

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee held at Centrum Hall, 1st Floor, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade on 28th June, 2013 at 11.00 hours.

The twenty-sixth meeting of the State Advisory Committee (SAC) constituted by the Commission under Section 87 of the Electricity Act, 2003 was held on Friday, **28th June, 2013** in Mumbai. The Chairman Shri V.P. Raja presided over the meeting. The meeting commenced with a warm welcome by the Chairman. Leave of absence was granted to those who could not attend the meeting. List of Members/Special Invitees who attended the meeting is enclosed.

Agenda Item No. 1: Preliminary Remarks by the Chairman.

After welcoming the SAC Members, Special Invitees and others, the Chairman mentioned that at the for the past three years the Commission has been able to table the Annual Report of Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission before the State Legislature within time. He congratulated the officials of the Commission for ensuring that the Annual Report for the year ending on 31st March 2013 was tabled before both the Houses of State Legislature on 17th April 2013.

Shri V.P. Raja, Chairman, MERC mentioned about a Workshop organized in New Delhi based on paper written on the subject of Separation of Carriage and Content and a feasible model for retail competition in India. He read out the executive summary of the paper which was discussed in the Workshop. He then requested Shri Prafulla Varhade, Director (EE) to make presentation on the subject.

Shri Prafulla Varhade, Director (EE) made a presentation on “Separation of Carriage and Content and feasible model of retail competition in India”. A copy of the presentation is enclosed.

Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC, requested all the members of the State Advisory Committee to make their suggestions on the subject of Separation of Carriage and Content to the Commission and the Ministry of Power.

Agenda Item No. 4: “Presentation of the sub-group on Transmission to the Advisory Group of Government of India”.-By IPPAI.

Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC, stated that there is a sub-group on Transmission to the Advisory Group of Government of India, which is headed by Shri Harry Dhaul, Director General, IPPAI. He further stated that the transmission sub-group has made a presentation to the Minister of State for Power Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia on power transmission.

Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC requested Shri Raghav Upadhyya, representative of IPPAI to make a presentation on the recommendations of the Transmission Sub-Group on power transmission.

Shri Raghav Upadhyya, IPPAI made a presentation on “Draft Presentation on Power Transmission”. A copy of the presentation is enclosed.

Dr. S.L.Patil, TBIA, requested to know about the short term power procurement figures trend for Maharashtra.

Shri Raghav Upadhya, IPPAI requested Dr. S.L.Patil, TBIA, to refer to Slide no. 5 in his presentation which gives the maximum power allocation for Maharashtra at 3963 MW. He commented that the power markets are changing.

Dr. S.L. Patil emphasized that due to proposed investment in Maharashtra of Rs. 5 lakh crores on big projects such as Delhi-Mumbai Corridor, Bangalore-Thane Corridor, the relevance of transmission line as well as distribution system and power purchase is becoming eminent.

Shri V.P. Raja, Chairman, MERC, viewed that transmission planning requires change of mind set. He expressed that basically planning was generation planning. The Electricity Act, 2003 made a fundamental change in the planning methodology by laying that planning should start from demand side and not from supply side. He stated that MERC had deputed Shri G.S.Rao, Regulatory Expert and Shri Mahesh Sharma to attend the Sub-group meetings and requested Shri G.S.Rao, Regulatory Expert to share his views.

Shri G.S.Rao expressed his views on the National Grid Power Flow proposed by the Sub-group on transmission planning.

Representatives from MSETCL, Tata Power, G.M. (Electrical), Central Railway, Dr. S.L. Patil, TBIA and Shri Raghav Upadhya, IPPAI expressed their views on the National Grid Power Flow proposed by the sub-group on Transmission Planning and transmission planning.

Agenda Item No. 5: Smart Grid Roadmap for India- Presentation to be done by Shri Prafulla Varhade, Director (EE) and Shri Kishor Chavan, Dy. Director (Technical).

Shri Prafulla Varhade, Director (EE) made a presentation on the “Smart Grid Road Map for India”. A copy of the presentation is enclosed.

A representative from MSETCL commented that the Smart Grid roadmap concentrates more on distribution and not on transmission but MSETCL has made a pilot Smart Grid Roadmap for Transmission. He further emphasized that Smart Grid Roadmap should also focus on generation. He enumerated the focus and plans of MSETCL for Smart Grid roadmap.

Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC stated that Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni a Member of State Advisory Committee has forwarded various suggestions including suggestions on Open Access and Smart Grid, which have been circulated to the members of the State Advisory Committee for opinion. He requested the members to give their suggestions which would be discussed in the presence of Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni in future meeting.

Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC read out the submissions made by Shri R.B. Goenka, Consumer Representative, VIA, on the objectives of State Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item 2 & 3: Confirmation of Minutes of the 25th SAC Meeting held on 22.3.2013 & Action Taken Report of the earlier meetings & Annual Report of the Commission for the F.Y. 2012-2013.

The minutes of the 25th SAC meeting and the Action Taken Report were confirmed.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the present members and invitees and a speech by Dr. S.L.Patil, TBIA on the demitting of office on 4th September 2013 by Shri V.P.Raja, Chairman, MERC.

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Encl: Copy of Presentations

- a) Presentation made during the Workshop on Separation of Carriage and Content and feasible model of retail competition in India.
- b) Presentation on Transmission Planning by IPPAI
- c) Presentation on Smart Grid Roadmap for India.
- d) Shri R.B.Goenka's submission for 26th SAC Meeting dated 26.06.2013.
- e) Dr. Omprakash Kulkarni's letter.

List of Persons who attended the SAC Meeting held on 28 June 2013

Members:

- i) The General Manager, Central Railway.
- ii) General Secretary, Thane Belapur Industries Association.
- iii) Shri D. J. Doke, Chairman, Institution of Engineers, Pune Local Centre.

Special Invitees

- iv) Shri S.R. Khedkar, DGM (ES) BEST Undertaking
- v) Shri V.H. Wagle, TPC
- vi) Shri R.R. Mehta, Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- vii) Shri. Rajesh K, Mediratta, Director (BD), Indian Energy Exchange Ltd.
- viii) Shri Raghavendra Upadhaya, IPPAI.
- ix) Dr. J.V. Torne, MEDA
- x) Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni, Chief Engineer (STU), MSETCL
- xi) Shri A.K.Lade, MSLDC.

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