodlighting at stadiums, hoardings, etc., to drive home the message of energy conservation.
- f) directed BEST to regroup consumers into revised tariff categories specified by it, based on the purpose for which supply is taken – residential, commercial and industrial. This was done as the BEST's consumer classification was complicated and confusing, with consumers grouped on the basis of consumption or past agreements, rather than the purpose for which supply is being taken.

TPC-GMYT Order

The Commission vide its Order dated April 2, 2007, determined the ARR for MYT period and tariff for FY 2007-08 for TPC's generation business, applicable with effect from April 1, 2007. The key features of the Order:

- a) The Commission considered the power purchase by the three Distribution Licensees, i.e. BEST, TPC-D, REL-D from TPC-G's total capacity, in proportion to the share of coincident peak demand for the first year of the Control Period, in the absence of approved PPAs between the generating business and the Distribution Licensees. The Commission will consider the capacity allocation from TPC-G to three Distribution Licensees in accordance with the approved PPAs from FY 2008-09.
- b) The Commission directed TPC to explore measures for cost effective procurement of coal and submit a report.
- c) The Commission emphasised the importance of low generation from oil-based units and directed TPC-G to adhere to the Merit Order Despatch principle.

TPC-TMYT Order

In the case of TPC, the Commission vide its Order dated April 2, 2007, determined the ARR and tariff for MYT period for TPC's transmission business, applicable with effect from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The principles enunciated in this Order too are applicable for the three-year Control Period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2010.

The salient features of the Order are:

- a) The performance trajectory for TPC-T was stipulated in accordance with the Tariff Regulations.
- b) The Commission considered the Intra-State Transmission loss of 4.85% for the Control Period.
- c) TPC was directed to maintain the system availability at the levels stipulated in the Tariff Regulations in order to be eligible to recover the full fixed charges determined by the Commission.

REL-TMYT Order

In the case of REL, the main objections raised during the public hearing related to transmission loss levels, capital expenditure and capitalization and income from other businesses.

The Commission vide its Order dated April 2, 2007, determined the ARR and tariff for MYT period for REL's transmission business, applicable with effect from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The principles enunciated in the Order are applicable for the three-year Control Period from April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2010.

Salient features of the Order include:

- a) The expenses approved by the Commission for FY 2006-07 were considered as the base figures for the MYT Control Period.
- b) The Commission approved the capital expenditure related expenses on the basis of the approved DPRs, and considered 50% of the proposed capital expenditure in case of non-DPR schemes.
- c) The Commission projected the components of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) expenditure, viz., employee expenditure, A&G expenditure, and Repair & Maintenance expenditure, on the basis of applicable inflation indices.
- d) The normative interest rate for long-term loans was considered at 8% for the Control Period.
- e) The Commission allowed income tax of Rs 4.53 crore throughout the Control Period in line with the approved income tax for FY 2006-07.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR MSEDCL, MPECS, BEST, TPC & REL

Earlier, the Licensees were operating on the basis of their own Schedule of Charges. Under the EA 2003, the Commission is mandated to determine the schedule of charges. The 'Schedule of Charges' refers to payments made by prospective/existing consumers for availing of

supply from the Distribution Licensee. This includes processing fee and charges for sanctioned load, restoration, change in location of meters, etc.

The Commission determined the Schedule of Charges of the five Distribution Licensees for the first time under Section 46 of the EA 2003, in accordance with its Supply Code Regulations, after considering the views of all interested parties through due public process.

In the approved Schedule of Charges, the Commission eliminated recovery of Service Line Charges, except for dedicated distribution feeders (DDF) and in case of augmentation of existing facilities used largely (more than 25%) by an identified new consumer.

Prior to the approval of Schedule of Charges, the Licensees were collecting charges for new connections based on estimated cost of work involved in releasing the connection to the consumer. The process followed was tedious, involving lot of procedural work such as inspection of the site, preparation of estimate based on the measurement of the service line/cable to be laid, sanctioning of estimate and finally issuing a quotation to the applicant. In order to simplify the procedure while releasing the new connection and to avoid indiscretion and disputes at the field level, the earlier practice of levying charges based on individual cost estimate has been discontinued. The Commission has further dispensed with measurement-linked charges towards new service connections. Instead, service connection charges at normative rates (based on average cost of work) for different load slabs have been introduced. The approved service connection charges are given in simple tabular form, which serves as a ready reckoner for both, i.e., the consumer and the Licensee.

The Commission eliminated recovery of infrastructure cost under the head of Service Line Charges, except for dedicated distribution facility (DDF) and in case of augmentation of existing facilities used largely (more than 25%) by identified new consumer. Development of infrastructure being duty of the Licensees, as stipulated under Section 42 of the EA, 2003, the Licensees were advised to claim the expenses toward infrastructure cost through ARR during tariff determination process.

Long-term Development of Renewable Energy Sources and Renewable Purchase Specification (RPS) Framework

Renewable Energy (RE) sources like wind energy, hydro, bagasse, biomass, solar, and municipal solid waste technologies enable reduction in the CO₂ and other emissions, and are valuable contributors to the energy mix of the country and State. The EA 2003 has several provisions to encourage generation of electricity from renewable sources. The most important of those provisions require the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to specify the minimum percentage of electricity to be procured from renewable sources of energy.

Even before the implementation of the EA 2003, the Commission had issued its Order on Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), which required the Distribution Licensees to equitably share the RE generation in the State.

In accordance with the EA 2003, the Commission issued the Long-term Development of Renewable Energy Sources and associated Renewable Purchase Specification (RPS) Framework vide its Order dated August 16, 2006. The salient features of the RPS Framework are:

- a) **RPS Percentage Specification:** Every 'Eligible Person' will have to procure electricity generated from eligible renewable energy sources at the percentages specified below. Earlier, every 'Eligible Person' had the option of buying power generated from renewable sources from those who had such power to sell. Now they have to generate the stipulated fixed percentage themselves if none is available.

Year	Renewable Purchase Specifications (RPS)*
2006-07	3.0%
2007-08	4.0%
2008-09	5.0%
2009-10	6.0%

For the purpose of RPS Framework, for every Distribution Licensee, total consumption in its area of supply would include energy purchased by the distribution licensee from all sources for the purpose of supply within its area of supply including quantum of energy supplied to open access and captive consumers by the licensee. Similarly, for every OA and captive consumer, RPS percentage specification shall be applicable on that part of the consumption, which has been generated through its own captive plant or contracted with another supplier. RPS percentage will not be applicable to the quantum of power supplied by the distribution licensee.

- b) **Eligible RE Sources:** Energy generation from all types of renewable energy sources as approved by the Ministry of Non-conventional and Renewable Energy Sources (MNRES), Govt. of India, shall be considered. Further, only generation from grid-connected RE generation projects shall be considered under RPS framework, and generation from off-grid projects or stand-alone systems shall not be considered.
- c) **Eligible Persons:** The specified 'minimum percentage' shall be applicable to all existing and future distribution Licensees in Maharashtra as well as to open access users and captive consumers.

- d) **Applicable Tariff:** The tariff rates and tariff structure as approved under respective Tariff Orders in case of (a) non-fossil fuel based (qualifying) co-generation projects; (b) non-fossil fuel based (non-qualifying) co-generation projects; (c) wind energy projects, (d) municipal solid waste to energy projects, will be extended up to March 31, 2010 under the RPS Framework. As regards any other renewable energy source or RE technology, the Commission shall determine tariff separately for each kind of renewable source and for each type of technology.
- e) **Enforcement:** Eligible Persons will have to comply with their RPS obligations. During the first year of RPS operating framework, i.e., FY 2006-07, there shall not be any charge towards enforcement. However, Eligible Persons shall be liable to pay at the rate of Rs 5.00 per unit of shortfall in FY 2007-08, Rs 6.00 per unit of shortfall in FY 2008-09, and Rs 7.00 per unit of shortfall for FY 2009-10. Such charges towards shortfall in renewable energy procurement levied on Distribution Licensees will not be allowed as 'pass through' expenses under their Annual Revenue Requirement.

MSEDCL PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL OF RECOVERY OF ADDITIONAL COST AS A RELIABILITY SURCHARGE FOR MITIGATING LOAD SHEDDING IN PUNE CIRCLE

The Commission vide its earlier Orders had directed MSEDCL to use surplus captive power to mitigate load shedding in Pune Urban Circles, and also approved the normative fuel efficiency and the variable cost of generation of CPPs.

Subsequently, MSEDCL filed its proposal for approval of reliability surcharge for mitigating load shedding in Pune Circle, on April 5, 2006. MSEDCL in its Petition suggested that domestic consumers consuming less than 300 units/month should be exempted from levy of Reliability Surcharge.

A Public Hearing to ascertain the stakeholders' views was held in Pune on April 15, 2006. The Commission issued the final Order for approval of recovery of the cost as Reliability Surcharge on May 16, 2006. This model of public-private partnership to mitigate load shedding in selected areas has been implemented successfully, and attempts are being made to replicate the same model in different parts of the State and the country.

The salient features of the Order are:

- a) The Commission directed MSEDCL to ensure that with the operationalisation of the scheme, there would be no load shedding in Pune Urban Circles, including the staggering days for industrial consumers and the consumers of Pune Urban Circles would get continuous power supply, except in case of Force Majeure conditions and maintenance schedules.
- b) The Commission directed MSEDCL that in case of any interruption in power supply to Pune Urban Circles after the implementation of CII proposal, it should submit the report highlighting the duration for which the power was not supplied along with reasons to the Commission within three days of the date of incidence.
- c) The Commission directed MSEDCL to consider any variation in actual costs and revenues with respect to estimated additional costs and revenue from Reliability Charge in the tying up of ARR Petition of MSEDCL, and to allocate it to the targeted consumers in Pune Urban Circles.
- d) The Commission approved Reliability Surcharge of 42 paise/kWh to be levied on all consumers of Pune Urban Circles, excluding domestic consumers consuming up to 300 units per month.

Long-term purchase of power by MSEDCL through Competitive Bidding Process

Another major Order during the year pertained to long-term purchase of power through a competitive bidding process following an MSEDCL proposal to the Commission. Since the deviations from the standard bidding documents were not submitted, the Commission directed MSEDCL to submit the summary of deviations proposed from Standard Bid Documents of the Union Power Ministry and the justification for it.

At a Public Hearing on July 28, 2006, the Commission received a number of objections/suggestions on MSEDCL's proposal and directed MSEDCL to submit a demand forecast along with its methodology and long-term power procurement plan, for its approval. Based on analysis of all the objections/suggestions, and data submitted by MSEDCL, the Commission issued an Order, with the following salient features:

- a) MSEDCL to undertake a scientific demand forecast with the help of experts.
- b) MSEDCL to be permitted to initiate the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for procuring 2000 MW of power, even though MSEDCL neither submitted any long-term demand

forecast nor the rationale for proposing differential quantum of power procurement at different hours of the day.

- c) If MSEDCL desires to proceed through competitive bidding under the Case I route, then it could neither insist on project location within Maharashtra nor specific delivery point, as these are clearly not within the scope of the competitive bidding process under Case I route.
- d) MSEDCL to strictly adhere to the timelines specified by the Competitive Bidding Guidelines.
- e) MSEDCL to submit only deviations to the Standard Bidding Documents, as the Commission would not approve the entire Bidding Document, per se.

Computation of Cross-Subsidy Surcharge for Open Access Transactions

REL had submitted the proposed methodology for computation of cross-subsidy surcharge, vide its letter dated September 10, 2004 and TPC had submitted "cost to serve methodology" vide its letter dated October 12, 2005. However, MSEDCL submitted neither the methodology for 'cost to serve' nor 'computation of cross-subsidy surcharge'. Further, submission made by REL was under MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations, 2004 and not under revised Regulations of the Commission. Therefore, the Commission had no proposal on record under MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations, 2005.

In view of this, the Commission directed the Distribution Licensees to submit their proposals for calculation of cross-subsidy surcharge vide its letter dated January 10, 2006. None of the Distribution Licensees submitted their proposals in this regard within the time period stipulated in the Commission's letter. REL resubmitted its proposal on June 26, 2006.

Meanwhile, the Government of India notified the Tariff Policy (TP) on January 6, 2006, which stipulated the formula for determination of cross subsidy surcharge for Open Access (OA) transactions. Accordingly, the Commission published an Approach Paper on 'Methodology for Computation of Cross-Subsidy Surcharge for Open Access Transactions within the State', on May 29, 2006 and a Public Hearing was held on June 20, 2006.

After the due public process, the Commission determined the framework and the formula for computation and implementation of cross subsidy surcharge for open access transactions within the State of Maharashtra vide its Order dated September 5, 2006. Based on this methodology, cross-subsidy surcharge would be calculated during the tariff determination exercise of each Licensee.

The Commission directed that:

1. All OA transactions will have to pay the above cross-subsidy surcharge, except in the following cases:
 - a) For the quantum of power which is not being supplied by the Utility as per the Orders issued by the Commission from time to time.
 - b) OA consumers purchasing power from renewable sources of energy.
 - c) OA transactions as on the date of effectiveness of EA 2003.
2. Cross-subsidy surcharge calculated for the base year of FY 2006-07 should be reduced to 20% of the opening level of cross-subsidy surcharge by FY 2010-11.
3. New consumers will not be exempted from levy of cross-subsidy surcharge.
4. OA transactions undertaken using liquid fuel based thermal generation will also have to pay the above cross-subsidy surcharge.

SLDC BUDGET FOR FY 2007-08

The State Transmission Utility (STU) of Maharashtra, i.e., MSETCL, submitted a Petition for approval of the budget of the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre (MSLDC) for FY 2007-08, on January 25, 2007. The Commission directed MSLDC to furnish additional information, which was submitted on February 22, 2007. The Commission conducted a hearing in the matter on February 23, 2007 in the presence of the Distribution Licensees. During the hearing, the Commission opined that in view of the critical role envisaged for SLDC under the Electricity Act 2003, independence in operations of SLDC should be clearly established. The Commission approved the SLDC budget for FY 2007-08, vide its Order dated March 28, 2007.

The key features of the Order include:

- a) The Commission observed that MSLDC has to be functionally autonomous and also maintain a separate identity from MSETCL to ensure its financial independence on matters related to approval of Capex schemes, sanction of loan specific to MSLDC related activities, etc.
- b) The Commission opined that MSLDC must submit Capex Scheme outlining scheme details, configuration, schematics, and purpose of scheme along with the DPR, and obtain the Commission's approval for the same.
- c) The Commission further observed that since EA 2003 envisages a single SLDC for each State, the

present MSLDC (located at Kalwa) should be independent and its dependency on TPC for data acquisition for Licensees within Mumbai area is not a correct practice.

- d) The Commission observed that MSLDC should submit a need-based budget for approval including issues concerning resource planning.
- e) The Commission directed MSETCL to submit detailed Business Plan for MSLDC clearly outlining organizational and managerial plan, financial delegation of powers, administrative delegation of powers, accounting separation, staff deputation policies and HR policies, and plan for takeover of Mumbai operations including transition plan.
- f) The Commission observed that for FY 2006-07, MSLDC was recovering entire SLDC Budget from MSEDCL, and hence, opined that any over recovery/under recovery of SLDC fees and charges during FY 2006-07 would be adjusted against MSEDCL's share of MSLDC fees and charges payable in future.

The mechanism for recovery of SLDC Fees and Charges is given below:

- (a) Annual SLDC Fees
- (b) Annual SLDC Operating Charges

Annual SLDC Fees and Annual SLDC Operating Charges are levied on Distribution Licensees in proportion to their contribution to Co-incident Peak Demand (CPD) in MW terms met during the previous year, while annual SLDC Fees are to be recovered on semi-annual basis on April 10 and October 10 of each fiscal year and Annual SLDC Operating Charges are to be recovered on monthly basis.

Transmission Tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2006-07

The Commission vide its Order dated September 29, 2006, determined the transmission tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2006-07, deemed to be effective prospectively from October 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

The main features of the Order include:

- a) The Commission emphasized that in an integrated power system operation, composite transmission loss of the Intra-State Transmission System would have to be borne by all transmission users in proportion to their usage of the transmission system. The detailed methodology for determination of transmission loss would be based on energy meter readings recorded by SLDC.
- b) The gross energy drawal by each Transmission System User (TSU or Distribution Licensee)

would be compared against the energy contracted (through own generation or power purchase by concerned TSU) to establish over-drawal or under-drawal by the concerned TSU. The overdrawal and under-drawal by various TSUs would be settled on the basis of weighted average system marginal price prevalent for the month and shall be paid for by the overdrawing TSU to under-drawing TSU.

- c) The Commission emphasized that SLDC should develop a centralized pooling mechanism to undertake such financial settlement of the over-drawal/under-drawal of energy transactions.
- d) The Commission clarified that the TSU's (or Distribution Licensees) should continue to pay generating companies based on their actual energy injections in accordance with their power purchase agreements.
- e) The Commission directed Transmission Licensees to submit their MYT ARR/Tariff application for FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10 by November 30, 2006.

Transmission Tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2007-08

The Commission's Order on transmission tariff for InSTS was based on the Transmission Pricing Framework for Maharashtra stipulated earlier. The Commission, vide its Order dated April 2, 2007, determined the Annual Revenue Requirement of the Transmission Licensees in the State over the first Control Period, after detailed scrutiny of MYT Petitions submitted by the Licensees. The Commission determined the tariff for InSTS based on approved Total Transmission System Cost (TTSC) and approved Base Transmission Capacity Utilization.

The Commission clarified that Transmission Tariff for short-term Open Access transactions shall be 25% of tariff applicable for long-term Open Access transactions. Moreover, the recovery of short-term transmission Open Access charges should be used to reduce total system transmission charge, which will provide benefit to long-term transmission system users in Intra-State Transmission System.

General Conditions and Specific Conditions applicable to Distribution Licensees

Under Section 16 of EA 2003, the Commission has the statutory mandate to specify general and/or specific conditions for licensees or class of licensees and licensees referred to in the first, second, third and fifth provisos to Section 14 of EA 2003.

After following the due procedure of previous publication, conducting hearings, and having received comments from Distribution Licensees in the State and Consumer Representatives and other stakeholders, on

the draft General Conditions, the Commission notified the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (General Conditions of Distribution Licence) Regulations, 2006, which supersedes the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Distribution Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004.

Electricity Consumer's Rights Statement (ECRS)

One of the major initiatives taken during the year by the Commission was to frame a comprehensive "Electricity Consumer's Rights Statement". This Statement was approved on August 1, 2006.

The ECRS spells out in great detail the rights of electricity consumers available under the Electricity Act, 2003 and serves a twin purpose – it enables consumers to protect themselves by creating an awareness regarding the rights available, and the service as well as the level of quality that they may reasonably expect from the electricity distribution companies in their area of supply, details on security deposit, billing, etc.

The ECRS lists the procedure for getting a new connection, the right to receive notice and due process prior to disconnection and the procedure for reconnection, the standards of performance of electricity distribution, the complaint handling and grievance redressal system and their right to the electricity supplier of their choice.

Consumer Grievance Redressal Forums & Ombudsman

In terms of Section 42 (5) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission has formulated comprehensive Regulations, viz., MERC (Consumer Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 dated April 20, 2006 providing guidelines to the Distribution Licensees in the State for establishing Forum(s) for redressal of grievances of consumers and for the appointment of the Electricity Ombudsman by the Commission, for making representation against non-redressal of grievances of consumers and the time and manner of settlement of grievances by the Electricity Ombudsman, and for matters incidental and ancillary thereto, in supersession of the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2003.

By virtue of the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2006, as notified by the Central Government on October 26, 2006, the State Electricity Commission is required to nominate, on the Forum, one independent Member who is familiar with consumer affairs. Based on the said Amendment, the MERC has suitably amended the MERC (Consumer Redressal Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 on April 2, 2007. Accordingly, on occurrence of such vacancy, the MERC nominates one independent Member on the Forums who is familiar with consumer affairs.

Section 86(4) of the EA, 2003, provides that the State Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy (NEP), in discharging its functions. Clause 5.13.44 of the NEP states that the State Commission should facilitate capacity building of consumer groups and their effective representation before the Regulatory Commission to enhance the efficacy of the regulatory process. The MERC has already taken a decision to reimburse the actual expenditure incurred by the authorised consumer representatives in this regard.

ELECTRICITY OMBUDSMAN

The office of the Electricity Ombudsman was constituted on December 27, 2004 and was made functional immediately to receive representations and settle grievances of consumers who are aggrieved by non-redressal of grievances by the Forums in the State, as envisaged in the Electricity Act, 2003.

The flow of representations to the Electricity Ombudsman increased in 2006-07, as compared with previous years, due to increased awareness among consumers. As many as 84 representations were received and 78 of them were decided. Three representations of those received in the previous year were also decided. The average time required for redressal per case was 38 days, as against 60 days stipulated in the Regulations. This has boosted the confidence and faith of the common consumer in the redressal mechanism set up under the Act.

Several grievances received and decided by the Electricity Ombudsman relate to billing disputes and more specifically about the excess levy of penalty, errors in calculation of bills, billing during the period

of stopped/defective meters, erroneous meter readings, recovery of arrears of previous occupier of the premises, etc. Occasionally, issues such as delay in giving connections, excess recovery of charges for giving new connections, interruptions, disconnection without proper notice, etc., were also raised by certain consumers.

In some cases, consumers complained about deficiency in services, and claimed compensation for harassment, mental agony and losses. Several orders have been issued to compensate consumers in deserving cases, in accordance with the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Distribution Licensees, Period of Giving Supply and Determination of Compensation) Regulations, 2005.

The constitution of the office of the Electricity Ombudsman under the Act has indeed provided an efficient alternative remedy to consumers for speedier, simpler and cheaper redress as envisaged under the Act.

CASES FILED IN 2006 - 2007

NO.	APPLICANT	RESPONDENT	DATE OF PETITION	CASE NO.	SUBJECT
1.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	05.04.2006	1 of 2006	Approval of recovery of additional cost as a reliability charge for mitigating load shedding in Pune Circle
2.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	04.04.2006	2 of 2006	Post Facto approval of Short Term Power Purchase from October 2005 to March 2006
3.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	04.04.2006	3 of 2006	Prior approval of Short-Term Power Purchase from April- June 2006
4.	M/s Balaji Electro Smelters Ltd.	MSEDCL	26.04.2006	4 of 2006	Load Regulation for High Tension Continuous and Non-continuous Industries
5.	M/s Balaji Electro Smelters Ltd.	MSEDCL	26.04.2006	5 of 2006	Load regulation for High Tension Continuous and Non-continuous Industries – clarification thereof
6.	Suo-motu	Maharashtra Energy Development Agency	-	6 of 2006	Long term Development of Renewable Energy Sources and associated Regulatory (RPS) Framework
7.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	10.05.2006	7 of 2006	Review of Commission's Order dated 28.04.2006 in Case no. 3 of 2006 (reg. Short Term Power Purchase for the period April-June 06)
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	Hanil Era Textiles	10.05.2006	8 of 2006	Review of Order dated 28.03.2006 in Case no. 39 of 2005 (in the matter of Application of M/s. Hanil Era Textiles Ltd. for Transmission Licence)
9.	Suo-motu	-	-	9 of 2006	Methodology for computation of Cross-Subsidy Surcharge for Open Access transactions
10.	M/s. Renewable Energy Developers Association of Maharashtra	MSEDCL	02.05.2006	10 of 2006	Petition for implementation of Commission's Order dated 24 November 2003 and Clarificatory Order dated 30 September 2004 in Case Nos. 17(3), 3, 4 & 5 of 2002 read with Case Nos. 7, 15 and 16 of 2004
11.	Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd.	-	02.06.2006	11 of 2006	Petition for permission for recruitment of personnel of pay group III and IV categories in 250 MW New Parli and 250 MW New Paras TPS and expansion and other power stations/offices of Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.
12.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	19.06.2006	12 of 2006	Petition seeking to maintain due date of payment of bills as 15 days for all MSEDCL consumers
13.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	27.04.2006	13 of 2006	Petition seeking extension of time frame under Section 55(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003
14.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	Tata Power Co. Ltd. (TPC)	10.05.2006	14 of 2006	Petition seeking directions to TPC to make available previously surrendered outlets to REL at certain specified TPC Receiving Stations
15.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	TPC	10.05.2006	15 of 2006	Petition seeking directions to TPC to make available previously surrendered outlets to REL at certain specified TPC Receiving Stations
16.	Shri Vinodkumar Girdharilal Mittal (Jankalyan Seva Samiti)	MSEDCL	26.06.2006	16 of 2006	Petition raising issue of discrimination in supply and load shedding on industrial and residential consumers
17.	Suo-motu	REL	-	17 of 2006	Suo-motu Review of Progress of Pilot DSM projects / programmes undertaken by M/s Reliance Energy Limited
18.	Suo-motu	MSEDCL	-	18 of 2006	Suo-motu Review of Progress of Pilot DSM projects / programmes undertaken by MSEDCL
19.	Shri Sambhaji Mohanrao Shitole	REL	22.06.2006 18.10.2006	19 of 2006	Petition regarding levy of charges towards service line contribution by Reliance Energy Limited (REL)
20.	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL)	-	10.08.2006	20 of 2006	Review of Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 for Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL)
21.	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd.	-	10.08.2006	21 of 2006	Review of Order dated 28.06.06 in Case No. 49 of 2005
22.	M/s Reliance Energy Ltd	-	10.08.2006 16.11.2006	22 of 2006	Petition for review of Order dated 27.06.2006 in Case No. 58 of 2005 for Transmission Pricing Framework

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23.	Shri L. D. Sheth, Shri S.A. Dhurve, M/s Udhalik Steel Industries and Shri Loya Hiralal Pandurang	MSEDCL	08.08.2006	23 of 2006	Complaint under Sections 142, 146 and 150 of Electricity Act, 2003.
24.	Suo-motu	TPC	MERC Notice dt. 16.08.2006	24 of 2006	Enquiry under Section 19 of the EA, 2003 with respect to electricity distribution by the TPC
25.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	-	15.03.2005 24.05.2005	25 of 2006	Approval of REL-Distribution's Schedule of Charges
26.	BrihanMumbai Electricity Supply and Transport Undertaking	-	18.03.2005 15.04.2005 03.06.2005	26 of 2006	Approval of BEST's Schedule of Charges
27.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	30.08.2006	27 of 2006	Petition for approval of Power Purchase Agreement with M/s Lanco Energy Pvt. Ltd. for purchase of saleable energy from its 500 MW Teesta VI Hydro
28.	Global Energy Ltd.	-	01.09.2006	28 of 2006	Intra State Trading Licence
29.	Girija Steels Pvt. Ltd.	MSEDCL	07.09.2006	29 of 2006	Quashing of demand of payment of SLC, SCC, and cost of meter and refund of monies recovered towards SLC and SCC
30.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	-	02.05.2005 11.06.2005	30 of 2006	Approval of TPC-D's Schedule of Charges
31.	Suo-motu	MSETCL (STU)	-	31 of 2006	Determination of Transmission Tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2006-07
32.	BrihanMumbai Electricity Supply and Transport Undertaking	-	11.10.2006	32 of 2006	Review of Supplementary Order dated 26th Sept, 2006 in Case No. 4 of 2004
33.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	19.10.2006	33 of 2006	Review of Order dated 08.09.2006 in Case No. 70 of 2005 (in the matter of approval of MSEDCL's Schedule of Charges)
34.	Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd.	-	10.10.2006	34 of 2006	Review of Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 in Case No.48 of 2005
35.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	20.10.2006	35 of 2006	Petition seeking review of Order dated 29 September 2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
36.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	31.10.2006 10.11.2006	36 and 41 of 2006	Petitions seeking review of Order dated 29 September, 2006 in Case No. 31 of 2006
37.	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC)	TPC	07.11.2006	37 of 2006	Petitions seeking review of (i) ARR and Tariff Petition of TPC's Order dated 3.10.2006 passed in Case Nos. 12 & 56 of 2005, (ii) MSPGCL's Order dated 7.09.2006 passed in Petitions seeking review of MSPGCL's Order dated 7.09.2006 passed in Case No. 48 of 2005 and MSEDCL's Order dated 29.09.2006 passed in Case No. 54 of 2005
38.	MIDC	MSEDCL MSPGCL	07.11.2006	38 of 2006	
39.	MIDC	REL	07.11.2006	39 of 2006	Petitions seeking review of ARR and Tariff Petition of REL's Order dated 3.10.2006 passed in Case Nos. 25 & 53 of 2005 for Grant of special benefits for procurement of power as a SEZ Developer.
40.	Marathwada Industries Association	MSEDCL	13.09.2001 01.11.2006	40 of 2006	Petition of seeking revision in energy bills as per HTP-II tariff as per Commission's Orders dated 28 April 2000 and 5 May 2000 and consequent refund of excess amounts collected by MSEDCL under HTP-I tariff.
41.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	MSETCL, TPC, REL, BEST	09.11.2006	41 of 2006	Petition seeking review of Order dated 29.09.2006 in Case No. 31 of 2006.
42.	Suo-motu	MSEDCL, MSETCL, TPC, REL, BEST, MSPGCL, MPECS	-	42 of 2006	Introduction of Availability Based Tariff Regime at State Level within Maharashtra and other related issues.
43.	Vindhyachal Hydro Power Ltd.	MSEDCL	09.11.2006	43 of 2006	Review of Order dated 09.11.2005 in Case No.25 of 2004.
44.	Netmagic Solutions	REL	17.11.2006	44 of 2006	Review of Load Management Charges imposed by the Commission through the Tariff Order for Reliance Energy

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45.	M/s.Veena Dalvai Industrial Estate Premises Co-op. Society Ltd.	REL	21.11.2006	45 of 2006	Limited (REL) for FY 2006-07 in Case No.25 of 2005 and 53 of 2005.
46.	MPECS	-	20.12.2005	46 of 2006	Approval of Schedule of Charges proposed by MPECS
47.	The Tata Power Company Ltd	-	15.11.2006	47 of 2006	Review of the Tariff Order dated 3 October 2006 in Case No.22 of 2005 and 56 of 2005
48.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	MSEDCL, MSETCL, REL, BEST	10.11.2006	48 of 2006	Approval of short-term power purchase from NTPC Kayamkulam Plant.
49.	Empire Industries Ltd.	TPC	27.11.2006	49 of 2006	Review of Load Management Charges imposed by the Commission through the Tariff Order for The Tata Power Company Ltd. (TPC) for FY 2006-07 in Case Nos.22 of 2005 and 56 of 2005.
50.	Chamber of Small Industry Associations	MSEDCL	29.11.2006	50 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
51.	Central Railway, Mumbai	TPC	06.11.2006	51 of 2006	Review of the Tariff Order dated October 3, 2006 in Case Nos. 12 and 56 of 2005 [numbered as Case No. 51 of 2006]
52.	Central Railway, Mumbai	MSEDCL	01.12.2006	52 of 2006	and Tariff Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005 [numbered as Case No. 52 of 2006].
53.	Associated Capsules Pvt. Ltd.	MSEDCL	02.12.2006	53 of 2006	Review Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005.
54.	Pudumjee Pulp & Paper Ltd.	MSEDCL	02.12.2006	54 of 2006	Review Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005.
55.	Laghu Udyog Bharti	MSEDCL	05.12.2006	55 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
56.	Kolhapur Engineering Association	MSEDCL	04.12.2006	56 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
57.	Renewable Energy Developers Association of Maharashtra	(i) MSEDCL, (ii) MEDA	05.12.2006	57 of 2006	Non-compliance of Order dated 12.09.2006 in Case No. 10 of 2006
58.	Tata Motors Ltd.	MSEDCL	02.12.2006	58 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
59.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	04.12.2006	59 of 2006	Review of the Tariff Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005.
60.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	04.12.2006	60 of 2006	Vetting on recovery and other power purchase costs, disallowed in FAC for the period beyond April 2006.
61.	Ispat Industries Ltd.	MSEDCL	22.12.2006	61 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005.
62.	Solapur Oil Mill Owners Association	MSEDCL	25.12.2006	62 of 2006	Review of Order dated 20.10.2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005.
63.	Maharashtra Non-Conventional Energy Producers Association	MSEDCL	13.11.2006	63 of 2006	Review of Order dated 16.08.2006 in Case No. 6 of 2006 and Order dated 08.08.2005 in Case No. 37 of 2003.
64.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	22.12.2006	64 of 2006	Approval of Quantum and Price of power Short-term Power Purchase by MSEDCL from RGPPL
65.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	29.12.2006 19.01.2007	65 of 2006	MYT Proposal for determination of ARR for the Control Period from FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10 and Tariff for FY 2007 - 08
66.	BrihanMumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking	-	11.12.2006	66 of 2006	MYT Proposal for determination of ARR for First Control Period (FY 2007 - 08 up to 2009-10)
67.	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.	-	03.01.2007	67 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for the Control Period (FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10)
68.	Maharashtra Power Generation Company Ltd.	-	02.01.2007	68 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for the Control Period FY 2007-08 to FY 2009- 10 and Tariff for FY 2007-08
69.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	19.12.2006	69 of 2006	Approval of deviations in RFQ Document for Dhopave Project
70.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	-	09.02.2006	70 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Distribution Business for the Control Period from FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10.
71.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	-	09.02.2006	71 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Transmission Business for the Control Period from FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10

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72.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	-	09.02.2006	72 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Generation Business for the Control Period from FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10
73.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	-	16.01.2007	73 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Transmission Business for the First Control Period FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10
74.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	-	22.01.2007	74 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Generation Business for the Control Period FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10
75.	Reliance Energy Ltd.	-	31.01.2007	75 of 2006	MYT proposal for determination of ARR for its Distribution Business for the Control Period FY 2007-08 to FY 2009-10 and Retail Tariff for FY 2007-08
76.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	MSEDCL MSETCL	25.01.2007	76 of 2006	Clarification of Order dated 29.09.2006 in Case No. 31 of 2006
77.	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd.	MSEDCL, MSPGCL, TPC, REL, MPECS, BEST	25.01.2007 22.02.2007	77 of 2006	Petition for approval of SLDC Budget for FY 2007-08
78.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	09.02.2007	78 of 2006	Proposal to increase the hours of planned Load Shedding across the State as a temporary emergency measure
79.	M/s. Bennett, Coleman & Company Ltd.	BEST	20.12.2006	79 of 2006	Petition under Section 86 of EA 2003
80.	Torrent Power Ltd.	MSEDCL	09.02.2007	80 of 2006	Exemption from imposition of additional load shedding in Bhiwandi circle and reclassification of the said circle under the load shedding protocol of MSEDCL
81.	Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.	-	09.02.2007	81 of 2006	Approval of Revision of Principles and Protocol for Load Shedding
82.	Maharashtra Rajya Veej Grahak Sanghata, Kolhapur	MSEDCL	24.02.2007	82 of 2006	Seeking directions to MSEDCL to refund monies collected towards Outright Contribution Charges & cost of meter, while providing new connections, etc.
83.	M/s. Girija Steels Pvt. Ltd.	MSEDCL	15.03.2007	83 of 2006	Seeking clarifications of Order dated 20 October 2006 passed in Case No. 54 of 2005
84.	M/s. MIDC, M/s. Infosys Technologies Ltd., M/s. Patni Computer System Ltd., M/s. Wipro Technologies Ltd.	MSEB Holding Co. MSETCL MSEDCL	09.03.2007	84 of 2006	Amendment in MERC (Standards of Performance of Distribution Licensees, Period for giving Supply and Determination of Compensation) Regulations 2005
85.	M/s. Dodson-Lindblom Hydro Power Pvt. Ltd.	MSEDCL, TPC, REL, BEST, and MPECS	23.03.2007	85 of 2006	Seeking review of MERC Order dated 9.11.2005 in Case No. 25 of 2004
86.	Suo-motu	MSEDCL, MSETCL, TPC, REL, BEST, MPECS and Secretary (E), GoM	-	86 of 2006	Determination of Transmission Tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for first year of MYT Control Period (FY 2007 -08 to FY 2009 -10)
87.	BrihanMumbai Electricity Supply and Transport	TPC	28.12.2006	87 of 2006	Approval of Long-Term Power Purchase Agreement between BEST & TPC – Generation business
88.	The Tata Power Company Ltd.	TPC-G	16.03.2007	88 of 2006	Approval of Power Purchase Agreement between TPC-D and TPC-G

Annexure II

ORDERS PASSED BY THE COMMISSION IN FY 2006-07

NO.	CASE NO.	DATE OF PETITION	DATE OF HEARING	DATE OF ORDER/ INTERIM ORDER	DESCRIPTION (In the matter)
1.	11 of 2005	13.05.2005	29.06.2005	03.04.2006	Application of M/s. Shah Construction Company seeking supply of power to its building 'Pranay Vidya' in the context of Commission's Order dated 03.07.2003
2.	1 of 2005	24.03.2005	10.05.2005 27.09.2005	10.04.2006	Purchase of Power from Bhandardara Hydro-Electric Project (Phase II)
3.				13.04.2006	Applicability of MERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2005 for approval of ARR and determination of Tariff for FY 2005-06
4.	60 of 2005	13.03.2006	04.04.2006	18.04.2006	Mumbai Hoarding Owners Association's petition for review of MERC Order dated 02.03.2006 in Case No. 46 of 2005
5.	3 of 2006	04.04.2006	18.04.2006	28.04.2006	MSEDCL's petition for Approval of Short Term Power Purchase from April-June 2006.
6.	30 of 2005	04.11.2005	13.12.2005 08.03.2006 23.03.2006	16.05.2006	MSETCL's petition for Approval of SLDC budget for FY 2005 - 06 and FY 2006 - 07
7.	66 of 2005		12.04.2006	16.05.2006	Review Petition in relation to MERC Order dated 02.03.2006 regarding strategy to bridge demand-supply gap in the city of Mumbai
8.	1 of 2006	05.04.2006	15.04.2006	16.05.2006	Approval of recovery of additional cost as a Reliability Charge for mitigating load shedding in Pune circle
9.	43 of 2005	09.12.2005	14.02.2006	01.06.2006	Applicability provision of Standard of Performance Regulations for providing new connections to agricultural pump sets in Maharashtra
10.	63 of 2005	18.03.2006	10.05.2006	05.06.2006	MSEDCL's Application for Review of Order dated 01.02.2006 in Case No. 32 of 2005
11.	55 of 2005	21.02.2006	04.04.2006	08.06.2006	Application of M/s Vidarbha Industries Association Refund of Load Management Charges charged to MSEDCL consumers in May, June and July 2005
12.	19 of 2005	Suo-motu	03.08.2005	13.06.2006	Disruption of power supply from 26 July 2005 in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region
13.	44 of 2005	02.02.2006	28.02.2006	14.06.2006	Complaint filed by Shri Harshvardhan E. Shirsale for non-compliance by MSEDCL with Order dated 28.06.2005 passed by Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum of MSEDCL, Bhandup Zone
14.	5 of 2006	26.04.2006	17.05.2006	19.06.2006	Application of M/s Balaji Electro Smelters Ltd. for load regulation for high tension continuous and non-continuous industries - clarification thereof
15.	58 of 2005	Suo-motu	17.04.2006	27.06.2006	Development of Transmission Pricing Framework for the State of Maharashtra and other related matters
16.	27 of 2003	12.08.2003 18.01.2004 27.08.2004	22.10.2003 09.02.2004 19.10.2004	10.11.2003 07.07.2004 28.06.2006	Adoption and implementation of safety measures by Utilities/Distribution Licensees Application dated 27 August 2004 of Shri Khedkar of Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat, Pune Compliance with Order dated 7 July 2004 passed by MERC
17.	49 of 2005	13.02.2006 25.04.2006 23.05.2006 19.06.2006 20.06.2006 21.06.2006	26.04.2006 13.06.2006	28.06.2006	Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 of Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL)
18.	42 of 2005	28.09.2005 25.04.2006	14.02.2006	29.06.2006	Application of Shri B M Kankar regarding use of electrical distribution system of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited for purposes other than electricity under Section 51 of the Electricity Act (EA) 2003
19.	64 & 65 of 2005	20.02.2006	8.04.2006	29.06.2006	Petitions filed by M/s Maharashtra Enviro Power Ltd. and M/s Vidarbha Enviro Protection Ltd. for determination of tariff for supply of electricity to Distribution Licensees from their Common Hazardous Waste Treatment Plants

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20.	36 of 2005	27.09.2005	24.01.2006	03.07.2006	Petition of M/s Raymond Limited seeking withdrawal of additional 10% Demand Charges charged by MSEDCL on energy bills against use of CPP and refund of excess paid in energy bills along with interest, etc.
21.	5 of 2004	23.02.2004 31.03.2006	18.04.2006 10.05.2006	06.07.2006	Petition filed by M/s Jai Bamleshwari Rice Sortex seeking quashing of MSEB Circular No. D.V.S/2003/4347 dated 24 September 2003 and other reliefs
22.	27 of 2005	13.07.2005 18.01.2006	26.10.2005 06.12.2005	07.07.2006	BEST's Petition for Approval of Power Purchase Agreement between BEST and TPC
23.	68 of 2005	23.03.2006	19.04.2006	10.07.2006	Petition filed by Dr Kirit Somaiya and Shri Prakash Mehta for review of the Commission's Order dated 25 February, 2006 in Case No. 4 of 2004
24.	41 of 2005	21.12.2005	28.02.2006	13.07.2006	Petition filed by M/s Menon Ancillaries & Siddharth Industries - Complaint against violation of Sections 126, 135 and 138 of Electricity Act, 2003 and non-compliance with directions made under the Commission's letters dated 8.4.2005 and 19.7.2005 by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited
25.	62 of 2005	14.03.2006	11.05.2006	19.07.2006	Application of M/s Bekaert Industries Pvt. Ltd. seeking exemption from staggering day and 90% load regulation target
26.	37 of 2005	14.12.2005	06.02.2006	19.07.2006	MSEDCL Petition for Review of Order dated 8.8.2005 in Case No. 37 of 2003 regarding dispensation for procurement of power from Biomass based power generators
27.	46 of 2005			21.07.2006	Strategy to Bridge Demand-Supply Gap in the City of Mumbai
28.	2 of 2006	04.04.2006	18.04.2006	07.08.2006	MSEDCL Petition for Approval of Short- Term Power Purchase from October 2005 to March 2006
29.	45 of 2005	06.02.2006	22.03.2006	11.08.2006	Petition of M/s Sanjay Ashok Co-operative Housing Society Ltd. for restraining the BrihanMumbai Electric and Transport Undertaking from constructing a sub-station
30.	67 of 2005	23.03.2006 18.04.2006	29.06.2006	11.08.2006	Petition of Dr. Kirit Somaiya and Shri Sardar Tarasingh seeking a review of the Commission's Order dated 10 January 2006 in Case No. 35 of 2005 (reg. Revision in the Principles & Protocol for load shedding by MSEDCL)
31.	47 of 2005	02.02.2006 24.02.2006	20.02.2006	11.08.2006	MSEDCL Petition for approval of rates for power purchase from Captive Power Project Holders
32.	61 of 2005	13.03.2006	12.04.2006	16.08.2006	Contravention of Section 46 of EA, 2003 and Regulation 10.5 of MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulations 2005 by Reliance Energy Ltd
33.	69 of 2005	28.03.2006	21.06.2006	16.08.2006	Petition of The Tata Power Company Limited (TPC) for seeking a review of Commission's Order dated 2 March 2006 in Case No. 46 of 2005 (reg. strategy to bridge the Demand-Supply Gap in the City of Mumbai)
34.	17 of 2006	Suo-motu	12.03.2006 12.07.2006	16.08.2006 05.09.2006	Suo-motu Review of Progress of Pilot DSM projects / Programmes undertaken by M/s. Reliance Energy Limited ERRATA
35.	18 of 2006	Suo-motu	11.07.2006	16.08.2006 05.09.2006	Suo-motu Review of Progress of Pilot DSM projects/programmes undertaken by MSEDCL ERRATA
36.	6 of 2006	-	14.06.2006	16.08.2006	Long-term Development of Renewable Energy Sources and associated Regulatory (RPS) Framework
37.	7 of 2006	10.05.2006	30.06.2006	31.08.2006	MSEDCL seeking review of Commission's Order dated 28.04.2006 in case No. 3 of 2006 (Reg. short-term power purchase from April-June 2006)
38.	9 of 2006		20.06.2006	05.09.2006	Methodology for computation of Cross-Subsidy Surcharge for Open Access transactions
39.	48 of 2005	10.02.2006 10.05.2006	07.04.2006 13.06.2006	07.09.2006	Approval of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MSPGCL)'s Annual Revenue Requirements for FY2005-06 & FY 2006-07, and Determination of Tariff for FY 2006-07

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40.	70 of 2005	02.04.2005 15.06.2005	28.02.2006	08.09.2006	Approval of MSEDCL Schedule of Charges
41.	10 of 2006	02.05.2006	20.06.2006	12.09.2006	M/s Renewable Energy Developers Association of Maharashtra's petition for implementation of Commission's Order dated 24 November 2003 and Clarificatory Order dated 30 September 2004 in Case Nos. 17(3), 3, 4 & 5 of 2002 read with Case Nos. 7, 15 and 16 of 2004
42.	14 of 2006	10.05.2006	04.07.2006	14.09.2006	REL's petition seeking directions to TPC to make available previously surrendered outlets to REL at certain specified TPC Receiving Stations
43.	15 of 2006	17.04.2006	04.07.2006	14.09.2006	REL's petition seeking directions to TPC to supply additional outlets to REL at certain specified TPC Receiving Stations
44.	59 of 2005	12.01.2006	04.04.2006	18.09.2006	Complaint filed by Electricity Consumers Association alleging contravention by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited of regulations made by Commission under Section 42(5)(6)(7) of Electricity Act, 2003 ERRATA Dated: 25.09.2006
45.	4 of 2004			26.09.2006	SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Tariff for 2004-05 & 2005-06 for BrihanMumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST)
46.	11 of 2006			27.09.2006	MSPGCL's Application for permission for recruitment of personnel of pay group III and IV categories in 250 MW New Parli and 250 MW New Paras TPS and expansion and other power stations/offices of Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd.
47.	54 of 2005	28.02.2006 26.05.2006	07.04.2006 18.06.2006 21.06.2006 22.06.2006 17.08.2006 24.08.2006 25.08.2006	29.09.2006	Approval of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL)'s Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2004 - 05, FY 2005-06 & FY 2006-07 and Determination of Tariff for FY 2006 - 07.
48.	31 of 2006	Suo-motu hearing		29.09.2006	Determination of Transmission Tariff for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) for FY 2006-07
49.	25 & 53 of 2005	01.03.2005 Revised 22.11.2005 10.05.2006	05.04.2006 17.04.2006 12.06.2006	03.10.2006	Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) petition of REL for FY 2005-06 and ARR & Tariff petition for FY 2006-07
50.	12 & 56 of 2005	30.12.2004 Revised 30.06.2005 26.08.2005 09.02.2006 16.05.2006	05.04.2006 17.04.2006 12.06.2006	09.11.2006 3.10.2006	Clarificatory Order In the matter of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) Petition of TPC Limited for FY 2005-06 and ARR & Tariff Petition for FY 2006-07.
51.	16 of 2006	26.06.2006	29.08.2006	09.11.2006 09.10.2006	Clarificatory Order Petition filed by Shri Vinodkumar Girdharilal Mittal of Malegoan Jankalyan Seva Samiti, Dist., Nashik raising issues of discrimination in supply and load shedding on industrial and residential consumers
52.	12 of 2006	19.06.2006	05.09.2006	11.10.2006	Petition filed by the MSEDCL seeking to maintain the due date of payment of bills as fifteen days for all consumers of MSEDCL
53.	23 of 2006	08.08.2006	05.09.2006	11.10.2006	Complaint filed by Shri Harshad Sheth on behalf of Shri L. D. Sheth, Shri S.A. Dhurve, M/s Udhalik Steel Industries and Shri Loya Hiralal Pandurang under Sections 142, 146 and 150 of Electricity Act, 2003
54.	26 of 2006	18.03.2005 15.04.2005 03.06.2005	21.09.2006	12.10.2006	Approval of BEST's Schedule of Charges

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55.	13 of 2006	27.04.2006	29.08.2006	13.10.2006	Petition filed by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited seeking extension of time frame under Section 55(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.
56.	22 of 2005	31.01.2006 06.03.2006 09.06.2006	05.05.2006 28.07.2006	17.10.2006	Approval of long-term purchase of power by MSEDCL through Competitive Bidding Process
57.	21 of 2006	10.08.2006	05.09.2006	19.10.2006	Review of Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 for Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. (MSETCL)
58.	54 of 2005	28.02.2006 26.05.2006	07.04.2006 22.06.2006 17.08.2006 18.08.2006 21.08.2006 22.08.2006 24.08.2006 25.08.2006	20.10.2006 26.02.2007	Approval of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL)'s Annual Revenue Requirements for FY 2004-05, FY 2005-06 & FY 2006-07, and Determination of Tariff for FY 2006-07
59.	4 of 2006	26.04.2006	17.05.2006	30.10.2006	Clarificatory Order Clarification sought by M/s Balaji Electro Smelters Ltd., on Load Regulation for High Tension Continuous and Non-continuous Industries
60.	24 of 2005	Suo-motu	09.01.2006	31.10.2006	In the matter of General Conditions and Specific Conditions applicable to Distribution Licensees
61.	25 of 2006	15.03.2005 24.05.2005	21.09.2006	02.11.2006	Approval of REL-Distribution's Schedule of Charges
62.	32 of 2006	11.10.2006	01.11.2006	08.11.2006	Review of BEST - Supplementary Order Dated 26 Sept, 2006 in Case No. 4 of 2004
63.	19 of 2006	22.06.2006 18.10.2006	18.10.2006	08.11.2006	Petition filed by Shri Sambhaji Mohanrao Shitole regarding levy by Reliance Energy Limited (REL) of charges towards service line contribution
64.	22 of 2006	10.08.2006	18.10.2006	28.11.2006	Petition filed by M/s Reliance Energy Ltd. for review of Order dated 27.06.2006 & 16.11.2006 in Case No. 58 of 2005 for Transmission Pricing Framework
65.	44 of 2006 & 45 of 2006	17.11.2006 21.11.2006	27.11.2006	30.11.2006	Review of Load Management Charges imposed by the Commission through the Tariff Order for Reliance Energy Limited (REL) for FY 2006-07 in Case No. 25 of 2005 and 53 of 2005
66.	34 of 2006	19.10.2006	07.11.2006	07.12.2006	Review of Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 for Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. (MSPGCL)
67.	22 to 26 of 2003	08.09.2003 22.09.2005 14.07.2006	16.10.2003 30.08.2005	14.12.2006	M/s Reliance Energy Limited [REL] (erstwhile BSES Limited) application for grant of Distribution Licenses using own distribution system (Total 5 applications) [(1) Nasik 1&2 divisions (2) Aurangabad (U) Circle (3) Nagpur (U) Zone, (4) Pune (U) Zone (5) Vashi & Bhandup Circle]
68.	61 of 2003	17.03.2004	30.08.2005	14.12.2006	Five applications filed by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited [MSEDCL] (erstwhile Maharashtra State Electricity Board) for grant of Distribution Licenses in respect of (i) 'P' South Ward (Aarey Milk Colony), (ii) 'P' South Ward (Dindoshi, Yash Dham, Gokul Dham, Nagari, Niwara Parisar), (iii) 'S' Ward (Goregaon-Vikhroli Link Road, Sainath Nagar, Saigal Wadi, Chetna Nagar, Hiranandani Powai), (iv) 'S' Ward (Lok Gaurav, Suyog Industrial Estate and other), and (v) 'L' Ward (Ansa Industrial Estate, Raheja Vihar)
69.	38 of 2003	20.10.2003	30.08.2005	14.12.2006	M/s Reliance Energy Limited [REL] (erstwhile BSES Limited) application for grant of Distribution License using own distribution system in the area of supply covered by the BrihanMumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST)
70.	39 to 45 of 2003	04.11.2003	30.08.2005	14.12.2006	Application of The Tata Power Company Limited (TPC) for grant of Distribution Licenses using own distribution system (total of 7 applications) - (1) Bhandup circle, (2) Vashi Circle, (3) Kalyan, Dombivali, Ulhasnagar & Shahad, (4) Khopoli, (5) Lonavala, (6) Nashik 1 & 2 (U) divisions, (7) Pune (U) Zone

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71.	38 of 2005	03.01.2006	25.01.2006	15.12.2006	Reliance Energy Limited's (REL) application for Review of Order dated 9 December 2005 in Case No 3 of 2003
72.	40 of 2006	13.09.2001 01.11.2006	30.11.2006	21.12.2006	Petition of Marathwada Industries Association seeking revision in energy bills as per HTP-II tariff, as per Commission's Orders dated 28 April 2000 and 5 May 2000 and consequent refund of excess amounts collected by MSEB under HTP-I tariff
73.	49 of 2006	27.11.2006	11.12.2006	21.12.2006	Review of Load Management Charges imposed by the Commission through the Tariff Order for The Tata Power Company Limited (TPC) for FY 2006-07 in Case Nos. 22 of 2005 and 56 of 2005
74.	37, 38 & 39 of 2006	08.11.2006	06.12.2006	22.12.2006	Petitions filed by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) seeking review of (i) ARR and Tariff Petition of TPC's Order dated 3.10.2006 passed in Case Nos. 12 & 56 of 2005, (ii) MSPGCL's Order dated 7.09.2006 passed in Case No. 48 of 2005 and MSEDCL's Order dated 29.09.2006 passed in Case No. 54 of 2005 and (iii) ARR and Tariff Petition of REL's Order dated 3.10.2006 passed in Case Nos. 25 & 53 of 2005 for Grant of special benefits for procurement of power as a SEZ Developer
75.	30 of 2006	02.05.2005 11.06.2005	21.09.2006	22.12.2006	Approval of TPC-D's Schedule of Charges
76.	50 of 2005	13.02.2006 31.10.2006 29.11.2006	08.11.2006	18.01.2007 29.12.2006	Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2006-07 of BrihanMumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST)
77.	51 & 52 of 2006	06.11.2006 01.12.2006	27.12.2006	25.01.2007	Petitions filed by Central Railway, C.S.T., Mumbai seeking review of the Tariff Order dated October 3, 2006 in Case Nos. 12 and 56 of 2005 [numbered as Case No. 51 of 2006] and Tariff Order dated October 20, 2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005 [numbered as Case No. 52 of 2006]
78.	59 of 2006	05.12.2006	10.01.2007	07.02.2007	Petition filed by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited seeking review of the Tariff Order dated October 20, 2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
79.	35 of 2006	20.10.2006	10.01.2007	12.02.2007	Petition filed by MSEDCL seeking review of order dated September 29, 2006 in Case No. 54 of 2005
80.	36 and 41 of 2006	31.10.2006 10.11.2006	10.01.2007	13.02.2007	Petitions filed by MSEDCL seeking review of Order dated 29 September 2006 in Case No. 31 of 2006
81.	78 of 2006	09.02.2007	15.02.2007	20.02.2007	MSEDCL's Proposal to increase the hours of planned Load Shedding across the State as a temporary emergency measure
82.	51 of 2005	20.02.2006 05.10.2006 23.11.2006	08.11.2006 02.01.2007	23.02.2007	Determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and Determination of Tariff for FY 2006-07 of Mula Pravara Electric Co-op. Society Ltd. (MPECS)
83.	53,54,58, 61, & 62 of 2006		09.01.2007	02.03.2007	Review Petitions filed by Associated Capsules Pvt. Ltd., Pudumjee Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd., Ispat Industries Ltd. and Solapur Oil Mill Owners Association
84.	50,55 & 56 of 2006	29.11.2006 06.12.2006 07.12.2006	26.12.2006	03.03.2007	Review Petitions filed by Chamber of Small Industry Association, Laghu Udyog Bharati, and Kolhapur Engineering Association
85.	47 of 2006	15.11.2006	27.12.2006	22.03.2007	Petition filed by The Tata Power Company Limited (TPC) for Review of the Tariff Order dated 3 October 2006 in Case No. 22 of 2005 and 56 of 2005
86.	77 of 2006	25.01.2007 22.02.2007	23.02.2007	28.03.2007	Petition filed by MSETCL for approval of SLDC Budget for FY 2007-08
87.	46 of 2006	20.12.2005	02.01.2007	30.03.2007	Approval of Schedule of Charges proposed by MPECS

Annexure III

MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

(Constituted as per power conferred u/s 58 of Electricity Regulatory Commission Act 1998 by Government of Maharashtra)

UNAUDITED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 01/04/2006 TO 31/03/2007

Previous Year 2005-06	Current Year 2006 - 2007 RECEIPTS	(Amount in Rs.) AMOUNT	Previous Year 2005-06	Current Year 2006 - 2007 PAYMENTS	(Amount in Rs.) AMOUNT
10,182,766.25	(A) Opening Balance	39,772,502.25	5,405,772.00	(A) Personnel Expenditure	7,301,503.00
1,868.04	Cash on Hand	7,377.04	1,842,031.00	i) Salary to Members & Secretary	1,873,765.00
-	SBI TATA BSES MSEP DISPUTE	-	3,279,741.00	ii) Staff Salary	4,521,574.00
635,010.83	SBI Current Account	39,765,125.21	284,000.00	iii) Resident Rent for Member	770,000.00
9,545,887.38	SBI Fees & Cost Recovery Saving A/c	-	-	iv) Salary reimbursed to BEST for deputed employees	136,164.00
			149,511.50	v) Contribution to Provident Fund	672,185.00
116,788,882.00	(B) Grants & Other Receipts	125,385,051.00	25,891.00	Medical Reimbursement	544,891.00
8,270,000.00	Grants from GoM	-	15,444.50	Gratuity	27,658.00
2,432,865.00	Interest on STD Current A/c	908,769.00	-	Leave Encashment	-
105,710,828.00	Fees & Cost Recovered	120,263,055.00	-	Leave Salary Contribution	-
-	Interest on STD Fees & Cost SB A/c	3,593,268.00	-	Pension Contribution	-
2,923.00	Misc Receipts	71,946.00	50,316.00	Leave Travel Concession	34,736.00
372,266.00	Pension recovered from Member's Salary	548,013.00	57,860.00	Peon Allowance	64,900.00
2,782,655.00	(C) Recoveries From Salaries & Other payments	5,849,146.00	9,302,137.50	(B) Establishment Expenses	13,927,827.75
4,850.00	Computer Advance	4,950.00	6,600.50	Conveyance Expenses	9,487.00
23,347.00	CPF MEDA Employees Share	27,370.00	316,550.00	Telephone Expenses	501,039.00
41,000.00	General Provident Fund	24,000.00	7,096,910.00	Office Rent	10,611,714.00
1,640.00	Group Insurance Scheme	6,336.00	216,000.00	Car Parking	-
3,500.00	Int. on Motor Car Advance	-	162,512.00	Printing & Stationery Expenses	662,303.00
10,488.00	Licence Fee	4,044.00	309,694.00	Petrol Expenses	477,923.00
61,608.00	Loan Recovery	72,780.00	67,849.00	Postage & Courier Expenses	86,347.00
51,340.00	Profession Tax	60,115.00	5,397.00	Bank Commission	9,006.00
573,893.00	TDS on Consultancy	1,981,132.00	13,363.00	Entertainment Expenses	22,740.00
70,775.00	TDS on Contract	277,389.00	183,803.00	Electricity Charges	224,774.00
1,512,040.00	TDS on Rent	2,490,214.00	61,416.00	Books & Periodicals Expenses	95,612.00
371,279.00	TDS on Salary	573,558.00	197,649.00	Office Expenses/Sundry Expenses	62,620.00
35,331.00	MERC Employees Provident Fund Share	291,258.00	122,570.00	House Keeping Expenses/Office cleaning	214,596.00
6,000.00	Motor Car Advance	24,000.00	45,308.00	Canteen Expenses	103,178.00
12,564.00	Recovery of Advance paid by MEDA	-	-	Transfer Traveling Expenses	-
3,000.00	House Building Advance	12,000.00	139,126.00	Audit Fee	-
418,536.00	(D) Receipts of Deposits from others	1,149,251.00	15,173.00	Rental for equipment	97,469.00
418,536.00	Security Deposits	249,251.00	342,217.00	Office Equipment	17,755.00
-	Earnest Money Deposits	900,000.00		Vehicle Lease Rental Charges	731,264.00
				Round off the expenses	0.75
248,880.00	(E) Recoveries of Staff Advances paid	230,710.00	15,225,691.00	(C) Expenses on the Object	43,482,317.22
237,795.00	Advances for Expenses	206,620.00	1,026,011.00	Public Hearing Expenses	1,152,124.00
5,250.00	Festival Advance	750.00	10,434,608.00	Consultancy Charges	33,800,620.00
5,835.00	Advance against Salary	23,340.00	548,010.00	Legal Fee	3,286,656.00
94,350.00	(F) Recoveries of Deposits/ Advances paid	4,353,919.00	483,142.00	Advertisement & Publicity Expenses	654,265.00
3,000.00	Telephone Deposits	5,000.00	1,468,802.00	Tour & Travel Expenses	3,381,336.00
91,350.00	Advance to suppliers against supply	4,348,394.00	113,549.00	Membership & Subscription	109,013.00
-	Advance to MERC Ombudsman	-	363,910.00	Publication Printing Expenses	508,764.00
	Other Deposits	525.00	23,242.00	Meeting Expenses	6,320.00
			167,517.00	Internet Expenses	116,804.22
			158,215.00	Website Expenses	208,350.00
48,382,965.00	(G) Encashment of Investment/F.D.	94,052,256.00	344,000.00	FOIR Membership Fee	216,000.00
48,382,965.00	SBI Short Term Deposits	94,052,256.00	94,685.00	Seminars/Workshop Expenses	42,065.00
384,001.00	(H) Receipts against sale of assets	-	1,925,231.00	(D) Expenditure on Assets	8,290,051.00
16,000.00	Laptop	-	316,304.00	Computer Expenses	427,715.00
333,001.00	Vehicles	-	77,684.00	Repair & Maintenance For Vehicle	66,576.00
35,000.00	Telephone EPBX System	-	1,516,240.00	Repair & Maintenance	7,795,760.00
			15,003.00	Vehicle Insurance	-
			1,584,583.00	(E) Purchases of Assets	3,467,379.50
			457,509.00	Furniture & Fixture	1,529,278.00
			25,466.00	Library Books	108,319.50
			101,250.00	Office equipment	852,281.00
			244,865.00	Telephone Instrument & EPABX System	126,835.00
			755,493.00	Computers	850,666.00
179,283,035.25	BALANCE C/F	270,792,835.25	33,592,926.00	BALANCE C/F	77,141,263.47

Previous Year 2005-06	Current Year 2006 - 2007 RECEIPTS	(Amount in Rs.) AMOUNT	Previous Year 2005-06	Current Year 2006 - 2007 PAYMENTS	(Amount in Rs.) AMOUNT
179,283,035.25	BALANCE B/F	270,792,835.25	33,592,926.00	BALANCE B/F	77,141,263.47
			427,612.00	(F) Misc. Payments	538,300.00
			427,612.00	TDS on interest	538,200.00
				Refund of Fees collected under RTI	100.00
			2,704,322.00	(G) Payment against Recoveries	5,170,772.00
			4,400.00	Computer Advance	5,400.00
			23,347.00	CPF MEDA Employees Share	22,684.00
			39,000.00	General Provident Fund	24,000.00
			1,520.00	Group Insurance Scheme	6,276.00
			3,500.00	Int. on Motor Car Advance	-
			10,151.00	Licence Fee	4,044.00
			53,618.00	Loan Recovery payment	74,920.00
			51,340.00	Profession Tax	53,970.00
			554,788.00	TDS on Consultancy	1,701,898.00
			70,775.00	TDS on Contract	245,023.00
			1,512,040.00	TDS on Rent	2,192,148.00
			367,279.00	TDS on Salary	522,800.00
			-	Motor Car Advance payment	28,000.00
			12,564.00	MEDA Employees recovery paid to MEDA	-
				MERC Employees Provident Fund Share	267,883.00
				Payment of DA recovery	7,726.00
				House Building Advance payment	14,000.00
			385,928.00	(H) Payment against receipt of Deposit/Advance	192,114.00
			375,928.00	Security Deposit	136,114.00
			10,000.00	Earnest Money Deposits	56,000.00
			-	MSEB TATA BSES Dispute	-
			307,895.00	(I) Payment of Advance to Staff	279,070.00
			1,500.00	Festival Advance	-
			236,795.00	Advance for Expenses	240,670.00
			69,600.00	Advance to Staff against Salary	38,400.00
			-	(J) Refund of Fees/Cost Collected	1,800.00
			-	Refund of fees of application/documents	1,800.00
			92,000,000.00	(K) Investment	150,000,000.00
			92,000,000.00	Investment in Short Term Deposits	150,000,000.00
			10,091,850.00	(L) Deposits/Advances Paid	8,341,991.00
			91,350.00	Advance to Suppliers against supply	4,494,006.00
			10,000,000.00	Deposit for Resident Accommodation	-
			500.00	Deposit for BPL Mobile Telephone/Telephone	8,000.00
				Deposit for Office Accommodation	3,836,685.00
				Other Deposits	3,300.00
			-	(M) Grants for Expenses	4,492,000.00
				Grants to Ombudsman's Office	4,492,000.00
			39,772,502.25	(N) Closing Balance	24,635,524.78
			7,377.04	Cash on Hand	19,901.04
			39,765,125.21	SBI Current Account	24,615,623.74
			-	SBI Fees & Cost Recovery Saving A/c	-
179,283,035.25	TOTAL	270,792,835.25	179,283,035.25	Total	270,792,835.25

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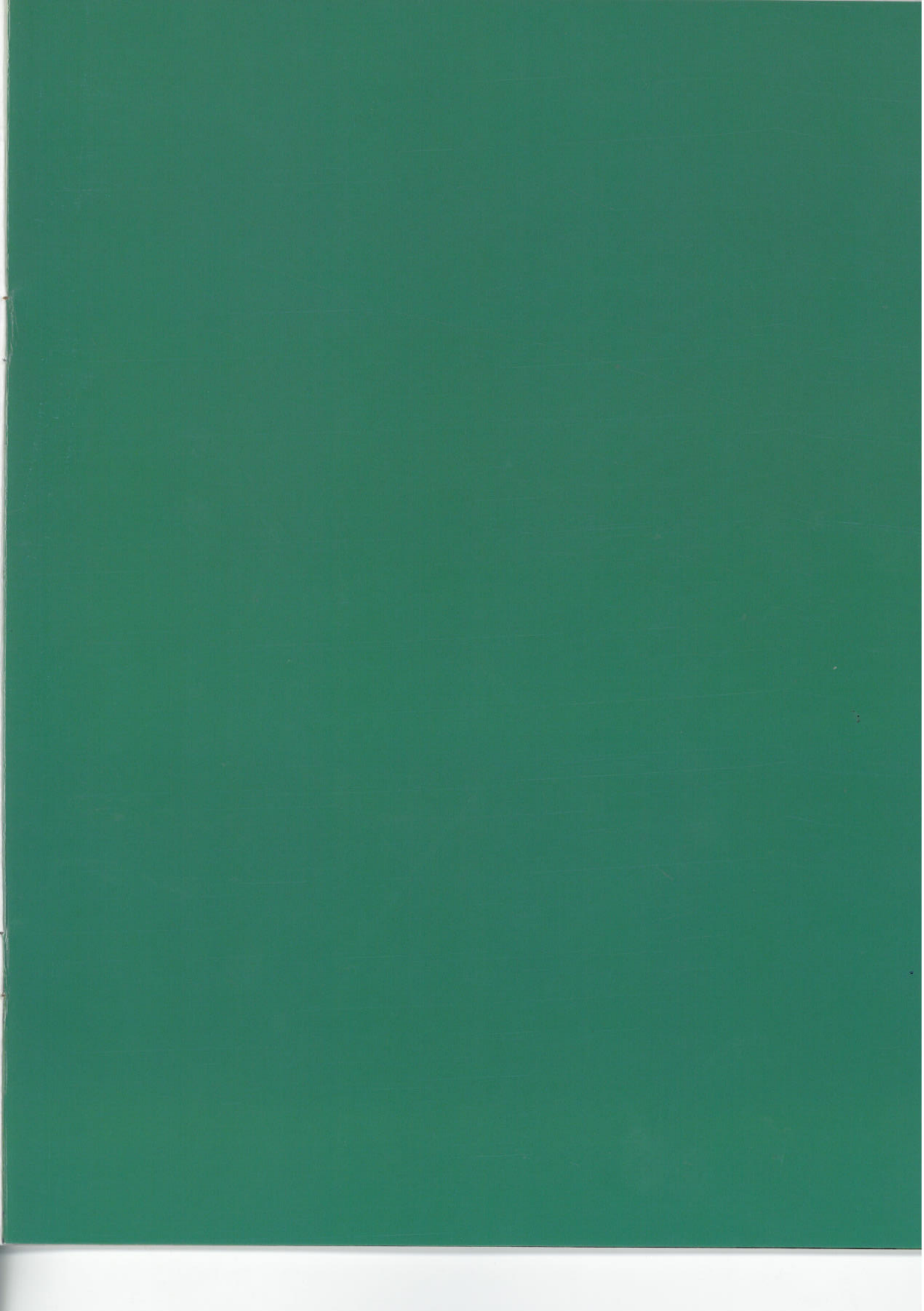
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