

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

Date :- 12 June 2025 at 16.00 Hrs.

Venue :- MERC (13th Floor – World Trade Centre) – Hybrid Meeting
(Representative of the Licensees attended the meeting through Video Conferencing).

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)

Licensee's representatives:

Shri. Vivek Mishra — AEML-D (Online)

Shri. Rajanish Jitra — AEML-D (Online)

Shri. Vikas Koul — TPC-D (Online)

Smt. Hawwa Inamdar — TPC-D (Online)

Shri. Harsh Chougule — TPC-D (Online)

Discussion held: -

1. The Committee held its meeting on 12 June 2025 in presence of the representatives of AEML-D and TPC-D to discuss the scenario confirmation proposal submitted by AEML-D through email dated 3 June 2025 regarding the power supply application received from “M/s Dev Engineers (contractor engaged by Dept. of Forests, Govt. of MP) for development of a Nature Interpretation Center / Mangrove Park within Gorai mangroves, Dahisar (W) Mumbai 400068” for total load requirement of 398 kW.
2. AEML-D, in its letter, stated that the applicant’s area is more than one km deep inside the Gorai mangrove forest (Dahisar West). The applicant’s area is presently only accessible from the main Kandarpada Road in Dahisar (W), by a dirt road and there is presently no network of any distribution licensee as the premise where supply is required, is located within the mangrove forest. AEML-D stated that in order to connect the said consumer, AEML-D would be required to extend its 11kV network which is present at a distance of about 1.2 km from the premise and a Consumer Substation (CSS) (Level 3 connection) would require to be established. AEML-D, in its letter, further claimed that network of TPC-D is about 1.5 km from the location and thus considering the fact that neither Distribution Licensee's network is present within

a reasonable vicinity and the area is entirely un-electrified, the location falls under Scenario 53(c) as per the Order of the Commission dated 12 June 2017.

3. AEML-D also pointed out a similar application referred by it to M-DNAC on 30 October 2018, where AEML's network was about 800 meters from the applicant's premise whereas TPC's network was more than 6 km away. M-DNAC, by its decision dated 27 December 2018, confirmed the Scenario to be 53(c) and allowed AEML to proceed with laying network and giving connections.
4. In response, TPC-D, vide its email on 11 June 2025, informed M-DNAC (with a copy marked to AEML-D) that its HT and LT network is available at 1.3 km from the applicant's premise and it will be in a position to connect the applicant by commissioning a CSS in the said area (Level 3 connection). TPC-D further stated that it is TPC-D's understanding that the present application falls under scenario 53(d) which deals with a situation where "either or both licensees are present" but neither "completely covers the area".

M-DNAC Committee's observations and decision:-

5. During the meeting, the Committee observed that AEML-D had shared the application with TPC-D on 3 June 2025, however, TPC-D submitted its response on 11 June 2025 that too after follow up from M-DNAC. The Committee notes that as per the Order in Case No. 182 of 2014, on the application referred by first licensee, the second Licensee has to revert back to first licensee within 3 days of its inspection of premises. The relevant abstract of Case No. 182 of 2014 is reproduced as below:

6.3. Processing of Application by Licensees....

k. In case the Application does not fall in Level 1 or Level 2 for Licensee B either, it shall intimate Licensee A accordingly within 3 days of its inspection of the premises.

6. Upon pointing out the above requirement, TPC-D clarified that it misconstrued that since the AEML-D's email was marked to M-DNAC, no action was expected from TPC-D. However, TPC-D assured that henceforth it would respond in a timely manner as required under the Order in Case No. 182 of 2014.
7. The Committee notes that in present case, both AEML-D and TPC-D have 11 kV network available at a distance more than 1.2 km from the applicant's location. Based on GIS map and the photographs of the applicant's location shared by AEML-D during the meeting, it is observed that area is un-electrified and neither Licensee has an existing network in place.
8. The Committee notes that the Commission, in its Order in Case No. 182 of 2014, has stated that Scenario 53(c) would also cover certain scattered locations or pockets where neither Licensee has established its distribution mains. The relevant abstract of Case No. 182 of 2014 is reproduced as below:

136.3 **Scenario 53 (c)** comprises areas or locations where no Licensee is presently supplying power through its wires, i.e. neither Licensee is even 'present'....

b. Levels 3 to 5

*Over time, the distribution network would need to be established in such areas to cater to new consumer demand. **Since neither Licensee has an existing network in place, the question of change-over or switch-over of consumers does not arise, and network development by one or the other Licensee will depend on the choice of the new consumers....**....(Emphasis added)*

9. TPC-D's claim that the location falls under scenario 53(d) doesn't have merit considering the fact that neither Licensees have an existing network in place near the location.
10. Therefore, the Committee is of the opinion that the location of the applicant's premise falls under scenario 53(c) as per Case No. 182 of 2014.
11. **In view of the above, the Committee has decided to allow AEML-D to proceed with releasing power supply connection to M/s. Dev Engineers (contractor engaged by Dept. of Forests, Govt. of MP) for development of a Nature Interpretation Center / Mangrove Park within Gorai mangroves, Dahisar (W) Mumbai 400 068 as the consumer has applied to AEML-D for Supply of power.**

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