

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**MUMBAI DISTRIBUTION NETWORK ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (M-DNAC)**

**Date** :- 11 January, 2023 at 15.30 Hrs.

**Venue** :- MERC Office, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Hall

**Present** :- Shri. Dineshchandra Saboo, Member (External)  
Shri. Prafulla Varhade, Member (Commission's Officer)  
Shri. Dilip Dumbre, Member (Ombudsman's Officer)  
Shri. Rakesh Guhagarkar, Member (Commission's Officer)

**Discussions held**

Vide its Order dated 25 December 2022 in Case No. 163 of 2021, the Commission has issued certain directions to Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee (M-DNAC). M-DNAC held a meeting to decide steps to be taken by it for implementing the directions of the Commission. M-DNAC discussed each direction issued in Case No. 163 of 2021 for identifying the actions to be taken in the following manner:

**A. Direction regarding disposing all Proposals received to it within 15 days:**

M-DNAC noted that the Commission has issued the following direction in Case No. 163 of 2021.

- "3. The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall dispose of all future references made to it expeditiously, within 15 days of the receipt of the reference. In case, any Licensee does not provide the details sought by the Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee, the Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall decide the reference based on details made available to it instead of engaging itself in responding to the objections received from the Licensees.*
- 4. Whenever a reference is made to the Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee, either for scenario confirmation or cost comparison, irrespective of whether the applicant consumer retains its application for release of connection or withdraws, the Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall decide the reference made to it in accordance with the principles laid down under the Order dated 12 June 2017.*

5. *The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee has to follow the protocol laid down under the Order dated 12 June 2017, in its true letter and spirit, by verifying the scenario post an application made in this regard by a Parallel Distribution Licensee. "*

**Decision:**

M-DNAC noted that as on the date of meeting, there was no proposal pending with the Committee either for scenario confirmation or for cost comparison of 53(d) scenario and Level 3/above cases. However, in order to ensure disposal of such references in future in a timebound manner, the Committee decided as follows:

- a. A record shall be maintained for all the proposals received by the Committee and a date wise list of proposals shall be prepared earmarking unique ID no. for each proposal.
- b. After receipt of the proposal, a meeting shall be held to discuss the proposal and identify the details/documents to be sought from the licensees. Such meeting may be held within 3 days of the receipt of the proposal.
- c. The Licensees shall be asked to provide the identified information/clarifications within 7 days.
- d. In case of non-receipt of the details from the Licensees within said timeframe, it would be presumed that there is no say from the concerned licensee on the said proposal.
- e. The Committee shall hold a meeting within 15 days of the receipt of the proposal and the proposal shall be disposed off based on the details/information submitted by the licensees. If necessary, the licensee/s may be invited for discussion during such meeting.

**B. Direction regarding verification of all Level 1 / Level 2 connections released by the Licensees in past:**

The Committee noted that following directions have been issued by the Commission:

- "7. The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall, on sample basis, examine the Level 1/Level 2 connections released by the Licensees in the past with the objective to find out whether any connection which was supposed to be released under Level 3, has been released under Level 2 by way of some manipulation. The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall also examine the cases where the Licensee has released connection under Level 1/Level 2 where based on its network spread, it was not entitled to release the connection due to absence of its network in the area. The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee shall submit its finding within three months of this Order highlighting such instances."*



**Decision:**

To start with, six locations of L1/L2 connections shall be identified for each licensee i.e. TPC-D and AEML-D and site visits shall be carried out along with the representatives of the concerned licensee, tentatively on 19 January 2023 and 20 January 2023. Initially, the connections released by the licensees during the period April 2022 to October 2022 shall be considered for site visit and the Licensees shall be informed about the site visit well in advance. Based on site visits undertaken, future course of action shall be decided.

**C. Direction regarding scenario confirmation of all the future L1/L2 connections:**

***"8. All future Level 1/Level 2 connections shall be processed in accordance with directions issued at para. 35 of this Order.***

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35. *Till such time, M-DNAC submits its finding, there is a need to ensure that all future Level 1/Level 2 connections are also released strictly in accordance with the principles laid down under the Order dated 12 June 2017 without any manipulation. Accordingly, following directions needs to be issued :*

- i. All Level 1 and Level 2 cases shall also be referred to M-DNAC (with a copy marked to other Licensee) for scenario confirmation.*
- ii. M-DNAC, based on network spread of both the Licensees, shall confirm the scenario after seeking necessary details from both the Licensees such as GIS Map showing the consumer location, spread of HT and LT network, point on distribution mains for releasing the supply, approx. distance from consumer's location, feeder and substation loading etc.*
- iii. In case, any licensee does not provide the required details or provides incomplete details, M-DNAC shall dispose of the reference made to it based on available information.*
- iv. In order to ensure expeditious disposal of cases, the M-DNAC shall meet once in a week to decide the references received by it.*
- v. If scenario classification claimed by one licensee for a particular consumer application is not disputed by the other Licensee, the Institutional Mechanism shall dispose of the reference accordingly. "*

**Decision:**

The M-DNAC Committee noted that as on date of the meeting, no L1/L2 connections was received by M-DNAC as per the aforesaid direction of the Commission. However, M-DNAC decided to meet on every Thursday or Friday to

check pending proposals and decide all the pending proposals within time frame of 15 days.

**D. Direction regarding verification of future monthly reports for L1/L2 connections:**

*"9. All future monthly reports submitted by the Licensees in terms of the directions at para. 135.7 of the Order dated 12 June 2017, shall be examined by The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee on sample basis and violation, if noticed, shall be reported to the Commission."*

**Decision:**


The M-DNAC Committee decided to discuss the future monthly reports in weekly meetings. If necessary, site visit shall be carried out on sample basis and violation noticed, if any, shall be reported to the Commission.

**E. Fixation of guidelines to be followed by the licensees for MD estimation:**


*"10. The Mumbai Distribution Network Assessment Committee is directed to prepare guidelines for estimation of Maximum Demand (MD) in consultation with both the Licensees and submit the same for approval of the Commission. Till the time such approval is in place, both the Licensees are directed to follow the MD estimation norms of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (which have already been circulated to them) for applications received for new connections."*


**Decision:**

The M-DNAC Committee decided to seek relevant information from both Licensees and prepare guidelines for MD estimation.

  
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