

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **OF THE**

#### **MUMBAI DISTRIBUTION NETWORK ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (M-DNAC)**

- Date** :- 25 July 2024 at 12.30 pm
- Venue** :- MERC, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Hall
- Present** :- Dr. Prafulla Varhade, Chairman (Commission's Officer)  
Shri. Dineshchandra Saboo, Member (External)  
Shri. Dilip Dumbre, Member (Ombudsman's Officer)  
Shri. Rakesh Guhagarkar, Member (Commission's Officer)

#### **Discussions held**

The Committee held its meeting on 25 July 2024 to review the ongoing and pending work, if any, of the Committee. The Committee noted that no proposal (for scenario confirmation or for deciding least cost licensee) was pending with M-DNAC.

The Committee observed that the monthly reports upto the month of April 2024 have been submitted by AEML-D and TPC-D had submitted the monthly reports upto May 2024. The scrutiny of these reports is under progress. It was decided to consider the monthly reports for the quarter ending on March 2024 for next site visit and locations for the next site visit may be finalised within a week.

The Committee also discussed the implication of combined Order dated 30 May 2024 issued by the Hon'ble APTEL in Appeal No. 201 of 2014, 296 of 2017, 195 of 2017, 243 of 2017 and 250 of 2017 wherein the Hon'ble APTEL has kept all the appeals in abeyance in view of the Status Quo Order dated 04 November 2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3541 of 2020 and 4056 of 2020.

The Committee was of the view that as there is no stay on the Order dated 12 June 2017 passed by the Commission in Case No. 182 of 2014, the functioning of M-DNAC can be continued for deciding the proposals received from the Licensees for scenario confirmation and deciding least cost Licensee. The Committee was also of the view that the APTEL Order dated 30 May 2024 would not create any bar on verification of the monthly reports for L1 & L2 connections by the Committee. As regards implementation of the recommendation of the reports submitted by M-DNAC regarding MD estimation and past L1 & L2 connections released by the Licensees, the Committee is of the view that the guidelines for the MD estimation may be issued by the Commission as it will bring uniformity in submission of cost estimation proposal by the Licensees. Further, in order to avoid any possible litigations in light of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's status

quo Order, the Commission may consider to take a view on amendment of the existing MERC (Electricity Supply Code and Standards of Performance of Distribution Licensees including Power Quality) Regulations, 2021 for considering the implementation of other recommendations made by the M-DNAC in its Reports.

The Committee was of the view that revised formats for L1 & L2 connections may also be submitted to the Commission along with the guidelines for the MD estimation.

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