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ABBREVIATIONS

1	APR	Annual Performance Review
2	ARR	Aggregate Revenue Requirement
3	A&G	Administration and General Expenses
4	BADP	Border Area Development Project
5	CAGR	Compounded Annualized Growth Rate
6	CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
7	CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
8	Ckt-Km	Circuit Kilometre
9	Control Period	FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11
10	DD & DNH	Diu & Daman and Dadara Nagar Haveli
11	DGVCL	Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited
12	FPPPA	Fuel Price and Power Purchase Adjustment
13	FY	Financial Year
14	GEB	Gujarat Electricity Board
15	GERC	Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
16	GETCO	Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited
17	GFA	Gross Fixed Assets
18	GoG	Government of Gujarat
19	GSECL	Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited
20	GUVNL	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited
21	H1	First half i.e (April to September) of FY 2009-10
22	H2	Second half i.e (October to March) of FY 2009-10
23	HT	High Tension
24	HVDS	High Voltage Distribution System
25	IPTC	Independent Power Transmission Company
26	R&M	Repairs and Maintenance
27	kWh	Kilo Watt Hour
28	kVAh	Kilo Volt Ampere Hour
29	MGVCL	Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited
30	MU	Million Units



31	MW	Mega Watt
32	MYT	Multi-Year Tariff
33	O&M	Operation & Maintenance
34	PAF	Plant Availability Factor
35	PGVCL	Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited
36	PGCIL	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
37	PLF	Plant Load Factor
38	R E	Revised Estimates
39	RoE	Return on Equity
40	S/S	Sub Station
41	SLDC	State Load Dispatch Centre
42	T&C	GERC (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulation, 2005
43	TPL-A	Torrent Power Limited- Ahmedabad
44	TPL-S	Torrent Power Limited- Surat
45	UGVCL	Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited
46	WRPC	Western Region Power Committee
47	WIP	Work in Progress
48	YoY	Year on Year



BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT AHMEDABAD

Case No. 994/2010

Date of the Order: 31st March, 2010

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Dr. P. K. Mishra, Chairman

Shri Pravinbhai Patel, Member

ORDER

1. Background and Brief History

1.1. Background

The Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (herein after referred to as MGVCL or Petitioner) has filed a petition under Section 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as 'Terms & Conditions of Tariff') and the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi-Year Tariff Framework) Regulations, 2007 (hereinafter referred to as 'MYT Regulations'). The petition was filed on 22nd December, 2009, for Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY2009-10 and approval to continue existing tariff for FY 2010-11 for distribution business, under MYT Control Period FY 2008-09 to FY 2010-11. Based on preliminary scrutiny and evaluation the Commission admitted the petition of MGVCL on 4th January 2010.



1.2. Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (MGVCL)

The Government of Gujarat (hereinafter referred to as GoG) notified the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganization and Regulation) Act 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), in May 2003, for the reorganization of the entire power sector in the state of Gujarat. Pursuant to the above, GoG in its letter vide GO/19th August, 2003, had directed the Gujarat Electricity Board (hereinafter referred to as GEB) to form four Distribution Companies (Discoms), based on geographical location of the circles. Accordingly, the four distribution companies had been incorporated with the Registrar of Companies on 15th September, 2003. One of the distribution companies, MGVCL is engaged in the distribution of electricity in the central zone of Gujarat.

On 15th October, 2003, MGVCL obtained its certificate of Commencement of Business. However, the company could not commence its operations during the financial years ended 31st March 2004 and 31st March, 2005. The Company started commercial function from 1st April, 2005.

1.3. Commission's Order for First Control Period

On 31st July, 2008, the Petitioner filed its petition under the Multi-Year Tariff framework for FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, in accordance with the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi-Year Tariff Framework) Regulations, 2007, notified by the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the GERC/Commission). The GERC, exercising the powers vested in it under Sections 61 and 62 of the Electricity Act 2003 and other provisions enabling it, issued the Multi-Year Tariff Order for the Control Period comprising FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, on 17th January, 2009. Before issuing the Order, the Commission took into consideration the submissions made by the Petitioner, the objections raised by various stakeholders, the response of the Petitioner, issues raised during the public hearing and all other relevant material.

1.4. Commission's Order on APR of First year of the control period

The petitioner filed its petition for Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2008-09 and for Annual determination of Tariff for FY 2009-10 on 21st August 2009. Based on preliminary scrutiny and evaluation the Commission admitted the petition on 4th September 2009. The Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Sections 61 and 62 of the Electricity Act 2003 and other provisions enabling it in this behalf and after taking into consideration the submissions made by the Petitioner, the objections by various stakeholders, response of the Petitioner, issues raised during the public hearing and all other relevant material, issued the order on APR of FY 2008-09 and tariff determination for FY 2009-10 on 14th December 2009.



The above order was issued based on the provisional accounts for FY 2008-09. The Petitioner has now submitted the audited accounts for FY 2008-09. The Commission has taken note of the same. Based on this observation, the approved ARR for FY 2008-09 is enclosed as Annexure 1.3 to this Order.

1.5. Admission of the current petition and public hearing process

The Commission undertook a preliminary evaluation and analysis of the petition submitted by the Petitioner and admitted the petition for Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2009-10 and approval to continue existing tariff for FY 2010-11 for distribution business (Case No 994 of 2010) on 4th January 2010.

In accordance with Section 64 of the Electricity Act 2003, the Commission directed the Petitioner to publish its application in an abridged form to ensure public participation.

The Public Notice was published in the following newspapers on 7th January 2010 inviting objections/suggestions from stakeholders on the ARR petition filed by it.

1. Gujarat Samachar (In all editions of the state)
2. Indian Express (In all editions of the state)

The Petitioner also placed the public notice and the petition on its website (www.guvnl.com and www.mgvcl.com) for inviting objections and suggestions on the petition.

Interested parties/stakeholders were asked to file their objections and suggestions on the petition on or before 8th February, 2010. The Commission received objections/suggestions on the petition from sixteen respondents. The Commission thereafter fixed the dates of public hearing on 25th to 26th February and 3rd March, 2010 and sent communication to the objectors, inviting them to take part in the public hearing process for presenting their views on the petition before the Commission.

The issues and concerns raised by various stakeholders during the course of the public hearing, as well as the written submission, have been carefully examined by the Commission. The details of the organizations and individuals who filed their objections/suggestions on the petitions are given in Annexure-1.1. The details of objectors who participated in the public hearing are given in Annexure-1.2.

1.6. Contents of the Order



The order comprises of eight chapters as under:

1. The first chapter provides a background regarding the Petitioner, the petition filed and details of the public hearing process.
2. The second chapter provides detailed account of the public hearing process, including the objections raised by various stakeholders, the Petitioner's responses and the Commission's views on the responses.
3. The third chapter details the process of Annual Performance Review of FY 2009-10.
4. The fourth chapter analyses the Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2010-11.
5. The fifth chapter deals with compliance of earlier directives and issue of fresh directives.
6. The sixth chapter deals with fuel and power purchase cost adjustment.
7. The seventh chapter deals with computation of wheeling charges and cross-subsidy surcharge.
8. The eight chapter discusses the tariff philosophy and design approved by the Commission.

1.7. Approach of this Order

In this Order, the Commission has analyzed the petition submitted by the Petitioner with regard to the Annual Performance Review (APR) for FY 2009-10 and the determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2010-11. Under the MYT Framework, the Commission had projected the ARR for the petitioner for each year of the Control Period in the MYT Order issued on 17th January, 2009 and subsequently revised the ARR for FY 2009-10 in its Order dated 14th December, 2009.

Considering this background the Commission has undertaken an annual performance review for FY 2009-10 based on the information submitted for the first six months of the FY 2009-10 and the analysis of the projections submitted by the petitioner for the remaining six months of the FY 2009-10. In regard to the annual tariff review for FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the projections submitted by the petitioner.



1.8. Approach for APR for FY 2009-10

Regulation 9.1 of the MYT Regulations provides that where the ARR of a generating company or a licensee is covered under a Multi-Year Tariff framework, the licensee shall be subject to Annual Performance Review (APR) during the Control Period. With regard to the scope of the APR, Regulation 9.3 of the MYT Regulations provides that the scope of the APR shall include a comparison of the performance of the generating company or the licensee, with the approved forecast of aggregate revenue requirement and expected revenue from tariff and charges.

Accordingly, the Commission has now undertaken a review of the performance for the FY 2009-10 based on the submission of the petitioner. The petitioner has also submitted computation of gains and losses for the FY 2009-10. However, the Commission has not undertaken computation of gains/losses for the FY 2009-10. The computation of gains and losses for the FY 2009-10 shall be undertaken based on the audited accounts of the petitioner

1.9. Approach for ARR for FY 2010-11

For FY 2010-11 which is the third (last) year of the Control Period, the Petitioner has approached the Commission for revision of the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and approval to continue existing tariff for FY 2010-11. The Commission has now reviewed the submission of the petitioner. The Commission has observed that revised components of the ARR for FY 2010-11 are different compared to ARR approved under the MYT Order dated 17th January 2009.

The variance in the details given in the submission is primarily on account of the variance in the actual performance for the FY 2008-09 and the first six months of FY 2009-10. In the light of this background, the Commission has reviewed and revised the various components of ARR where considered fit. While considering the revision of the ARR the Commission has been primarily guided by the following principles:

- Controllable parameters have been considered at the level approved under the MYT Order unless the Commission considers there are suitable reasons for revision of the same.
- Uncontrollable parameters have been revised based on the actual performance observed for the FY 2008-09 and the first six months of the FY 2009-10.



2. Brief outline of objections raised, response from Petitioner and Commission's Views

2.1. Background

In response to the public notice inviting objections/suggestions from stakeholders on the petition filed by the Petitioner and other licensees for Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2009-10 and approval to continue existing tariff for FY 2010-11 for distribution business under MYT Control Period FY2008-09 to FY2010-11, sixteen consumers/consumer organizations filed their objections/suggestions in writing. Fourteen stakeholders participated in the public hearings held from 25th to 26th February and 3rd March, 2010, jointly for GETCO, GSECL and the four government distribution utilities (DGVCL, MGVCL, PGVCL, UGVCL). These also included objectors who had not filed any objections. The objections raised before the Commission, the Petitioner's response for the same and the Commission's view are presented below:

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2.2. Revenue gap for FY 2009-10

Objections:

Some stakeholders have highlighted the high gap of Rs. 13,263 lakhs shown by the Petitioner and asked the Commission to reject the same on the grounds of inefficiencies of the petitioner. They have specifically highlighted increases in distribution loss and power purchase cost and reduction in sales as the prime reasons for the huge revenue gap, which ought to be rejected.

MGVCL's response

While arriving at the gap for FY2009-10 with a revised estimation of the expenditure and revenue, the appropriate effect of gain/loss due to controllable and uncontrollable factors has been gauged and stated. Further, the Petitioner has not proposed any tariff increase for the year 2010-11.



Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.3. Increase in Distribution Loss in FY 2009-10**Objections**

Several objections have been raised with respect to increase in distribution loss

MGVCL's response

The Company has taken various steps as mentioned below for reduction of distribution loss. The Company has been making all-out efforts to reduce distribution losses and ensure that the loss reduction trajectory, as approved by the Commission, is followed.

Technical loss reduction activities

- Replacement of deteriorated conductor with optimum size.
- Bifurcation of feeders
- Proper maintenance, i.e., removal of joints/crossings and rejumping, etc.
- Installations of APFC panels
- Installation of an Amorphous Transformer
- Lowering of LT/HT ratio through HVDS

Commercial loss reduction activities

- Replacement of all conventional three-phase meters by static meters
- Replacement of single-phase meters by high quality/static meters
- Enhanced vigilance activity
- Creation of Checking Squad up to Divisional Level
- Separate checking squads for High-Tension consumers
- Review of consumers with zero consumption, locked bills, and less consumption
- Frequent reading of heavy consumption/seasonal consumers
- Providing Automatic Meter Reading Facility to HT consumers and highly valued (seasonal/ high consumption) LT consumers
- Providing MMB and sealing of single-phase consumers
- Maximizing the release of new connections, particularly in rural areas for reducing losses of JGY feeders



- Providing insulated/coated/Arial bunch conductor in theft-prone areas

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objection. It must be mentioned here that although the Petitioner has proposed a higher distribution loss for FY 2009-10 based on the increase in distribution loss during H1 of FY 2009-10, however the Commission has only estimated the energy requirement based on the projected distribution losses and it will undertake the true-up based on the MYT approved distribution losses during the next APR process.

2.4. Filing of single petition by all the Distribution licensees

Objections

Some stakeholders have objected that as GUVNL purchases power on behalf of all the distribution licensees, they must file only one petition.

MGVCL's response

All four distribution companies are unbundled entities of the erstwhile Gujarat Electricity Board and licensees for distribution of power within their service area. As per the provisions and GERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2005, each distribution licensee is required to file a separate petition for the approval of ARR and determination of tariff with the Commission. A distribution licensee is filing the tariff petition since it has commenced commercial operations with effect from 1st April'05.

Commission's Analysis

As per the GERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2005, each distribution licensee is required to file a separate petition.

2.5. Procurement of Sub-standard material

Objections

Some stakeholders have objected that the Petitioner purchases sub-standard equipment and material which do not qualify under the accepted quality parameters.



MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has replied that it purchases material with ISI mark or material which conformed to related IS and other quality standards. Before accepting the material, sample testing is carried out at the Supplier's workshop as well as at a Government-approved laboratory like ERDA on a random basis.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.6. Fixed Charges from HTP- IV and LTP- IV**Objections**

Some stakeholders have requested for reduction in the fixed charges applicable to these categories.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has replied that the fixed charges of HTP-IV and LTP-IV are as per the respective tariff category. The fixed charges are levied from the consumer to recover the fixed cost which the company will incur, irrespective of consumption and the time of consumption taken by the consumer. Fixed charges mainly cover fixed cost components like cost of infrastructure, employee cost, R&M cost, and A&G cost. Therefore, any kind of discrimination among the tariff categories would lead the Company to pass on the burden to the other tariff categories. Thus, it is not appropriate to have different fixed charges for consumers of the same class category.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objection and the response of the petitioner.

2.7. Interest on Security Deposit**Objections**

Some stakeholders have raised objections that the Petitioner should also accept Fixed Deposits and National Saving Certificates as security deposit in lieu of cash from consumers. Further, it has been suggested that the rate of interest on deposits should be raised to twelve percent from the existing six percent. It is also suggested



that the Petitioner shall issue equity shares against the security deposit to the consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has submitted that interest on security deposit is given to the consumer as per the regulation notified by the Commission. The Commission takes into consideration all relevant factors prevailing at the time of deciding such matters. It is further submitted that the Commission in its Notification No.8 of 2005, Clause No. 4.11, has prescribed norms for Security Deposit from consumers.

As regards the suggestion of the respondent to accept Security Deposit in the form of Bank Guarantee/NSC instead of cash, this will result in a greater requirement of Working Capital since the cash collected towards Security Deposit is utilized by the Company in funding its working capital requirement. The Company has to incur expenditure in advance for the revenue realization from consumers takes place after a gap of two-three months, depending on the category of consumers. In case of consumers covered under monthly billing, the consumer starts consuming power from the very first day of the month and the revenue is realized after the billing at the end of the month and thereafter the grace period for payment of bill. Similarly, in the case of consumers covered under bi-monthly billing, the revenue realization takes place almost after three months.

Moreover, the Company has a huge number of HT/LT consumers in their distribution area. In case all HT/LT consumers are allowed to submit Bank Guarantees/NSCs in lieu of cash, it will be difficult for the company to track, preserve and maintain the record of receipts of Bank Guarantees/NSCs.

This will result in a substantial increase in administrative work (requirement of additional manpower, stationery, communication, correspondence with consumers, etc.) for the Company, to maintain its records of Bank Guarantees/NSCs; carefully preserve the Bank Guarantees/NSCs up to their validity periods; monitor the expiry of Bank Guarantees/NSCs of each consumer; and thereafter ensure the renewal of the same before its expiry. Any increase in expenditure on account of such a change shall ultimately pass through the tariff and will lead to an increase in the tariff.

In view of the above, it will not be appropriate to accept the suggestion of the respondents regarding accepting Bank Guarantees/NSCs instead of cash towards Security Deposit, in the overall interest of both the consumers as well as the Company.



Commission's Analysis

The Commission is of the opinion that it may not be practical for the Petitioner to accept Fixed Deposits and National Saving Certificates as security deposit from all the consumers in lieu of cash. The rate of interest of a security deposit is as defined in the regulations. The consumer is not entitled to equity shares in lieu of security deposit because the money deposited with the Petitioner is towards security of the services and not towards equity investments.

2.8. Long Pending list of Agriculture Connections**Objections**

Some stakeholders raised the problem that consumers have to wait for a very long period to get an agriculture connection. It was highlighted that some applications were pending since FY1992-93 and have not received connections till date.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that agriculture connections are released as per the directions of the state government.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken a serious note of this objection. It directs the Petitioner to submit the year-wise status of pending applications. The Petitioner shall also submit a report containing plan and strategy to clear its huge back-log of pending agriculture connections.

2.9. Power factor rebate and penalty**Objections**

Some stakeholders have requested that power factor adjustment charges shall be applicable only on energy charge and not on demand charges.

MGVCL's response

During the course of the hearing, the Petitioner responded that they agree to the suggestion made by the stakeholders.

Commission's Analysis

Based on the submission made by the stakeholders and the response of the Petitioner, the Commission has accepted the suggestion and accordingly revised the tariff schedule.



2.10. Quantum and quality of supply to Agriculture and Supply Hours to Agriculture**Objections**

Some stakeholders have requested that the Commission allocate a certain percentage of the total energy for agriculture consumption and direct the Petitioner to compulsorily supply the allocated energy to agriculture consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that currently, minimum eight hours of power supply is provided to the agriculture sector as per the power supply policy related to the agriculture sector. Further, during cropping seasons when requirement of water for irrigation is high, more than eight hours of power is supplied to the agriculture sector by purchasing power from various sources. It's only in the case of an abnormal power shortage situation that supply to the agriculture sector is reduced from eight hours. The shortage is compensated for in the subsequent period as and when the power position improves; thus they don't see a need to compulsorily allocate a percentage of the total energy to agriculture consumers.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner. The Commission agrees to the views of the Petitioner and it does not feel the need to allocate a fixed percentage of the total energy generated, exclusively for agriculture consumption.

2.11. Minimum ceiling in LTP- III to be reduced from 20 kW to 15 kW**Objections**

Some stakeholders have requested to reduce the minimum ceiling in the LTP-III category from 20 kW to 15 kW.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that they agree to the suggestions made by the stakeholders, but the Commission should ensure that the said change shall be revenue-neutral.

Commission's Analysis

Based on the submission made by stakeholders and positive response of the Petitioner, the Commission has accepted the suggestion and accordingly revised the tariff schedule.

2.12. LFD-I (Rural)

Objections

Some stakeholders have highlighted that in the LFD-I (Rural) category, if a part of the residential premises is used for non-residential (commercial) purposes by the consumers located in a rural area with a population up to ten thousand as per Census-2001, the entire consumption is charged under that tariff. It is submitted to revise the population limit from the existing ten thousand to fifteen thousand.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that they agree to the suggestion made by the stakeholders, but the Commission shall ensure the said change shall be revenue-neutral.

Commission's Analysis

LFD-I (Rural) tariff is applicable to services for residential premises located in areas within the Gram Panchayat and as defined in the Gujarat Panchayats Act. Based on the submission made by the stakeholders and the positive response of the Petitioner, the Commission has accepted the suggestion and accordingly revised the tariff schedule.

2.13. Clarification with respect to LTP-V category

Objections

A group of consumers who lift surface water from canal/dam/rivers and getting eight hours of supply made a representation before the Commission. It was presented that the Petitioner has informed them that they will be migrated to the LTP-V category. The consumer group objected that as the LTP-V category is applicable to consumers who receive twenty-four hours of electricity supply, they do not qualify for migration.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that only those agriculture consumers who receive twenty-four hours of supply will be migrated to the LTP-V category.

Commission's Analysis



The LTP-V category was introduced by the Commission in its last order dated 14 December, 2009. It is clarified that it is applicable to (agriculture) consumers receiving twenty-four hours of supply.

2.14. Responses to be communicated in Gujarati language

Objections

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that responses to the objections were provided in English language. It was highlighted that the Petitioner shall provide the responses in Gujarati language especially if the objections are raised in Gujarati.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has accepted the submission and has agreed to reply in Gujarati to all queries which are raised in Gujarati language.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner. The Petitioner is directed to ensure that all the objections which are raised in Gujarati are replied in Gujarati.

2.15. Non-Compliance of Directives by Distribution licensees

Objections

In the course of the hearing, several stakeholders raised their objections that the distribution licensees were not complying with the directives issued to them in the tariff orders, especially with respect to metering.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that it is making all efforts to comply with the directives issued by the Commission and will continue to do so in future.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken a note of the objections raised by the stakeholders. The Commission has directed all the distribution licensees to submit the latest update of the compliance report. Further, it also directs the Petitioner to henceforth submit a quarterly compliance report. Any negligence in the form of a delay in the submission of a quarterly compliance report will be viewed as a violation of the Commission's directives.



2.16. Apparent Energy and Billing system

Objections

Dr. Vithal N Kamat, Managing Director, Centre for Apparent Energy Research (CAER) Vithal Udyognagar, Anand made a representation to the Commission requesting it to direct MGCVCL to help him in carrying out a pilot project to study the impact of shifting from the present active energy and billing system to apparent energy and billing system specially for the street light and small residential consumers. It was explained that billing these consumers on apparent energy basis would incentivise them to improve the power factor. Improvement of power factor at the consumption level will lead to improvement in the ampere level which will finally result in reduction of distribution loss for the Petitioner on the one hand and savings in energy bills of consumers on the other hand. It was highlighted that this would be possible only if the current billing method was changed to apparent energy-based billing method.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission went through the presentation made by Dr. Kamat, where he claimed that the study, if proved correct, can help in reducing distribution losses. The Commission is of the opinion that in the interest of consumers, such efforts should be encouraged and as such it advised the Petitioner to extend all possible support towards this pilot project. The Commission directed the Petitioner to put up a mechanism in place and ensure that the results of the projects were compared with an equal number of existing meters. Comparing the results of the project with the existing system will clearly demonstrate the benefits, if any, of the project. Further, in order to initiate the process, the Commission directed the Petitioner to submit a proposal to the Commission after working out the action plan to carry out the pilot study.

2.17. FPPPA mechanism

Objections

Some stakeholders have objected to the FPPPA mechanism and have suggested that it should be discontinued. It was highlighted that FPPPA charges should be split up and shown separately as FPPPA charges on account of fuel price increase and FPPPA charges on account of increase in cost of power purchase. Further,



stakeholders have pointed out that the Petitioner buys costly power from the market and does not utilize cheaper power generated by GSECL stations.

PGVLC's response

The Petitioner has submitted that detailed calculation (along with split-up) of FPPPA charges, as mentioned by the consumers, is displayed on their web site. Further, it has mentioned that as per the directives of the Commission, the Merit Order is being followed and scheduling of power is done observing the Merit Order sequence whereby power from the cheapest sources is scheduled first and so on. Further, the power is scheduled only if that power fits the Merit Order sequence; otherwise, it remains unscheduled. It is pertinent to mention that by adhering to the Merit Order Protocol, power is being scheduled from the cheapest sources first and so on to reduce the overall cost of power purchase.

The Commission may kindly appreciate that demand and availability of power is a dynamic situation which undergoes changes on a day-to-day and hour to hour basis. Power is scheduled in day ahead for next day, based on projected demand and supply of that day. On a particular day, demand may come down because of various reasons like rains, holidays, temperature variation, and festivals. Availability also undergoes change every day based on forced shutdown of plants, early completion of maintenance of power plants, wind power availability based on wind velocity, etc. Therefore, scheduling of power cannot remain constant. Everyday, scheduling of power from a particular source is decided based on cost or saving.

The bulk purchase of power is undertaken from various sources and bulk sale of power made to distribution companies/licensees. The estimated demand each day is met through the scheduling of generation of available power in accordance with the Merit Order Protocol, except to meet the technical requirement of Power Plant, Must Run Power Stations, gas based Power Stations having take or pay liability under gas supply agreement and compulsory running of some power plants in certain areas to maintain appropriate voltage in that area (where there are no other power plants), till the estimated demand is met. Thus, the power with the lower variable cost gets scheduled first and so on in that order.

Further, to cater the requirement, power is purchased from all available sources like own generation, share from Central Sector-generating stations and procurement of power from independent private producers, captive power plants, and short-term power traders.



The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its Tariff Order dated 25th June 2004, has given a direction to observe the Merit Order Process for dispatching power from different power stations and managing schedules thereof. Hence, the Merit Order List is the basis for real time monitoring and for issuing requisition of power. The activities of requisition of power, dispatch instructions to power plants, backing down and picking up of generation and power procurement transactions are carried out by the State Load Despatch Centre in accordance with the Merit Order principle. Further, the day ahead, power scheduled from each generating station is monitored and regulated on real-time basis by SLDC by way of back down/pick-up on real-time basis to meet the variations in demand. Therefore, it is not the case that costlier power is purchased and generation from the cheaper sources is not utilised.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.18. Recovery of Reconnection charges without physical disconnection

Objections

Some stakeholders have raised the objection that the Petitioner is collecting reconnection charges without any physical disconnection.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has denied the claims and replied that it collects reconnection charges only in the case of physical disconnection.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner. It reiterates that the Petitioner shall ensure that it shall collect reconnection charges only in the case of physical disconnection.

2.19. Agriculture connections in dark zone

Objections

Some stakeholders have raised the objection that the Petitioner shall start releasing agriculture connection in the dark zone.



MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has submitted that the Government of Gujarat has given them instructions not to release any new agriculture connections in the dark zone till further notice; hence, they are not releasing any new connections in the dark zone.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.20. Separate Tariff for Brick Manufacturers instead of present agreement with Agriculture consumers**Objections**

Some stakeholders have demanded that there should be a separate category for brick manufacturers instead of the current agreement with agricultural consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has submitted that supply to brick manufactures by an agriculture consumer is an optional facility and an agriculture consumer can opt for it if he desires. It is not a compulsory requirement.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.21. Ad-valorem structure of Electricity Duty**Objections**

Several representations were made to the Commission, related to the levy of Electricity Duty in the state on tariff payable by consumers including the FPPPA. It was pointed out that any increase in the power bills due to an increase in FPPPA puts an additional burden on the consumer due to the compounding effect of the *ad-valorem* structure of Electricity Duty. It was suggested that the duty shall be charged only on energy charges and on a per unit basis.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has submitted that the Electricity Duty is as per the current regulations.



Commission's Analysis

It is a fact that the imposition of the Electricity Duty is the prerogative of the Government. However, in view of the public concerns on the issue, the Commission requested Chief Electrical Inspector, Government of Gujarat to represent the State Government in the public hearing. In response to the issues, it was submitted that the above recommendations could only be included in the budget exercise of next year as recommendations for the current budget have already been made.

The Commission feels that the system of *ad-valorem* duty compounds the impact of any tariff increase further. Due to the current *ad-valorem* structure of Electricity Duty, its impact on the tariff payable by consumers in the state of Gujarat is on the higher side when compared to other states. In effect, even though the Commission may not allow any increase in the retail tariff, any increase in FPPPA charges is compounded by the *ad-valorem* nature of the Electricity Duty. With an increase in tariff, the impact will be much more.

The Commission is of the view that the duty structure needs to be rationalised. The Commission hopes that the Government will, as it was indicated during the public hearing, review the current structure and rationalize it so that the rate of duty becomes reasonable, stable and predictable.

2.22. Meter rent to be recovered only up to the cost of meter**Objections**

Some stakeholders have raised the objection that the Petitioner shall recover meter rent only up to the cost of meter. Once the cost is recovered, they shall stop collecting the meter rent from consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has submitted that the meter rent is collected not only towards the cost of meters but also towards the maintenance of meters. The rent charges are as per the approved tariff schedule.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.



2.23. Similar tariff for Urban and Rural Residential Consumers**Objections**

Some stakeholders have highlighted that rural residential consumers in Gujarat receive twenty-four hours of power supply like urban consumers. Further, factors like energy theft, scattered load and distribution losses are higher in the case of rural consumers. Therefore, tariffs to be charged to rural consumers should be higher or at least equal to the urban consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded that although both urban and rural residential consumers are supplied twenty-four hours of power, there is a difference in the quality of services and Standard of Performance. Therefore, both categories of consumers cannot be considered to be similar. Hence, there is a scheme of differential tariffs.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the objections and the response of the petitioner.

2.24. Increase in O&M expenses and Bad and doubtful debts**Objections**

Some stakeholders have highlighted the huge increase in O&M expenses in FY 2009-10 as against the approved values, especially employee expenses and A&G expenses which have increased by more than 30%. The stakeholders have also suggested that the Petitioner should be directed to claim the bad and doubtful debts from defaulters rather than from honest consumers.

MGVCL's response

The Petitioner has responded stating that the increase in O&M expenses has been explained in the petition and appropriate treatment has been given while calculating the revenue gap. On the matter of bad and doubtful debts, it is submitted that in any business, there are always some dues which are unrecoverable. Certain provision has to be made for writing off of such dues.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has treated the O&M expenses as controllable (except the Sixth Pay Commission component) and maintained them at the MYT order-approved value for FY 2009-10. The Commission is of the view that the petitioner should undertake



adequate measures to reduce the O&M expenses, since these are controllable in nature.

2.25. Increase in the ARR of FY 2010-11**Objections**

Some stakeholders have highlighted the increase in ARR for FY 2010-11.

MGVCL's response

Increase in Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2010-11 is mainly because of increase in Power Purchase Cost, Employee Cost and carry forward revenue gap of FY 2009-10. All other expense parameters are within the range approved by the Commission. Further, the Company has not proposed any tariff increase for the year 2010-11 as the Company would be able to absorb the gap by improving performance parameters and distribution functionalities.

Commission's Analysis

It must be noted that the said ARR is proposed by the Petitioner and is not the final ARR. The Commission in its APR process assesses the assumptions made by the Petitioner while estimating the expenses, and accordingly approves what it considers reasonable.

2.26. Distribution loss of JGY feeders**Objections**

The stakeholders have highlighted the high loss in JGY feeders. Considering the significant share of consumption of JGY, it is essential that the petitioner should reduce the loss of JGY feeders.

MGVCL's response

The JGY category loss has a large contribution to the overall loss of the Petitioner and, therefore, reduction in JGY losses is the prime task of the Petitioner. It has taken up this task in a phased manner, whereby high-loss feeders have been assigned to various officers for close monitoring. Due to enhanced vigilance activity



and intensive efforts, JGY category losses have reduced by more than 3.33% during the year FY 2008-09.

Distribution loss of JGY Category for the years FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 are as under.

Table 1: Distribution loss in JGY

No.	Year	Unit sent out [MUs]	Unit sold out [MUs]	% Loss
1	FY 2007-08	1100	619	43.71%
2	FY 2008-09	1208	720	40.36%

The following activities have been undertaken for reduction of losses of selected JGY feeders during FY 2008-09.

Table 2: Activities undertaken for reduction of losses during FY 2008-09

Sr No	Activities Carried out	Unit	Total
1	Nos of Feeder	Number	277
2	No of Village	Number	4264
3	11 KV Crossing removal	Number	1192
4	Meter provided on No of T/C	Number	11343
5	Old Meter replacement	I ph	48215
6	Defective Meter replacement	Number	21811
7	MMB Provided	I & III ph	75617
8	Sealing done	I & III ph	128142
9	SL replaced	Number	17165
10	Meter shifted outside	Number	38297
11	De-augmentation of Village Transformer	Number	397
12	Connection checked	Number	88410
13	Connection detected	Number	2086
14	Connection assessment	units	1900512
15	Connection released	Number	88797

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has taken note of the various activities carried out by the Petitioner to curb JGY losses. However, the Commission is concerned that the loss level is still very high at almost 40%. The Commission directs the Petitioner to target an annual reduction of at least 10% in the loss level.

2.27. Amendment to Guidelines/Regulations related to consumer services

The Commission has observed that several objections were raised before it, which were not directly related to the tariff but related to the grievances of individuals/group



of consumers. It was felt that such grievances called for amendment to Guidelines/Regulations related to consumer services.

In the interest of consumers, the Commission *suo moto* directs its office (staff members) to initiate the process of amendment to Guidelines/Regulations related to consumer services.

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3. Annual Performance Review for FY 2009-10

The Petitioner, in its petition for Annual Performance Review for FY 2009-10 and tariff determination for FY 2010-11, has estimated expenditure and revenue for FY 2009-10 based on actual expenditure and revenue incurred during H1 of FY 2009-10. The Petitioner has provided a comparison of estimated revenue and expenditure (based on the H1 actual) against each head, with the revenue and expenditure approved by the Commission in its MYT Order, along with the reasons for deviations. In this section, the Commission has analysed the components of the estimated revenue and expenses for FY 2009-10.

3.1. Sales

The Petitioner has submitted category-wise actual sales in H1 and total estimated sales for FY 2009-10 in the APR petition. The revised estimated sales for FY 2009-10 are approx 85 MUs higher than the sales approved by the Commission in its order dated 14 December, 2009. The revised estimated sales for the complete FY 2009-10 (except agricultural category) are not very different from the approved sale. Hence the Commission approves the estimated sales (sale in the agricultural category is considered as approved in last order). The revised approved sale for FY 2009-10 are shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3 : Revised Approved Sale for FY 2009-10

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Consumer Category	Approved as per Order dt. 14th Dec 2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	FY 2009-10 (H1 - Actual)	FY 2009-10 (H2 - Projected)	Revised Approved for FY 2009-10
LT Consumers					
Residential	1435	1458	799	659	1458
Commercial	520	590	279	311	590
Industrial LT	484	526	246	280	526
Public Water Works	146	144	75	69	144
Agriculture	852	900	393	459	852
Street Light	61	59	27	32	59
Temporary Supply at LT	0	0	0	0	0



Consumer Category	Approved as per Order dt. 14th Dec 2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	FY 2009-10 (H1 - Actual)	FY 2009-10 (H2 - Projected)	Revised Approved for FY 2009-10
LT Total	3497	3677	1819	1810	3629
HT Consumers					
Industrial HT	2016	1894	924	970	1894
Railway Traction	346	374	181	193	374
HT Total	2363	2268	1105	1163	2268
TOTAL	5860	5945	2924	2973	5897

3.2. Distribution Losses and Energy Input Requirement

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that it would be able to achieve distribution losses of 14% for the FY 2009-10 as approved by the Commission. The actual distribution losses for H1 of FY 2009-10 are 14.15%.

The Petitioner has submitted that decline in sale in Industrial HT category and increased hours of supply to the agriculture category (which has resulted in more offtake, with no corresponding increase in the sales figure on account of this consumption being largely unmetered) are two major reasons for higher distribution loss in H1.

Commission's view

It must be noted that distribution loss is a controllable parameter. Increase or decrease in sale within the categories is unavoidable and is bound to happen. As a distribution licensee the Petitioner must strive to keep its distribution losses within the trajectory approved by the Commission on the onset of the MYT period.

The Commission has estimated the energy requirement based on the projected distribution losses. However it is clarified that this shall not be considered as approval of the higher distribution loss. The Commission will undertake the true-up (based on the MYT approved distribution losses of 14%) during the next APR process.



Table 4 : Distribution Losses considered by Commission for FY 2009-10

Particulars	Approved as per Order dt. 14th Dec 2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Considered for calculating Energy requirement
Distribution Losses	14.00%	14.15%	13.86%	14.00%

The energy balance based on the distribution loss considered above and transmission loss as per GETCO Order is given in Table 5 below:

Table 5: Energy Balance considered for FY 2009-10

(MUs)

Particulars	Unit	Approved as per Order dt. 14th Dec 2009	FY 2009-10 (R E)	FY 2009-10 (H1 - Actual)	Considered for calculating Energy requirement
Energy Sales	MUs	5860	5945	2924	5897
Distribution Losses	MUs	954	968	482	960
	%	14.00%	14.00%	14.15%	14.00%
Energy Requirement	MUs	6814	6913	3406	6857
Transmission Losses	MUs	302	364	178	304
	%	4.25%	5.00%	4.96%	4.25%
Total Energy to be input to Transmission System	MUs	7116	7277	3584	7161
Pooled Losses in PGCIL System	MUs	172	156	78	156
Total Energy Requirement	MUs	7288	7433	3662	7316

3.3. Power Purchase Cost

Petitioner's submission

The total power purchase cost for the Petitioner consists of the basic power purchase cost, transmission charges payable to GETCO & PGCIL and the Discom's share of GUVNL cost and E-Urja charges. The total estimated power purchase cost for FY



2009-10 is submitted by the Petitioner is based on H1 actual and estimated cost of H2 based on the estimated demand presented above.

Table 6: Power Purchase Cost FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dt. 14th Dec 2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
Total Power Purchase Cost	190135	123394	255606

Commission's View

The cost of total power purchased for FY 2009-10 will consist of actual power purchased in H1 and estimated power purchase for H2. To estimate the total power purchase cost the Commission has considered the actual cost incurred during the H1 and energy required during H2. It has followed the merit order principles to estimate the cost of power required during H2 as adopted by the Commission during MYT Order. In terms of sources of power, the Commission has considered the allocation of PPAs as submitted by the Petitioner for FY 2009-10.

To estimate the Power Purchase Cost of H2, fixed and variable costs of GSECL stations are considered for FY 2009-10, as per the Tariff Order for GSECL for FY 2010-11. The fixed and variable costs of IPPs and the central stations are considered as approved in the MYT Order.

Based on the above, the power purchase costs for the Control Period have been calculated and approved by the Commission is as shown in Table 7 below:



Table 7: Approved Power Purchase Cost FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	FY 2009-10 (H1 - Actual)	FY 2009-10 (H2 - Projected)	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Total Power Purchase Cost	190135	255606	123394	115174	238568

3.4. O&M Expenditure

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenditure comprises employee related expenditure, Administrative and General (A&G) expenditure, and Repair and Maintenance (R&M) expenditure.

a. Employee Expenses

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has projected revised expenses of Rs. 24073 Lakhs as compared to the approved expenses of Rs. 21475 Lakhs FY 2009-10 in the Order dated 14 December, 2009.

Table 8: Employee Cost estimated by MGVCL for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
Employee Cost excluding treatment of Sixth Pay Commission	18910	11731	9777	21508
40% of component of Sixth Pay Commission for FY 2007-08 approved for payment in 2009-10	2565	0	0	2565
Total Employee Cost Considered	21475	11731	9777	24073

Actual employee cost for H1 of FY 2009-10 is Rs. 11731 Lakhs. The Petitioner has submitted that employee expenditure is estimated on the basis of actual employee



cost incurred by the company during H1 of FY 2009-10. Further, employee cost for H2 of FY 2009-10 is estimated after considering the 4% escalation on actual employee cost for H1 of FY 2009-10 after excluding gratuity fund provision of Rs. 2330 Lakhs.

It is further submitted that the Employee Cost has been estimated considering the trend of H1 Employee Cost, increase in Dearness Allowance and other expenses such as House Rent Allowance (HRA). Further, revised expenses also include increase in salary resulting from regular increments and promotions.

Commission's View

The Commission has observed that employee expense in H1 is relatively higher as compared to the total employee expenses approved for FY 2009-10. The Commission had asked for a detailed justification for the substantial increase in the employee cost for FY 2009-10.

In the MYT Order, it was stated that the Employee Cost was approved, based on actual Employee Cost of FY 2007-08. Accordingly, the impact of the Sixth Pay Commission was not considered by the Commission, while approving Employee Cost for the FY 2008-09 to FY 2011-12. Meanwhile, the directive from the GoG for the sixth pay revision came into effect from 1st January, 2006, which resulted in an average increase of around 28% to 30% in salaries. The gap in the approved and actual Employee Cost further increased because of the incremental effect on the said hike of 28-30%. This was a new element that was not accounted for while escalating the base figures of FY 2007-08 by 6%.

As discussed in the earlier section 'Approach for APR for FY 2009-10', the Commission has not revised the controllable expenses for FY 2009-10. Therefore, it has considered the employee expenses as approved in the Order dated 14th December, 2009. The Commission will review the actual employee expenses for FY 2009-10 during the next APR process. The approved employee expense for FY 2009-10 is shown in Table 9 below:



Table 9: Employee expenses approved by Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Employee Cost excluding treatment of Sixth Pay Commission	18910	21508	18910
40% of component of Sixth Pay Commission for FY 2007-08 approved for payment in 2009-10	2565	2565	2565
Total Employee Cost Considered	21475	24073	21475

b. R&M Expenses**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has revised the R&M expenses for FY 2009-10 to Rs. 4240 Lakhs. The same has been estimated by considering 10% increase on the provisional expenses for FY 2008-09. The actual R&M cost for H1 of FY 2009-10 is Rs. 3628 Lakhs.

Table 10: R&M expenses estimated by MGVCL for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
Repair & Maintenance Costs	4240	1690	1938	3628

Commission's View

The Commission has noted the projection as submitted by the Petitioner, since it is controllable the Commission has not revised the approved R & M expenses as



proposed by the Petitioner for FY 2009-10. The approved R&M expenditure is as shown in the Table 11 below:

Table 11: R&M expenses approved by Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Repair & Maintenance Costs	4240	3628	4240

c. Administration & General (A&G) Expenses

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has revised the A&G expenses for FY 2009-10 to Rs.3684 Lakhs by considering an escalation of 8% on the actual A&G expenditure for FY 2008-09. The actual A&G expense for H1 of FY 2009-10 is Rs. 1872 Lakhs.

Table 12: A&G Expenses estimated by MGVCL for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
Administration & General Charges	3625	1872	1812	3684

Commission's View

As discussed in the earlier section 'Approach for APR for the FY 2009-10, the Commission has not revised the controllable expenses for FY 2009-10. Accordingly, it has considered the A&G expenses as approved in the Tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009. The Commission will review the actual A&G expenses for FY 2009-10 during the next APR process. The approved A&G expense for FY 2009-10 is shown in Table 13



Table 13: A&G Expenses approved by the Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Administration & General Charges	3625	3684	3625

Summary of O & M expenses

The total O&M expenses approved by the Commission for FY 2009-10 is summarised in the following Table:

Table 14: Revised Approved O& M Expenses by Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Employee Expenses	21475	24073	21475
Repair & Maintenance Costs	4240	3628	4240
Administration & General Charges	3625	3684	3625
Total O&M Expenses	29340	31385	29340

3.5. Capital Expenditure and Capitalization

Actual capital expenditure incurred by the Petitioner in H1 and total estimated capital expenditure for FY 2009-10 is shown in Table 15 below:



Table 15: Capital Expenditure as submitted by MGVCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Schemes	Approved as per MYT Order dated 17-01-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
A	Distribution Schemes			
	Normal Development scheme	5350	1491	3650
	System Improvement Scheme	870	372	870
	Zupadpattie	1909	1963	2142
	Kutir Jyoti Scheme	1176	194	1122
	Scheme of Meters	3960	0	0
	Total	13265	4021	7784
B	Rural Electrification Schemes			
	TASP Wells & Patapas	4689	3654	6161
	Special Compo. Plan	58	12	25
	Normal RE Works - wells	460	2779	3000
	Total	5207	6445	9186
C	Others			
	Energy conservation	75	259	300
	Sagarkhedu	0	107	200
	Total	75	366	500
D	Non-Plan schemes			
	SCADA		148	400
	R - APDRP (Part A)		6	2500
	R - APDRP (Part B)		0	0
	RGVY	1744	291	1150
	DRUM		112	1000
	Total	1744	557	5050
E	New Innovative Schemes			
	Line Capacitors	940	0	180
	Aerial Bunch Conductors	1320	64	2000
	HVDS in selected sub-stations	7660	156	2050
	Automatic Meter Reading	260	24	500
	GIS in Cities	125	0	65
	Automation & Computerization	130	0	25
	Customer Care Centre	0	0	0
	Under Ground Cables	336	231	1680



Sr. No.	Schemes	Approved as per MYT Order dated 17-01-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10
	Replacement of Conductor/TC	155	32	250
	Misc.Civil+ Electrical Works	315	163	1350
	Other New Schemes	1442	351	400
	Total	12683	1022	8500
F	Other Schemes			
	Urban development	210	0	400
	New gujarat Pattern	90	0	25
	Total	300	0	425
G	Pending Agriculture Connections	5091	0	0
I	Capital Expenditure Total	38365	12411	31445

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that it has incurred a capital expenditure of Rs.12411 Lakhs in the first half of FY 2009-10. Further, it has revised estimate of capital expenditure to Rs.31445 Lakhs which is lower than the capital expenditure approved by the Hon'ble Commission.

Commission's View

The Commission noted that while the overall capital expenditure is lower than the revised estimates, there is significant variation in the expenditure proposed against some of the schemes at the individual level. Also, some schemes which were not approved by the Commission during the MYT Order have been additionally proposed.

In the regulated business where the returns to the investors are linked to the equity invested in the business, which in turn is linked to the existing asset base and assets added every year, steep increase in the asset base every year will have implication on the consumer through tariff. In view of this, all the capital expenditure needs to be prioritised and incurred considering cost benefit analysis and its impact on consumers.



For FY 2009-10, the Commission has considered the revised capital expenditure as submitted by the Petitioner at Rs 31145 Lakhs. Further, it is assumed that the Utility would also be able to capitalize the same during the financial year.

Table 16: Approved Capitalization by Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Capital Expenditure	-	31445	-
Capitalization	31445	-	31445
Less : Consumer Contribution	4165	6289	6289
Grants	7581	10493	10493
Balance CAPEX	19699	14663	14663
Debt @ 70%	13789	10264	10264
Equity @ 30%	5910	4399	4399

3.6. Depreciation

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has considered Gross Fixed Assets & Depreciation for FY 2009-10 on the basis of actual of FY 2008-09 as per the final accounts with the addition during FY 2009-10 on the basis of revised capital expenditure plan for FY 2009-10. The Petitioner has further submitted that GERC regulations specify that the CERC rates have to be used for computation of depreciation. Therefore the Petitioner has revised the depreciation rates from 3.64% to 5.26% for FY 2009-10 in line with the new rates notified by CERC in the terms and conditions for tariff applicable for 2009 to 2014 as shown in the Table 17 below



Table 17: Depreciation for 2009-10 submitted by MGVCCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10
Gross Block in the beginning of the Year	167913	167444
Additions during the Year (Net)	31445	31445
Depreciation for the Year	9664	9630
Average Rate of Depreciation	5.26%	5.26%

Commission's View

The Commission, in its order dated 14 December, 2009, had considered depreciation expenditure of Rs 9630 Lakhs for FY 2009-10. The closing gross fixed assets (GFA) of the FY 2008-09 is considered as opening GFA for FY 2009-10 and the depreciation rates were considered as per new rates prescribed under CERC Tariff Regulations.

It must be noted here that Clause 17 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 specifies that depreciation shall be calculated annually based on Straight Line Method at rates specified in Appendix-III of the said regulations. Provided that, the remaining depreciable value as on 31st March of the year closing after a period of twelve years from date of commercial operation shall be spread over the balance useful life of the assets.

It further specifies that in case of the existing projects, the balance depreciable value as on 1st April, 2009 shall be worked out by deducting the cumulative depreciation as admitted by the Commission up to 31st March 2009 from the gross depreciable value of the assets.

The Petitioner has calculated the depreciation by applying the new rates on the total gross assets without segregating the assets as mentioned in the regulation. The Commission has considered the depreciation as submitted by the Petitioner but hereby directs the Petitioner to submit the recomputed depreciation as per Clause 17



of CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 during the truing-up of FY 2009-10.

As explained in the earlier section 'Capital Expenditure and Capitalization', the net addition to assets implies the total amount capitalized by the utility and not the capital expenditure incurred during any financial year. The Commission has assumed that the utility would be able to capitalize the capital expenditure (excluding cost of land) as projected and accordingly approved the depreciation.

It may be noted that the Commission will consider the depreciation based on actual capitalisation during the entire year, subject to prudence check, for the purpose of sharing of gains/losses during the APR process of FY 2010-11.

Table 18: Depreciation Approved by Commission for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Gross Block in Beginning of the year	167913	167444	167444
Additions during the Year	31445	31445	31445
Depreciation for the Year	9664	9630	9626
Average Rate of Depreciation	5.26%	5.26%	5.26%

3.7. Interest Expenses

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has projected revised interest expenses of Rs. 7933 Lakhs for FY 2009-10 as compared to the approved expenses of Rs. 4230 Lakhs in the Order dated 14th December, 2009.



Table 19: Projected Interest Expenses for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10
Opening Loans	48105	54010	52957	54010
Opening Loans considered for Capital Expenditure	21269	0	0	0
Loan Additions during the Year	13789	8877	8877	17754
Repayment during the Year	5592	9930	9930	19861
Closing Loans	29466	52957	51904	51904
Average Loans	25367	53484	52431	52957
Interest on Loan	2537	2871	0	5685
Interest in Security Deposit	1571	1062	1062	2124
Guarantee Charges	123	0	124	124
Total Interest & Financial Charges	4230	3933	1186	7933
Weighted Average Rate of Interest	10.00%	10.74%	10.74%	10.74%

The Opening balance of Loan for FY 2009-10 is revised to Rs. 54010 Lakhs as against Rs. 61174 Lakhs, as per the closing balance (balance sheet) of FY 2008-09. The loan addition in FY 2009-10 has been computed at Rs. 17754 Lakhs as per the Capex funding plan discussed above and balance for funding the past liabilities. The repayment is computed on the assumption that the loan would be repaid in the same proportion as it was paid last year. i.e $\{(20667 \times 54010)/56202\} = 19861$ as shown in Table 22 below. The total repayment of existing and new loan during the year is computed at Rs. 19861 Lakhs. Further, it is submitted that based on the interest paid on the outstanding loans, the weighted average rate of interest works out to @ 10.74% as against 10% approved by the Commission.

The interest on Security Deposit has been considered based on the actual of H1 of FY 2009-10 and Guarantee Charges have been considered based on the accounts of FY 2008-09. Further, the Interest and Finance Charges considered above has an element of Interest on Working Capital, which is claimed separately on a normative basis; hence, the same was deducted to arrive at the final interest charges.



Commission's View

The Commission in its last tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009 had taken note that Interest and Finance charges approved in the MYT Order had an element of Interest on Working Capital that had been separately claimed on a normative basis. Further, while claiming Interest and Finance charges, Interest on Working Capital have been deducted to avoid double counting.

The Commission had noted that that the said approach was not correct and had directed that rather than deducting Interest on Working capital from the total Interest and Finance charges, the principal loan amount should be segregated. Based on the suggested approach, the Commission also segregated the opening balance in proportion to the actual interest paid for capital expenditure and interest paid for financing working capital in FY 2008-09, as shown in Table 20 below:

Table 20: Loan allocation based on Interest on Working Capital

Particulars	Unit
Net Interest in FY 2008-09 (Rs. Lakhs) #	5435
Actual Interest on Working Capital (Rs. Lakhs)	3032
% of Loan Allocated for Working Capital	56%
% of Loan Allocated for Capital Expenditure	44%

Net interest after deducting guarantee charges and interest on security deposit

The Petitioner has not adopted the said approach and has continued with the approach followed in last year's petition. The Petitioner was asked to segregate the total loans between loans utilized for financing the working capital and that used for incurring capital expenditure. Based on the direction, the Petitioner has segregated the total loans as shown in the table below:

Table 21: Details of Segregated Loans

(Rs. Lakhs)

FY 2008-09	Opening Balance	Addition	Repayment	Closing Balance
Loan taken by Discom	7073	3237	3418	6893
Loan from GUVNL	49129	15237	17249	47118
Total Loan	56202	18475	20667	54010
Less : Loan towards Working Capital	27197	15184	14633	27747
Loan towards Capital Expenditure	29006	3291	6033	26263

Based on the details submitted by the Petitioner, the Commission has adopted the revised opening balance of loan as mentioned above. The total capital expenditure



proposed for FY 2009-10 is Rs 14663 Lakhs (excluding grants) and total loan proposed to be taken by the Petitioner is Rs 17754 Lakhs.

The Petitioner has submitted that the proposed loan is for funding the capital expenditure and balance for funding the past liabilities. The Commission notes that the proposed loan amount exceeds the total capital expenditure (excluding grants) proposed by the Petitioner. Also, the Petitioner has not provided any detailed explanation of past liabilities.

The Commission has considered fresh loans only up to the seventy percent of the proposed capital expenditure and correspondingly recomputed the repayments as shown in Table 22 below.

Table 22: Repayment considered for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Closing Loans	Actual as per Final accounts FY 2008-09	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Opening Loans	56202	54010	26263
Additions	18475	17754	10264
Repayments	20667	19861	9657
Closing	54010	51904	26870

The Commission has considered the revised weighted average rate of interest (10.74%) for estimating the interest cost for FY 2009-10. Further, Interest on Security Deposit and Guarantee charges has been considered as per the Petitioner's estimation. Approved Interest and Finance Charges, after considering the above allocation, has been tabulated as shown below.



Table 23: Interest & Financial Charges for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Closing Loans	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Opening Loans	48105	54010 ¹	-
Opening Loans considered for Capital Expenditure	21269	-	26263
Loan Additions during the Year	13789	17754	10264
Repayment during the Year	5592	19861	10264
Closing Loans	29466	51904	26263
Average Loans	25367	52957	26263
Interest on Loan	2537	5685	2819
Interest in Security Deposit	1571	2124	2124
Guarantee Charges	123	124	124
Total Interest & Financial Charges	4230	7933	5067
Weighted Average Rate of Interest	10.00%	10.74%	10.74%

3.8. Interest on Working Capital

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated interest on a normative working capital in accordance with the GERC Tariff Regulations which works out to Rs. 5980 Lakhs. However, instead of considering revenues for two months, revenues of the company for only one month have been considered for projecting the total working capital during the FY 2009-10. The Petitioner has computed the interest on working capital at current short-term prime lending rate of SBI i.e. 10.25% as shown below

¹ Rs 54010 Lakhs is inclusive of Loans taken to fund Working Capital.



Table 24: Interest on Working Capital submitted by MGVCCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10
O & M expenses	2445	1274	1127	2615
Maintenance Spares	1156	863	739	1792
Receivables	18571	11987	12354	24990
Total Working Capital	22172	14124	14220	29397
Rate of Interest on Working Capital	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Interest on Working Capital	2273	1448	1458	3013

Commission's View

The Commission has estimated the working capital as per clause No. 66 of the GERC terms and conditions of tariff, and accordingly considered Operation and Maintenance expenses for one month, Maintenance spares at 1% of the historical cost escalated at 6% per annum from the date of commercial operation, and Receivables equivalent to one month's sales (as proposed by the Petitioner). Further, the estimation is based on the O&M, historical costs and sales approved by the Commission in this Tariff Order.

According to Regulation 20 (v) (b), the Commission, in its MYT Order dated 17th January, 2009, has calculated a rate of interest on working capital that is equal to the short-term prime lending rate of SBI as on 1st April 2004, which is 10.25%.

The Commission has observed that while calculating the interest on working capital based on the above provision, the Petitioner has considered receivables equivalent to one month, as submitted above. But instead of calculating 1/12 of the sales, the Petitioner has calculated 1/12 of ARR. The Commission has corrected this error and has recomputed the normative interest on working capital at 10.25%, as shown in

Table 25 below.



Table 25: Interest on Working Capital for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
O & M expenses	2445	2615	2445
Maintenance Spares	1156	1792	1792
Receivables	18571	24990	20611
Total Working Capital	22172	29397	24848
Rate of Interest on Working Capital	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Interest on Working Capital	2273	3013	2547

3.9. Provision for Bad Debts

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated the provisioning for write-off of bad debts at 0.10% of the revenue from sale of power i.e Rs. 279 Lakhs as shown in Table 26 below

Table 26: Proposed provision for Bad Debts

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2009-10
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	223	134	145	279

Commission's Analysis



The Commission in its Order dated 14th December, 2009 approved Rs 223 Lakhs towards bad debt. The Commission has recomputed the bad debts at 0.10% of the revenue as shown in the Table 27 below:

Table 27: Approved provision for Bad Debts

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	223	279	247

3.10. Other Expenses

In addition to the expenses mentioned above, the Petitioner has included certain other expenses in the petition, for the purpose of approval, as shown in the table below:

Table 28: Other Expenses proposed in FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
Other Debts	118	257	257	514
Extraordinary Items	4	0	0	0
Net Prior Period Expenses/(Income)	0	0	0	0
Other Expenses Capitalized	(4472)	(2717)	(2717)	(5434)
Total Other Costs	(4350)	(2460)	(2460)	(4920)

Petitioner's submission

Other Debts



Other Debits comprise write-offs for Small Capital Items (less than Rs. 5000), energy conservation and R&D expenses, waiver of DPC charges due to settlements in Lok Adalat & Government Bodies., deferred revenue expenses written off etc.

Commission's Analysis

The Petitioner has projected Rs 514 Lakhs as expenses in Other Debits based on the H1 actual expenses of Rs 257 Lakhs. As discussed earlier, all the controllable expenses are considered as approved in the Tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009. Accordingly, the approved amount considered for the same is Rs118 Lakhs.

Extraordinary Items

The Petitioner has not estimated any amount under Extraordinary Items. The Commission in its order approved 4 Lakhs for FY 2009-10. Accordingly, it has been considered Rs 4 lakhs for FY 2009-10.

Net Prior Period Expenses**Petitioner's Submission**

These expenses are pertaining to earlier accounting years, which are paid during the year but no provision has been made in earlier years.

Commission's Analysis

The Petitioner has not estimated any amount under Net Prior Period Expenses. Accordingly, it has been considered Nil for FY 2009-10.

Other Expenses Capitalized**Petitioner's Submission**

Generally, Employee Cost and Administration & General Expenses are incurred at the corporate office and other field offices and the same are apportioned to Capital Work in Progress (WIP) at pre-determined rates. Since such portion of common expenses are booked and included in their respective revenue expense heads, they are reduced under the head "Other expenses capitalized" due to their capitalization in Capital WIP in the books.

Commission's Analysis

The Commission has considered Other Expenses Capitalized at the same level as that approved in its Tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009, i.e Rs 4472 Lakhs.

Summing up

The Other Expenses for FY 2009-10 considered for APR are shown in the table below, and summed up under the head Total Other Costs.

Table 29: Other expenses for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Other Debits	118	514	118
Extraordinary Items	4	0	4
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0	0	0
Other Expenses Capitalised	(4472)	(5434)	(4472)
Total Other Costs	(4350)	(4920)	(4350)

3.11. Return on Equity

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted the revised estimate of Return on Equity for FY 2009-10 as Rs 6339 Lakhs. The Return on Equity has been computed at 14% on the average equity, which is the opening balance of equity and normative additions during the year, arrived at by considering 30% of the capital expenditure net of consumer contribution and grants funded from equity.

Table 30: RoE estimated by MGVCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10
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Return on Equity	6597	3068	3222	6339
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Commission's Analysis

The Commission has observed that against the approved RoE of Rs.6597 Lakhs in its Order dated 14th December 2009 by the Commission, the Petitioner has claimed RoE of Rs. 6339 Lakhs.

While the Petitioner has calculated RoE on the capital expenditure incurred, the Commission has considered expenditure capitalized, for the purpose of calculation of RoE.

On the funding of capital expenditure, the Commission has considered funding from the consumer contributions and grants as per the Petitioner's submission. Balance capital expenditure is assumedly funded in the ratio proposed by the Petitioner (70%:30%).

The Commission's analysis of the RoE is detailed below:

Table 31: Approved RoE for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Opening Equity Capital	44170	43082	44170
Equity Additions during the Year	5910	4399	4399
Closing Equity	50079	47481	48569
Average Equity	47125	45281	46369
Rate of Return on the Equity	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Return on Equity	6597	6339	6492



3.12. Taxes

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated that the income tax for FY 2009-10 is Rs 979 Lakhs as against Rs 107 Lakhs as approved by the Commission in the MYT Order.

The Petitioner has calculated tax considering applicability of the Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT). Further, tax is calculated on the RoE as estimated by the Petitioner.

Commission's View

Since taxes are considered to be pass-through, the Commission has considered the tax amount as the same as approved in the MYT Order ie. Rs107 Lakhs for the FY 2009-10. It will consider the actual tax paid during the true-up process of FY 2009-10.

Table 32: Taxes for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Provision for Tax	107	979	107

3.13. Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2009-10

Based on the analysis of each component discussed above, the Aggregate Revenue Requirement of the Petitioner for FY 2009-10 as approved by the Commission in its order dated 14th December, 2009, as estimated by the Petitioner in the APR Petition and as approved by the Commission in this Order, is given in Table 33 below:

Table 33: Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Cost of Power Purchase	190135	255606	238568



Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	29340	31385	29340
Employee Cost	21475	24073	21475
Repair & Maintenance	4240	3628	4240
Administration & General Charges	3625	3684	3625
Depreciation	9664	9630	9626
Interest & Finance Charges	4230	4901	5067
Interest on Working Capital	2273	3013	2547
Other Debits	118	514	118
Extraordinary Items	4	0	4
Provision for Bad Debts	223	279	247
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0	0	0
Other Expenses Capitalized	(4472)	(5434)	(4472)
Sub-Total	231515	299895	281045
Return on Equity	6597	6339	6492
Provision for Tax / Tax Paid	107	979	107
Total Expenditure	238219	307214	287644
Less: Non-Tariff Income	3302	7331	7331
Aggregate Revenue Requirement	234917	299883	280313

3.14. Revenue from sale of power for FY 2009-10

Petitioner's submission



During H1 of FY 2009-10, the Petitioner has earned revenue of Rs. 134328 Lakhs. The Petitioner has revised its revenue estimates for FY 2009-10 to Rs. 279372 Lakhs, as against Rs. 215917 Lakhs that was approved by the Commission in its Tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009. The H1 revenues are at actual (including FPPPA charges) and the H2 revenue has been estimated by considering an FPPPA of Rs. 0.77 per unit.

Table 34: Estimated Revenue in FY 2009-10

(Rs Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	H1 Actual FY 2009-10	H2 Estimated FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVL for FY 2009-10
LT Consumers				
Residential	45086	31786	28356	60142
Commercial	24136	16014	18883	34897
Industrial LT	22916	13877	16745	30623
Public Water Works	3737	2733	2937	5670
Agriculture	7651	7235	8662	15897
Public Lighting	2052	1144	1214	2358
LT Total (A)	105580	72791	76797	149588
HT Consumers				
Industrial HT	93173	50894	56311	107205
Railway Traction	17164	10644	11936	22580
HT Total (B)	110337	61538	68247	129785
Grand Total (A + B)	215917	134328	145044	279372

Commission's View

The Commission has estimated the Power purchase cost for H2 based on the estimated average realization (as per Order dated 14th Dec 2009) for FY 2009-10, as shown in the table below.



Table 35: Estimated Average Realization during FY 2009-10

Consumer Category	Approved Sales as per Order dated 14th Dec 2009	Approved Revenue as per Order dated 14th Dec 2009	Estimated Average Realization
	MUs	Rs. Lakhs	Rs/kWh
LT Consumers			
Residential	1435	44744	3.12
Commercial	520	22058	4.24
Industrial LT	484	23197	4.80
Public Water Works	146	4053	2.77
Agriculture	852	8274	0.97
Street Light	61	2070	3.42
LT Total	3497	104395	
HT Consumers			
Industrial HT	2016	100245	4.97
Railway Traction	346	18214	5.26
HT Total	2363	118459	
TOTAL	5860	222854	

Table 36: Projected Revenue in H2 – FY 2009-10

Particulars	Estimated Sales H2	Estimated Average Realization	Total Revenue
	MUs	Rs/kWh	Rs. Lakhs
LT Consumers			
Residential	659	3.12	20551
Commercial	311	4.24	13186
Industrial LT	280	4.80	13429
Public Water Works	69	2.77	1914
Agriculture	459	0.97	4455
Public Lighting	32	3.42	1095



LT Total (A)	1810		54629
HT Consumers			
Industrial HT	970	4.97	48226
Railway Traction	193	5.26	10148
HT Total (B)	1163		58374
Grand Total (A + B)	2973		113003

The total estimated revenue for FY 2009-10 is as shown in Table 37 below.

Table 37: Projected Revenue for FY 2009-10

(Rs Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
LT Consumers			
Residential	44744	60142	52337
Commercial	22058	34897	29200
Industrial LT	23197	30623	27307
Public Water Works	4053	5670	4647
Agriculture	8274	15897	11690
Public Lighting	2070	2358	2239
LT Total (A)	104395	149588	127419
HT Consumers			
Industrial HT	100245	107205	99120
Railway Traction	18214	22580	20792
HT Total (B)	118459	129785	119911
Grand Total (A + B)	222854	279372	247331

3.15. Non-Tariff Income

Non-tariff income comprises interest on loans & advances to employees/contractors, income from investments with banks, Delayed Payment Surcharges from consumers etc.

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated Non-Tariff Income for FY 2009-10 of Rs. 7331 as against Rs 3302 Lakhs approved by the Commission in its Tariff Order dated 14th December, 2009.



Commission's views

The Commission has noted the submissions by the Petitioner and has accepted the estimate of the Non-Tariff Income as shown in Table 38 below.

Table 38: Approved Non-Tariff Income for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Non-Tariff Income	3302	7331	7331

3.16. Other Consumer related Income for FY 2009-10

Revenue from Other Consumer Related Income includes revenue on account of imposed charges and excludes the basic charges applicable to consumers. These include incomes on account of meter rent, wheeling charges, Inspection charges and miscellaneous charges.

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated Other Consumer related Income for FY 2009-10 as Rs 4938 Lakhs. Income from related income in H1 was Rs 2412 Lakhs.

Commission's views

The Commission has accepted the estimate of the Other Consumer related income as proposed by the Petitioner as shown in Table 39 below.

Table 39: Consumer Related Income for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Other Consumer related Income	7392	4938	4938



3.17. Subsidy for FY 2009-10**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has revised the amount of agricultural subsidy to Rs 39691 Lakhs from Rs 41100 Lakhs. Further, it has not estimated any amount under other subsidy in FY 2009-10.

Commission's views

It is observed that the Petitioner has not assumed any amount under the head Other Subsidies for FY 2009-10. The Petitioner had not provided any explanation in the Petition for the same, therefore a clarification was sought from the Petitioner. In response to the query it was mentioned that it is not discontinued and the same is included in Non- Tariff income. It was explained that this was done to ensure consistency with the accounts as this amount appears under the non tariff income head in the financial accounts of the Petitioner. Based on the response of the Petitioner, the Commission has accepted the subsidy amount for FY 2009-10 as proposed by the Petitioner.

Table 40: Subsidy for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Agriculture Subsidy	7971	7867	7867
Other Subsidies	4200	0	0
Total Subsidy	12171	7867	7867

3.18. Total Revenue for FY 2009-10

The total expected revenue of the company for the FY 2009-10, including revenue from sale of power at existing tariff, other consumer related income, agriculture subsidy and other subsidies is summarised below:

Table 40: Total Revenue for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Revenue with Existing Tariff	222854	279372	247331
Other Income (Consumer related)	7392	4938	4938
Total Revenue excluding subsidy	230246	284311	252269
Agriculture Subsidy	7971	7867	7867
Other Subsidies	4200	0	0
Total Revenue including subsidy	242418	292177	260136

3.19. Estimated Revenue Gap for FY 2009-10

Based on the above, the estimated revenue gap for FY 2009-10 at existing tariff is as outlined in the table below:

Table 41: Estimated Revenue Gap for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates considered for APR
Revised Aggregate Revenue Requirement	234917	299883	280313
Total Revenue including Subsidy	242418	292177	260136
Revised Provisional Gap for FY 2009-10	(7500)	7706	20177



4. Determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2010-11

4.1. Sales

Petitioner's Approach to Sales Projections

The Petitioner has adopted the historical trend method, using CAGR to estimate the number of consumers, the connected load and the energy consumption. This is based on the assumption that the historical trend provides insight into the behaviour of each category. The Petitioner has also stated that the Commission has accepted this methodology in the MYT Order.

As per the methodology discussed above, the Petitioner has submitted the break-up of the past sales, number of consumers and connected load and their respective CAGR for different periods (five-year, three-year and year-on-year), as discussed in the subsequent sections².

Category-wise break up of Sales and the CAGR for different periods (five-year, three-year and year-on-year) as submitted by the Petitioner is as follows:

Table 42: Historical Trend in Category-wise Units sold

(MU)

MGVCL	FY04-05	FY05-06	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10 (Projection)
LT Consumers						
Residential	896	973	1078	1185	1316	1458
Commercial	283	310	348	407	463	590
Industrial LT	335	357	388	432	446	526
Public Water Works	97	102	107	119	133	144
Agriculture	745	743	723	746	817	852 ³
Street Light	44	46	50	53	57	59
Temporary Supply at LT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LT Total	2400	2531	2693	2942	3232	3629

² The five-year CAGR is for the period FY 2004-05 to FY 2008-09. The three-year CAGR is for the period FY 2006-07 to FY 2008-09.

³ Revised agriculture sales as considered by the Commission for FY 2009-10



MGVCL	FY04-05	FY05-06	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10 (Projection)
LT Consumers						
Industrial HT	1325	1327	1553	1618	1839	1894
Railway Traction	255	266	280	305	329	374
HT Total	1580	1593	1833	1923	2168	2268
TOTAL	3980	4124	4527	4865	5400	5897

Table 43: Category-wise Growth rates of Units Sold

Sales	CAGR (5 year) FY 09 over 05	CAGR (3 year) FY 09 over 07	FY 08 over FY 07	FY 09 over FY 08	FY 10 over FY 09
Low Tension Consumers					
Residential	10.09%	10.51%	10.0%	11.06%	10.79%
Commercial	13.10%	15.38%	17.1%	13.71%	27.43%
Industrial LT	7.42%	7.21%	11.3%	3.24%	17.94%
Public Water Works	8.21%	11.49%	11.0%	12.01%	8.27%
Agriculture	2.33%	6.30%	3.2%	9.47%	4.28%
Street Light	6.69%	6.77%	5.7%	7.82%	3.51%
Temporary Supply at LT	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
LT Total	7.72%	9.54%	9.2%	9.85%	12.28%
High Tension Consumers					
Industrial HT	8.54%	8.82%	4.2%	13.67%	2.99%
Railway Traction	6.58%	8.40%	8.9%	7.93%	13.68%
HT Total	8.23%	8.75%	4.9%	12.76%	4.61%
TOTAL	7.93%	9.22%	7.5%	11.00%	9.20%

Category-wise break-up of number of Consumers and the CAGR for different periods (five-year, three-year and year-on-year), submitted by the Petitioner is as follows:

Table 44: Category-wise No. of Consumers

MGVCL	FY04-05	FY05-06	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10 (Projection)
LT Consumers						
Residential	1522662	1576731	1636477	1746777	1946349	2048532
Commercial	200506	205384	211997	219495	228619	238130
Industrial LT	21457	21979	22859	23811	24712	25720
Public Water Works	5958	6345	6703	7085	7358	7775
Agriculture	56041	57327	57987	59684	62290	68239
Street Light	4428	4486	4603	4796	5018	5250
Temporary Supply at LT	0	0	0	0	0	0



LT Total	1811052	1872252	1940626	2061648	2274346	2393646
LT Consumers						
Industrial HT	856	875	928	994	1111	1184
Railway Traction	6	6	6	6	6	6
HT Total	862	881	934	1000	1117	1190
TOTAL	1811914	1873133	1941560	2062648	2275463	2394836

Table 45: Growth rate of no. of Consumers

No. of Consumers	CAGR (5 year) FY 09 over 05	CAGR (3 year) FY 09 over 07	FY 08 over FY 07	FY 09 over FY 08	FY 10 over FY 09
LT Consumers					
Residential	6.33%	9.06%	6.7%	11.43%	5.25%
Commercial	3.33%	3.85%	3.5%	4.16%	4.16%
Industrial LT	3.59%	3.97%	4.2%	3.78%	4.08%
Public Water Works	5.42%	4.77%	5.7%	3.85%	5.67%
Agriculture	2.68%	3.64%	2.9%	4.37%	9.55%
Street Light	3.18%	4.41%	4.2%	4.63%	4.62%
Temporary Supply at LT	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
LT Total	5.86%	8.26%	6.2%	10.32%	5.25%
LT Consumers					
Industrial HT	6.74%	9.42%	7.1%	11.77%	6.57%
Railway Traction	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
HT Total	6.69%	9.36%	7.1%	11.70%	6.54%
TOTAL	5.86%	8.26%	6.2%	10.32%	5.25%

Break-up of the Connected Load and CAGR for different periods (five-year, three-year and year-on-year) submitted by the Petitioner is as follows:

Table 46: Category-wise Connected Load

(MW)

MGVCL	FY04-05	FY05-06	FY06-07	FY07-08	FY08-09	FY09-10 (Projection)
LT Consumers						
Residential	1132	1192	1357	1520	1554	1666
Commercial	284	258	290	390	404	435
Industrial LT	355	367	391	408	409	428
Public Water Works	58	66	83	73	65	75
Agriculture	450	460	499	510	480	500
Street Light	19	16	20	25	30	69
Temporary Supply at LT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LT Total	2296	2358	2639	2927	2942	3173
LT Consumers						
Industrial HT	536	539	538	606	651	702



Railway Traction	74	77	76	78	78	78
HT Total	610	616	614	684	729	780
TOTAL	2906	2974	3253	3611	3671	3953

Table 47: Growth Rate for Connected Load (in MW)

Load	CAGR (5 year) FY 09 over 05	CAGR (3 year) FY 09 over 07	FY 08 over FY 07	FY 09 over FY 08	FY 10 over FY 09
LT Consumers					
Residential	8.25%	7.02%	12.1%	2.20%	7.23%
Commercial	9.24%	17.99%	34.6%	3.40%	7.75%
Industrial LT	3.63%	2.33%	4.4%	0.34%	4.54%
Public Water Works	2.93%	-11.44%	-11.7%	-11.13%	15.21%
Agriculture	1.67%	-1.85%	2.3%	-5.80%	4.12%
Street Light	12.37%	21.45%	24.4%	18.62%	133.90%
Temporary Supply at LT	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
LT Total	6.39%	5.58%	10.9%	0.51%	7.87%
LT Consumers					
Industrial HT	4.98%	10.00%	12.7%	7.39%	7.83%
Railway Traction	1.32%	1.31%	2.9%	-0.23%	0.00%
HT Total	4.56%	8.96%	11.5%	6.52%	7.00%
TOTAL	6.01%	6.22%	11.0%	1.65%	7.69%

Commission's Approach for Sales Projections for FY 2010-11

The Commission has adopted the same approach that has been adopted in the MYT Order as well as by the Petitioner, in its submission for revised estimation of FY 2009-10. However, the Commission has examined the assumptions on category-wise CAGR, vis-à-vis the growth outlook in each category and accordingly approved the same.

The Petitioner's submission and the Commission's view for each consumer category are given below:



a. Residential Category**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has submitted that it had witnessed a double digit growth in the units sold in the last few years. The year-on-year growth rate between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 was 10.79%

The number of consumers added in this category has witnessed a three-year CAGR of 9.06% p.a. (between FY 2007-08 and FY 2009-10). Further, The connected load grew by 7.23% between FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09. The Petitioner expects the above trend to continue

Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 25% of total energy sales of the company. The Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order approved 1658 MUs for FY 2010-11. The revised sales based on CAGR as discussed in the above paragraph works out to be 1615 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR, as projected by the Petitioner. It has also considered the recent trend. Since there was no significant difference between the sales projected by the Petitioner and those projected by the Commission, the Commission has approved the sales projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010- 11.

Table 48 : Revised Approved Residential Sales for FY 2010-11

(MU)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Residential	1658	1615	1615

b. Commercial Category**Petitioner's Submission**

The Petitioner has submitted that commercial category had witnessed a double digit growth in last few years which has been in the range of 12% to 17%. Accordingly, it has assumed growth rate of 12% for FY 2010-11.

Further, CAGR recorded for the growth in consumers between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09 was 4.16% p.a. The Company expects the same trend to continue for FY 2010-11.

Three-year CAGR recorded between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09 for in the connected load was 17.99% p.a. the Petitioner believes that this high growth rate may not sustain. And accordingly has estimated 8% growth rate for the FY 2010-11.

Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 10% of total energy sales of the company. Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 567 MUs. The revised sales assumption based on the CAGR as projected in the above paragraph works out to be 661 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR as projected by Petitioner and also considered the recent trend. Based on the analyses the Commission has approved the sales as projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010- 11.

Table 49 : Revised Approved Commercial Sales for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Commercial	567	661	661

c. Industrial LT Category

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that Industrial LT has recorded a growth of 4.08% between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10. Further, three years CAGR i.e. between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008- 09, for the growth in consumers and connected load were



2.33% p.a. and 4.54% p.a. respectively. The Petitioner expects the same trend to continue for FY 2010-11.

Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 9%-10% of total energy sales of the company. Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 550 MUs. The revised sales based on the CAGR as projected in the above paragraph work out to be 547 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR as projected by the Petitioner and also considered the recent declining trend. Based on the analysis the Commission has approved the sales as projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010- 11.

Table 50 : Revised Approved Industrial Sales for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Industrial LT	550	547	547

d. Public Water Works

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that the three-year CAGR for sales between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09 was 11.49% p.a. The Petitioner expects the above trend to continue.

The number of consumers added in the category has witnessed a CAGR of 4.77% p.a. between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09. The Petitioner expects the above trend to continue.

The connected load has been growing at a CAGR of 2.93 % p.a. between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09. The company expects a growth rate to continue.



Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 2 to 3% of total energy sales of the company. The Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 141 MUs. The revised sales based on the CAGR assumed as projected in the above paragraph works out to be 161 MUs.

For FY 2009-10, the Commission has analyzed sales projections on the basis of CAGR as assumed by the Petitioner and has also considered the recent trend. The Commission has approved the sales projected by Petitioner for FY 2010-11.

Table 51: Revised Approved Public Water Works for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Public Water Works	141	161	161

e. Agriculture Category

Petitioner's submission

The sales to this category constitute about 14% of the total energy sales of the company. The consumption of electricity by irrigation pump-sets is not metered, except for the connections released during the recent years. The Petitioner has submitted that it plans to release around 5300 new connections under this category. The Petitioner has estimated an additional connected load of 40 MW, based on their current norm of 10 HP per connection. The average consumption on metered connections is proposed at 700 kWh/HP/Annum. The consumption on unmetered consumers is 1700 kWh/HP/Annum. For projection of sales for additional connections, the Petitioner has proposed 1200 kWh/ HP/ Annum $((700+1700)/2=1200)$. This would translate into an additional consumption of around 64 MU (1200 kWh/ HP/ Annum) as shown below:



Table 52: Sales proposed for Agriculture FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Release of Pending Agriculture Connections	Unit	FY 2010-11
Number of New Agriculture Connections	Nos.	5300
Total Additional Load in MW	MW	40
Additional Load Added in HP	HP	53000
Additional Demand on Account of New Agriculture Connections	MU	64

Commission's View

The Commission has noted that all the proposed new connections will be metered connections. Further, taking a simple average of metered and unmetered consumption would not be the correct approach, as the number of connections is not the same in both the categories.

It is also observed by the Commission that although number of unmetered connections has not increased but the average load (HP) has increased in last three years. Thus, taking the same load as approved in the MYT Order would not be a correct approach.

In order to estimate the agriculture consumption for FY 2010-11 for both metered and unmetered connections the Commission has considered the current load (HP) as submitted in the revised Formats by the Petitioner. Based on the HP, the load (in MW) and Sales is computed (assuming 1700 kWh/HP/year and 650 kWh/HP/year for unmetered and metered connections respectively).

Total metered connections are arrived by addition of the existing connections and the new connections proposed to be added during the year by the Petitioner (41697 + 5300=46997). Unmetered connections is as considered by the Commission in MYT Order.

Table 53 : Estimated Metered and Unmetered Sales in FY 2010-11

FY 2010-11	Sales (MU's)	No. of Consumers	Load (in MW)	Load (in HP)
Metered	290	46997	332	445602
Unmetered	472	26542	207	277380
Total	761	73539	539	722982



The agriculture sales as approved in MYT Order, revised estimates submitted by the Petitioner and approved sales by the Commission is shown below:

Table 54: Total Revised Sales for Agriculture FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Agriculture metered	355	491	290
Agriculture unmetered	477	473	472
Total	832	964	761

Street (Public) Lighting

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that sales and growth in number of consumers between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 has grown by 3.51% p.a. and 4.62% respectively and the Petitioner expects the above trend to continue.

Three-year CAGR between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09 witnessed for the connected load was 21.45% p.a. However, Petitioner has submitted that this high growth rate may not sustain and accordingly it has estimated 5.00% growth rate for the FY 2010-11.

Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 0.5% to 1% of total energy sales. The Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 63 MUs. The revised sales based on the CAGR works out to 61 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR as projected by the Petitioner and also considered the recent trend. Since there was no significant difference between the sales projected by the Petitioner and that projected by the Commission, the Commission has approved the sales projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010-11.



Table 55 : Revised Approved Public Lighting Sales for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Public Lighting	63	61	61

g. Industrial HT Category

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that three-year CAGR for sales and growth in number of consumers was 8.82 % p.a. and 9.42% respectively. The Petitioner expects the above trend to continue.

Three-year CAGR between FY 2006-07 and FY 2008-09 witnessed for the connected load was 10% p.a. However, Petitioner has submitted that this high growth rate may not sustain and accordingly it has estimated 5.00% growth rate for the FY 2010-11.

Commission's View

The sales to this category constitute about 32% of total energy sales of the company. The Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 2138 MUs. The revised sales based on CAGR as discussed in the above paragraph works out to be 2061 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR as projected by the Petitioner and also considered the recent trend. Since there was no significant difference between the sales projected by the Petitioner and that projected by the Commission, the Commission has approved the sales projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010-11.



Table 56: Revised Approved Industrial HT for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Industrial HT	2138	2061	2061

h. Railway Traction Category

Petitioner's submission

The petitioner has submitted that the five -year CAGR between FY 2003-04 and FY 2008- 09 for units sold to this category was 6.58% p.a. The petitioner expects the same trend to continue for FY 2010-11.

Commission's analysis

The sales to this category constitute about 6% of total energy sales of the company. The Commission in its Multi-Year Tariff Order dated Jan 17, 2009 approved 349 MUs. The revised sales based on CAGR as discussed in the above paragraph works out to 399 MUs.

For FY 2010-11, the Commission has analyzed the sales projections on the basis of CAGR as projected by MGVCCL and has also considered the recent trend. Based on the analyses the Commission, the Commission has approved the sales projected by the Petitioner for FY 2010-11.

Table 57: Revised Approved Railway Traction for FY 2009-10

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Railway Traction	349	399	399



Total Energy Sales

Based on above discussions, total energy sales as projected by the Petitioner and as approved by the Commission for FY 2010-11 are shown Table 58 below:

Table 58 : Approved Sales for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Consumer Category	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Low Tension Consumers			
Residential	1658	1615	1615
Commercial	567	661	661
Industrial LT	550	547	547
Public Water Works	141	161	161
Agriculture - Metered	832	491	290
Agriculture - Un-Metered		473	472
Street Light	63	61	61
Temporary Supply at LT	0	0	0
LT Total	3811	4009	3806
High Tension Consumers			0
Industrial HT	2138	2061	2061
Railway Traction	349	399	399
HT Total	2487	2460	2460
TOTAL	6298	6468	6266

4.2. Distribution Losses and Energy Input Requirement

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that the company has made all possible efforts to reduce losses and its efforts shall continue and will be enhanced. Further, the Petitioner states that the revised estimate of distribution losses for the FY 2009-10 is 14.00% and improvement will be made on that level. In view of this, it has assumed that the distribution losses would be 14.00% in FY 2010-11.

Commission's view

The Commission has noted the submission made by the Petitioner. It must be noted that distribution loss is a controllable parameter and the licensee must strive to keep



the distribution loss within the limits prescribed in the loss trajectory. The Commission has estimated the energy requirement based on the projected distribution losses. However it is clarified that this shall not be considered as approval of the higher distribution loss and the Commission will undertake the true-up based on the MYT approved distribution losses of 13%.

Table 59: Distribution Losses approved by Commission for FY 2010-11

(%)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Distribution Loss	13.00	14.00	14.00

The energy balance based on the approved distribution loss and transmission loss as per GETCO order is given in table below:

Table 60: Energy Balance considered for FY 2010-11

(MUs)

Particulars	Unit	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Energy Sales	MUs	6298	6468	6266
Distribution Losses	MUs	941	1053	1020
	%	13.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Energy Requirement	MUs	7239	7521	7286
Transmission Losses	MUs	301	404	319
	%	3.99%	5.10%	4.20%
Total Energy to be input to Transmission System	MUs	7540	7925	7605
Pooled Losses in PGCIL System	MUs	129	151	151
Total Energy Requirement	MUs	7669	8077	7756



4.3. Total Power Purchase Cost

The total cost of power purchase estimated by the Petitioner would comprise of the following components

- a. Cost of the energy or power purchase cost based on PPA allocation and merit order despatch
- b. Transmission charges of GETCO and PGCIL
- c. SLDC fees and charges
- d. Allocated gap/surplus of GUVNL
- e. E-Urja Cost (part of GUVNL cost)

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted revised power purchase cost for FY 2010-11 as shown below:

Table 61: Revised Power Purchase Cost submitted by MGCVL

(Rs. Lakhs)

S.No.	Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVL for FY 2010-11
1	Power Purchase Cost through Merit Order	215196	267461
2	Transmission Costs to PGCIL & GETCO	16980	37942
	GUVNL	717	717
3	E-Urja Cost	0	0
4	SLDC Fees & Charges	0	167
5	Total Power Purchase Cost	232893	306287

The section below discusses the approach adopted by the Petitioner for each of the above components and gives the Commission's views on the same.

a. Cost of energy

Once the energy requirement is arrived at, the power purchase cost is worked out by applying merit order dispatch principles for the allocated capacities/PPAs. In view of



this, the allocation of capacities/PPAs and the principles and methodology for merit order dispatch adopted by the Petitioner, are discussed in the section below.

Allocation of Capacities/PPAs

The Petitioner has stated that the company has been allocated PPAs as mentioned in Table 62. The Petitioner has also stated that while most of the stations already exist, some are expected to come online during the FY 2010-11. Further, GUVNL has discontinued supply of power to Torrent Power Limited (TPL) from August, 2009 pursuant to the commissioning of Sugan CCPP. In view of this, the capacity retained by GUVNL for supply of power to TPL's Ahmedabad and Surat distribution areas has been allocated to the four distribution companies of Gujarat viz. DGVCL, MGVCL, PGVCL and UGVCL.

Table 62: PPA Allocation for FY 2010-11

(MW)

Generating Stations	Allocated Capacity
Ukai TPS	170
Ukai Hydro	0
Gandhinagar I to IV	264
Gandhinagar V	63
Wanakbori I to VI	252
Wanakbori VII	0
Sikka TPS	48
Kutch Lignite I to III	0
Kutch Lignite IV	19
Dhuvaran oil	50
Kadana Hydro	61
Utran Gas Based	41
Dhuvaran Gas Based - Stage-I	21
Dhuvaran Gas Based - Stage-II	28
Utran Extension	94
Sikka Extension	0
ESSAR	90
GPEC	197
GIPCL II (160)	0
GIPCL-SLPP	0
GSEG	39
GIPCL - I (145)	13



Generating Stations	Allocated Capacity
GMDC - Akrimota	0
GSEG Expansion	88
GIPCL, Expansion	63
GSPC-Pipavav	175
NPC - Tarapur- 1&2	0
NPC - Kakrapar	39
NPC - Tarapur- 3&4	144
NTPC - KORBA	0
NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - I	0
NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - II	0
NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - III	112
NTPC - KAWAS	59
NTPC - JHANOR	123
NTPC - Kahalgaon	47
NTPC - Sipat Stage - II	0
SSNNL - Hydro	0
NTPC Kahalgaon (New)	0
NTPC North Karanpura	0
Sipat Stage-I	18
Wind Farms (Old Policy)	3
Wind Farms (New Policy)	130
Tarini Infrastructure Limited	1
APPL	0
Aryan	60

Merit Order Dispatch

The Petitioner has worked out a comprehensive merit order dispatch (MOD) following the same principles as approved in the previous Tariff Order of the Commission, wherein the Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC) power plants and hydro power plants viz., SSNNL hydro, NPC Tarapore and Kakrapar and Ukai hydro have been considered must-run power plants and excluded from the merit order dispatch. The dispatch from individual generating stations has been worked out following the merit order based on the variable cost of each generating unit / station

Commission's View on Purchase Cost for FY 2010-11

The Commission has considered energy requirement of the Petitioner for FY 2010-11 as given in the Table 60 and has also followed the merit order principles as adopted



by the Commission during MYT Order. In terms of sources of power, the Commission has considered the allocation of PPAs as submitted by the Petitioner for FY 2010-11.

In order to estimate the power purchase cost fixed and variable costs of GSECL stations are considered as per the Tariff order for GSECL for FY 2010-11. The fixed and variable costs of IPPs and the central stations are considered as approved in MYT Order.

Based on the above, the power purchase costs for the Control Period have been calculated and approved by the Commission is as given in Table 63 below:

Table 63 : Revised approved Cost of Energy (Plant wise) for FY 2010-11

MGVCL	Units Available (MU)	Units Dispatched (MU)	Fixed Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Variable Cost (Rs./Unit)	Variable Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Incentive (Rs. Lacs)	Total Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Per Unit Cost (Rs./Unit)
Ukai TPS	1002	1002	5459	1.43	14325	0	19784	1.97
Ukai Hydro	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Gandhinagar I to IV	1554	916	12790	1.59	14571	0	27361	2.99
Gandhinagar V	462	462	3329	1.48	6838	151	10318	2.23
Wanakbori I to VI	1708	512	8491	1.69	8657	251	17399	3.40
Wanakbori VII	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Sikka TPS	282	85	2507	1.72	1456	0	3964	4.68
Kutch Lignite I to III	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Kutch Lignite IV	116	116	2521	0.96	1110	0	3631	3.14
Dhuvaran oil	305	150	1750	3.44	5145	0	6896	4.61
Kadana Hydro	47	47	1871	0.00	0	0	1871	3.97
Utran Gas Based	317	95	1786	2.16	2052	103	3940	4.15
Dhuvaran Gas -I	163	49	1078	2.21	1081	45	2205	4.51
Dhuvaran Gas -II	215	64	1818	2.21	1426	60	3304	5.12
Utran Extension	637	191	7201	1.86	3556	0	10757	5.63
Sikka Extension	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
ESSAR	535	161	3332	2.01	3228	0	6560	4.08
GPEC	1170	351	13776	2.47	8670	0	22445	6.39
GIPCL II (160)	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
GIPCL-SLPP	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
GSEG	266	266	2881	1.48	3930	0	6811	2.56
GIPCL - I (145)	74	22	277	2.17	485	0	761	3.41
GMDC - Akrimota	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
GSEG Expansion	409	123	239	2.12	2598	0	2838	2.32



GIPCL, Expansion	380	114	4380	1.75	1994	0	6374	5.59
GSPC-Pipavav	292	88	479	2.12	1856	0	2335	2.67
NPC - Tarapur- 1&2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
NPC - Kakrapar	241	241	0	2.03	4892	0	4892	2.03
NPC - Tarapur- 3&4	911	911	0	2.73	24859	0	24859	2.73
NTPC - KORBA	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
VINDHYACHAL - I	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
VINDHYACHAL - II	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
VINDHYACHAL - III	728	728	5057	0.94	6841	0	11898	1.63
NTPC - KAWAS	401	120	3284	3.09	3715	0	6999	5.82
NTPC - JHANOR	838	251	6225	1.73	4350	0	10575	4.21
NTPC - Kahalgaon	305	305	2833	1.21	3687	0	6519	2.14
NTPC - Sipat - II	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
SSNNL - Hydro	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
NTPC Kahalgaon	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
NTPC Nt Karanpura	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Sipat Stage-I	117	35	1261	1.70	595	0	1857	5.30
Captive Power Plant	10	10	0	2.34	245	0	245	2.34
Wind (Old Policy)	7	7	0	1.75	123	0	123	1.75
Wind (New Policy)	263	263	0	3.37	8860	0	8860	3.37
Tarini Inds Limited	5	5	0	3.00	135	0	135	3.00
APPL	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Aryan	68	68	1060	0.21	142	0	1202	1.77
Total	13826	7756	95685	1.82	141423	610	237718	3.06

Table 64: Approved Cost of Energy for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Cost of Power through Merit Order	215196	267461	237718



b. Transmission Charges of GETCO and PGCIL**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has considered transmission charges to GETCO as per the tariff petition filed by GETCO for the FY 2010-11

Table 65: Revised Transmission Charges as submitted by MGVCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Transmission Charges of Utilities	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
GETCO Charges	15262	31611
PGCIL Charges	1718	6331
Total Transmission Charges	16890	37942

The Petitioner has stated that the transmission charges of the PGCIL have been approved by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and are to be paid by the Petitioner on the basis of calculations in the Regional Energy Account of WRPC.

Commission's view

For approval of these charges, the Commission has considered the PGCIL transmission charges as submitted by the Petitioner. However, the transmission charges of GETCO have been computed on the basis of the transmission tariff approved by the Commission in GETCO's order for FY 2010-11 applied to the net capacity allocated to the Petitioner. The approved transmission charges payable to PGCIL and GETCO are as shown in the following table:



Table 66: Revised Approved Transmission Charges for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Transmission Charges	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
GETCO Charges	15262	31611	23457
PGCIL Charges	1718	6331	6331
Total Transmission Charges	16890	37942	29788

c SLDC Fees and Charges

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has proposed the SLDC Fees and Charges as proposed by SLDC in its petition for FY 2010-11, which are Rs 329.74/MW/ Half Year and Rs 534.21 /MW / Month respectively. The Petitioner has applied these charges on net capacity at 2357 MW. Total SLDC fees and charges for the Petitioner is estimated at Rs.167 Lakhs.

Commission's views

The Commission has recomputed SLDC fees and charges on the basis of the approval in SLDC's Order, which are Rs 375/MW/ Half Year and Rs 519 /MW/Month. These charges are being applied to the net capacity to calculate the total SLDC fees and charges which is estimated at Rs 165 Lakhs.

d. Allocated GUVNL Cost based on Gap / Surplus of GUVNL

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that GUVNL, the holding company formed on unbundling of the erstwhile GEB is entrusted with the responsibility of overall coordination between its subsidiary companies. It also undertakes the function of raising and managing the overall loan portfolio of GUVNL and its subsidiaries. It is currently supplying power to bulk licensees namely the Kandla Port Trust and undertakes trading of surplus power of Gujarat discoms to optimize the power



purchase cost. In view of the above, the revenue surplus / gap, if any, of GUVNL is allocated to the four Discoms.

Table 67: Revised Cost of GUVNL as submitted by MGVCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

GUVNL Cost Allocation	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by DGVCL for FY 2010-11
Revenue		
Revenue from sale of power to TPL-A +TPL-S		0
Revenue from sale of power to KPT	186933	911
Revenue from sale of power to Others		1170
Revenue from trade of Discom's Surplus		69690
Other Income		16174
Total Revenue from Sale of Power (A)		186933
Expenditure		
SLDC Fees & Charges	0	1
Power purchase cost as per PPA allocation	168480	1700
Average variable cost of Discom's surplus traded power		37229
Employee Cost	1846	2440
Admin and General Expenses	1141	851
Depreciation	862	128
Interest and Financial Charges	13123	20322
Share of E-Urja utilization charge	97	97
Total Expenses (B)	185549	62767
Amount of Cost Allocation (C=B-A)	(1384)	(25179)

Approach adopted for Estimation of Surplus/Gap of GUVNL and Allocation

This revenue surplus/gap is based on estimated Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR). The revenue from sales to bulk licensees and trading of surplus of energy from the Discoms has been deducted from the ARR, to arrive at the surplus/gap. The surplus/gap is then allocated to the Discoms on the basis of power purchase.



The Petitioner has submitted that while projecting GUNVL's revenue for FY 2010-11, the existing GERC approved tariff for KPT has been considered and the capacity retained by GUVNL for supply of power for TPL's Ahmedabad and Surat areas has been allocated to four Discoms from August 2009.

The Petitioner has also submitted that as per the current projections of demand and supply, the four Discoms shall have some surplus of energy during FY 2010-11, although this surplus is likely to appear only in terms of energy and not in terms of MW, i.e., the surplus is likely to be during off peak hours only. However, it has been assumed that 10% of the surplus being projected for a particular year shall be traded at a marginal cost plus a four paisa per unit trading margin. This has been included in the projections of GUVNL's expenses and revenues. Discoms would be able to recover some of the fixed cost that they pay for their allocated capacity from the revenues from trading.

Commission's View

GUVNL is the co-petitioner in the submission by the Petitioner. The Commission has noted the roles played and activities undertaken by GUVNL in the power sector of Gujarat. It has also noted the approach adopted by GUVNL in the allocation of surplus/gap. The Commission's view on the projected revenues and expenditure of GUVNL and the Petitioner's share of costs is analysed below:

Projected Revenue of GUVNL

The Commission has observed that the revenue from bulk licensees has been calculated by projecting the expected units to be sold to each one of them and the prices as per their respective PPAs. The Commission has also observed that sale to TPL-A and TPL-S has not been considered in FY 2010-11, as it has been discontinued since August 2009 and the incremental capacities available with GUVNL have been allocated among the Discoms. The Commission has noted that sale to others comprises the residual power left with GUVNL, after supplying to the above parties, with the assumption of a margin of four paisa over the respective costs of those units as the sale price of the units sold to others.

In order to estimate trading during the FY 2010-11, the Commission asked GUVNL to furnish detail with regards to the number of MUs traded by GUVNL during FY 2000-10 and it was found that the total MUs traded (including UI Sale) by GUVNL up to Feb 2010 is 2191 MUs. These MUs are considered as a base to project the surplus power to be sold in FY 2010-11. Further, the Commission understand the uncertainty



involved in estimation of surplus capacity with discoms and possibility of realization of sales.

Considering the peak deficit faced by the state, the Commission accepts that the surplus is more likely to be there during off peak hours; however, with the incremental capacities allocated to Discoms after discontinuation of supply to TPL Surat and Ahmedabad, it is expected that there is a possibility of further opportunity to optimize the net ARR through sale of surplus energy with Discoms. Based on the sales achieved in H1 of FY 2009-10, the Commission has estimated that GUVNL would be able to sell 3000 MUs during FY 2010-11.

Projected Expenses of GUVNL

The expenditure of GUVNL can broadly be divided into two parts – Operational Expenses and E-Urja Charges. Operational expenses include Employee Cost of GUVNL employees, A&G expenses, depreciation and interest and finance charges.

It is observed that while Administrative & General (A&G) expense has been reduced, there has been a significant increase in Employee Cost, and interest and finance charges. The Petitioner has not submitted any reasons for the increase in interest and finance charges. This being controllable expense, the Commission has not taken a view in this order, but it will be reviewed during the next Tariff Order. The approved GUVNL expenses for FY 2010-11 are presented in Table 68 below.

Table 68: Revised Approved GUVNL Operational Expenses

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Employee Cost	1846	2440	2440
A&G expenses	1141	851	851
Depreciation	862	128	128
Interest and Finance Charges	13123	20322	20322



e. E-Urja Cost**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has submitted that GUVNL has taken the assets created for the end-to-end ERP solution, namely, E-Urja, which is expected to benefit all the erstwhile GEB successor entities on its books. Hence, related costs such as depreciation, interest payment on the loans for the E-Urja project and the annual maintenance charges shall be allocated to the seven companies (including GUVNL) in the percentage of the number of licences provided to each company for use of the ERP package.

Commission's views

The Commission has observed that the benefits of E-Urja are accruing to all the entities and approved proportional share as submitted by the Petitioner.

Table 69: Revised Approved Cost E-Urja for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Annual Recurring Charges	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Depreciation	2826	2826	2826
Interest Cost	2136	2136	2136
Annual Maintenance Charges	960	960	960
Total Annual Expenditure	5923	5923	5922
Percentage of total licenses with the Company	12.11%	12.11%	12.11%
Allocation to the Company	717	717	717



Summary of (Surplus) / gap of GUVNL

Table 70: Approved GUVNL Cost for the FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

GUVNL Cost Allocation	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Revenue			
Revenue from Sale of Power to TPL-A +TPL-S		0	0
Revenue from Sale of Power to KPT		911	820
Revenue from Sale of Power to Others	186933	1170	1247
Revenue from trade of Discom's Surplus		69690	111177
Other Income		16174	16174
Total Revenue from Sale of Power (A)	186933	87945	129417
Expenditure			
SLDC Fees & Charges	0	1	1
Power purchase cost as per PPA allocation		1700	1813
Average Variable Cost of Discom's Surplus Traded Power	168480	37229	50635
Employee Cost	1846	2440	2440
Admin and General Expenses	1141	851	851
Depreciation	862	128	128
Interest and Financial Charges	13123	20322	20322
Share of E-Urja Utilization Charge	97	97	97
Total Expenses (B)	185549	62767	76285
Amount of Cost Allocation (C=B-A)	(1384)	(25179)	(53132)

GUVNL Cost Allocation

The surplus shown in the table above is distributed among all the discoms in the ratio of MUs purchased. This surplus will lead to reduction in the power purchase cost of the Petitioner as shown in the Table 71 below.



Table 71: Sharing of GUVNL Cost /(Surplus)

(Rs. Lakhs)

GUVNL Cost Allocation	2010-11				
	PGVCL	UGVCL	MGVCL	DGVCL	Total
MUs Purchased	20904	15410	7756	11789	55859
% of Allocation	37%	28%	14%	21%	100%
GUVNL Cost Allocated to Discoms	(19883)	(14658)	(7378)	(11214)	(53132)

Summary of Total Power Purchase Cost

The Commission's analysis of total power purchase cost is summarised in the table below:

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Table 72: Revised Total Power Purchase Cost for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Power Purchase Cost	215196	267461	237718
Transmission Costs to PGCIL & GETCO	16980	37942	29788
E-Urja Cost	717	717	717
GUVNL	0	0	(7378)
SLDC Fees & Charges	0	167	165
Total Power Purchase Cost	232893	306287	261010

4.4. O&M Expenditure

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expenditure comprises employee related Expenditure, Administrative and General (A&G) expenditure, and Repair and Maintenance (R&M) expenditure.



a. Employee Expenses**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has projected revised expenses of Rs. 20712 Lakhs as compared to the approved expenses of Rs. 20046 Lakhs for FY 2010-11 in the MYT Order.

Table 73: Employee Cost estimated by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11
Employee Cost	20046	20712

The Petitioner submitted that the Employee Cost has been estimated considering the trend of the past year's Employee Cost, increase in dearness allowance and other expenses such as House Rent Allowance (HRA). Further, revised expenses also include increase in salary resulting from regular increments and promotions.

The Petitioner has proposed an increase of 8% in Employee Cost on FY 2009-10 after excluding gratuity fund provision of Rs. 2330 Lakhs for FY 2010-11.

Commission's View

As discussed in the earlier section 'Approach for ARR for the FY 2010-11, the Commission has not revised the controllable expenses for FY 2010-11. Accordingly, it has considered the employee expenses as approved in the MYT Order. The approved employee expense for FY 2010-11 is shown below:



Table 74: Employee expenses approved by Commission for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Employee Cost	20046	20712	20046

b. R&M Expenses**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has revised the R&M expenses for FY 2010-11 to Rs. 3991 Lakhs as compared to the approved expenses of Rs. 4452 Lakhs for FY 2010-11 in the MYT Order.

Table 75: R&M expenses estimated by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11
Repair & Maintenance	4452	3991

Commission's View

As discussed in the earlier section 'Approach for ARR for the FY 2010-11, the Commission has not revised the controllable expenses for FY 2010-11. Accordingly, it has considered the R&M expenses as approved in the MYT Order. The approved R&M expense for FY 2010-11 is shown in Table 76 below:



Table 76: Approved R&M expenses of MGVCL for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Repair & Maintenance	4452	3991	4452

c. Administration & General (A&G) Expenses**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has revised the A&G expenses for FY 2010-11 to Rs. 3979 Lakhs. The same has been estimated by considering 8% increase on the provisional A&G expenses of FY 2010-11. The approved expenses as per the MYT Order for FY 2010-11 were Rs. 3842 Lakhs.

Table 77: A&G expenses estimated by MGVCL for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
Administration & General Charges	3842	3979

Commission's View

The Commission has analyzed the submission by the Petitioner. Further, the Commission has also noted that the Petitioner has not provided any explanation for revision in A&G expenses. Since these expenses are controllable in nature, the Commission has not revised the approved expenses. The Commission's analysis of the A & G expenses is as given in the Table 78 below.



Table 78: Approved A&G expenses of MGVCL for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Administration & General Charges	3842	3979	3842

Summary of O & M expenses

The total O&M expenses approved by the Commission for FY 2010-11 is summarised in the following Table:

Table 79: Revised Approved O& M Expenses by Commission for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Employee Expenses	20046	20712	20046
Repair & Maintenance Costs	4452	3991	4452
Administration & General Charges	3842	3979	3842
Total O&M Expenses	28340	28682	28340

4.5. Capital Expenditure and Capitalization

The capital expenditure as submitted by the Petitioner is given in the Table 80 below:



Table 80: Proposed Capital Expenditure for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Sr. No.	Schemes	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
A	Distribution Schemes		
	Normal Development scheme	5230	4015
	System Improvement Scheme	790	960
	Zupadpattie	2005	1145
	Kutir Jyoti Scheme	1235	550
	Scheme of Meters	3564	0
	Total	12824	6670
B	Rural Electrification Schemes		
	TASP Wells & Patapas	4220	6000
	Special Compo. Plan	58	25
	Normal RE Works - wells	560	700
	Total	4838	6725
C	Others		
	Energy conservation	75	250
	Sagarkhedu	0	200
	Total	75	450
D	Non-Plan schemes		
	SCADA	0	0
	R - APDRP (Part A)	0	6200
	R - APDRP (Part B)	0	5000
	RGGVY	872	1500
	DRUM		500
	Total	872	13200
E	New Innovative Schemes		
	Line Capacitors	825	75
	Aerial Bunch Conductors	1452	850
	HVDS in selected sub-stations	6970	425
	Automatic Meter Reading	305	125
	GIS in Cities	65	0
	Automation & Computerization	100	10
	Customer Care Centre	0	0
	Under Ground Cables	230	170



Sr. No.	Schemes	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
	Replacement of Conductor/TC	205	160
	Misc.Civil+ Electrical Works	405	1400
	Other New Schemes	1135	300
	Total	11692	3515
F	Other Schemes		
	Urban development	190	400
	New gujarat Pattern	80	25
	Total	270	425
G	Pending Agriculture Connections	5091	0
I	Capital Expenditure Total	35662	30985

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted that all the schemes are in line with the schemes as approved by the Commission in the MYT Order. The only variation is change in capital expenditure against the Golden Goal Scheme which now stands withdrawn. Further, it submitted that similar activities (covered under Golden Goal Scheme) will be undertaken under the REC schemes under which it has estimated capital expenditure of Rs 6725 Lakhs. The revised capital expenditure for FY 2009-10 as submitted by the Petitioner is Rs 30985 Lakhs.

Table 81: Estimated Capital Expenditure for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
Capital Expenditure	35662	30985

Commission's View

The Commission noted that while the overall capital expenditure is marginally lower than the revised estimates, there is significant variation in the expenditure proposed against some of the schemes at the individual level. Also, some schemes have been proposed, which were not approved by the Commission during the MYT order.



In the regulated business where the returns to the investors are linked to the equity invested in the business, which is in turn linked to the existing asset base and assets added every year, a steep increase in the asset base every year will have an implication on the consumer through tariff. In view of this, all the capital expenditure needs to be prioritised and incurred, considering cost benefit analysis and its impact on consumers.

It must be noted here that the Petitioner is entitled to ROE and interest for the amount equivalent to assets put to use and not on the capital expenditure. In order to perform trend analyses of the actual capitalization, the Commission directed the Petitioner to submit the following data as shown in Table 82 below.

Table 82: Capital expenditure and Capitalization trend of last three years

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Average
Proposed Capital Expenditure	26000	18276	44763	89039
Actual Capital Expenditure incurred	22880	20737	27078	70694
Actual Capitalization	22123	20182	28761	71066
Ratio	85%	110%	64%	80%

The average actual capitalization achieved by the Petitioner is 80% hence the Commission has considered that the Petitioner will be able to capitalize 80% proposed capital expenditure and has accordingly approved the capitalization for FY 2010-11 as shown in Table 83 below

Table 83: Approved Capitalization for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Capital Expenditure	35662	30985	-
Capitalization	-	-	24730
Less : Consumer Contribution	4997	6197	6197
Grants	8952	10340	10340
Balance CAPEX	21713	14448	8194
Debt @ 70%	15199	10114	5736
Equity @ 30%	6514	4335	2458



4.6. Depreciation

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has considered Gross Fixed Assets & Depreciation for FY 2010-11 on the basis on closing balance of FY 2009-10 with the proposed addition during FY 2010-11 on the basis of revised capital expenditure plan for FY 2010-11. The Petitioner has further submitted that GERC regulations specify that the CERC rates have to be used for computation of depreciation. Therefore the Petitioner has revised the depreciation rates from 3.61% to 5.26% for FY 2010-11 in line with the new rates notified by CERC in the terms and conditions for tariff applicable for 2009 to 2014.

Table 84: Proposed Depreciation for 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11
Gross Block in the beginning of the Year	225032	198889
Additions during the Year (Net)	35662	30985
Depreciation for the Year	8756	11266
Average Rate of Depreciation	3.61%	5.26%

Commission's View

The Commission, in its MYT Order, had considered depreciation expenditure of Rs 8756 Lakhs for FY 2010-11, which amounts to 3.64% of Opening level of Gross Fixed Assets (GFA) of the Petitioner FY 2010-11. The revised closing GFA of the FY 2009-10 is considered as opening GFA for FY 2010-11 and the depreciation rates were considered as prescribed under GERC Tariff Regulations.

It must be noted here that Clause 17 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 specifies that depreciation shall be calculated annually based on Straight Line Method at rates specified in Appendix-III of the said regulations. Provided that, the remaining depreciable value as on 31st



March of the year closing after a period of 12 years from date of commercial operation shall be spread over the balance useful life of the assets.

It further specifies that in case of the existing projects, the balance depreciable value as on 1.4.2009 shall be worked out by deducting the cumulative depreciation as admitted by the Commission upto 31.3.2009 from the gross depreciable value of the assets.

The Petitioner has calculated the depreciation by applying the new rates on the total gross assets without segregating the assets as mentioned in the regulation. The Commission has considered the depreciation as submitted by the Petitioner but hereby directs the Petitioner to submit the recomputed depreciation as per Clause 17 of CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 during the truing-up of FY 2009-10.

As explained in the earlier section 'Capital Expenditure and Capitalization', the net addition to assets implies the total amount capitalized by the utility and not the capital expenditure incurred during any financial year. It may be noted that at the time of next APR process, the Commission will consider the depreciation based on actual capitalisation during the entire year, subject to prudence check, for the purpose of sharing of gains / losses.

Table 85: Depreciation Approved by Commission for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Gross Block in Beginning of the year	225032	198889	198889
Additions during the Year (Net)	35662	30985	24730
Depreciation for the Year	8756	11266	11102
Average Rate of Depreciation	3.61%	5.26%	5.26%



4.7. Interest Expenses

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has projected revised interest expenses of Rs. 8072 Lakhs for FY 2010-11 as compared to the approved expenses of Rs. 7929 Lakhs in the MYT Order.

Table 86: Projected Interest Expenses for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
Opening Loans	63946	51904
Loan Additions during the Year	7092	10114
Repayment during the Year	6395	5190
Closing Loans	64643	56828
Average Loans	64295	54366
Interest on Loan	6429	5825
Interest in Security Deposit	1342	2124
Guarantee Charges	158	124
Total Interest & Financial Charges	7929	8072
Less: Interest on Working Capital	-	3032
Net Interest & Financial Charges	7929	5040

The Opening balance of Loan for FY 2010-11 is revised to Rs. 51904 Lakhs as against Rs. 61174 Lakhs, which is closing balance as per MYT Order for FY 2009-10. The normative loan addition in FY 2010-11 is computed at Rs.10114 Lakhs as per the Capex funding plan discussed above. Repayment of loan has been computed assuming that 1/10th portion would be repaid in every Financial Year. The total repayment of existing and new loan during the year is computed at Rs. 5190 Lakhs.

Security Deposit and Guarantee Charges have been assumed at the same level as the provisional figures of FY 2009-10. Further, Interest and Finance Charges considered above also has an element of Interest on Working Capital which is claimed separately on a normative basis, hence the same is deducted to arrive at the final interest charges.



Commission's View

The Commission has noted that interest and finance charges approved in the MYT Order had an element of Interest on Working Capital which is claimed separately on a normative basis. The Petitioner, while claiming the interest and finance charges, has deducted the interest on working capital to avoid the double counting. However, the Commission feels that it is not a correct approach; rather than deducting interest on working capital from the total interest and finance charges, the principal loan amount should be segregated. The Commission has segregated the opening balance in proportion to the actual interest paid for capital expenditure and interest paid for financing the working capital in FY 2008-09 in its order dated December 14, 2009. The recomputed opening balance has been considered as the opening balance for FY 2009-10. The opening balance for FY 2010-11 is computed after adjusting the estimated loan requirements and repayments to be made in FY 2009-10.

The Commission has considered the revised weighted interest rate of 10.71 % as considered in the MYT order for estimating the interest cost for FY 2010-11. Further, interest on security deposit and guarantee charges has been considered as estimated by the Petitioner. The approved interest and finance charges, after considering the above allocation, are tabulated below.

Table 87: Interest & Financial Charges for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Opening Loans	63946	51904	26263
Loan Additions during the Year	7092	10114	10114
Repayment during the Year	6395	5190	2626
Closing Loans	64643	56828	33751
Average Loans	64295	54366	30007
Interest on Loan	6429	5825	3215
Interest in Security Deposit	1342	2124	2124
Guarantee Charges	158	124	124
Total Interest & Financial Charges	7929	8072	5463



4.8. Interest on Working Capital

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated interest on a normative working capital in accordance with the GERC Tariff Regulations which works out to Rs. 3464 Lakhs. However, instead of considering revenues for two months, revenues of the company for only one month have been considered for projecting the total working capital during FY 2009-10. The Petitioner has computed the interest on working capital at current short-term prime lending rate of SBI, that is, 10.25% as shown below.

Table 88: Interest on Working Capital submitted for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2010-11
O & M expenses	2362	2390
Maintenance Spares	1002	2209
Receivables	23404	29197
Total Working Capital	26768	33796
Rate of Interest on Working Capital	10.25%	10.25%
Interest on Working Capital	2744	3464

The Petitioner has further submitted that interest on working capital has been calculated based on the normative working methodology as specified by the Honourable Commission in its Terms and Conditions of Tariff Regulations. However, instead of considering revenues for two months, revenues of the company for only one month have been considered for projecting the total working capital during FY 2010-11.



Commission's View

The Commission has estimated the working capital as per Clause No. 66 of the GERC terms and conditions of tariff and accordingly considered the Operation & Maintenance expenses for one month; maintenance spares @ 1% of the historical cost escalated @ 6% per annum from the date of commercial operation; and receivables equivalent to one month of sales (in line with the same proposed by the Petitioner). Further, the estimation is based on O&M, historical costs and sales as approved by the Commission in this tariff order.

According to Regulation 20 (v) (b), the Commission, in its MYT order dated January 17, 2009, has taken the rate of interest on working capital equal to the short-term prime lending rate of SBI as on 01/04/2004, which was 10.25%.

The Commission has observed that while calculating the interest on working capital based on the above provision, the Petitioner has considered receivables equivalent to one month as submitted above. But instead of taking 1/12th of sales, the Petitioner has calculated 1/12th of ARR. The Commission has corrected this error and recomputed the normative interest on working capital at 10.25% as shown in Table 89 below

Table 89: Approved Interest on Working Capital for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
O & M expenses	2362	2390	2362
Maintenance Spares	1002	2209	2214
Receivables	23404	29197	20450
Total Working Capital	26768	33796	25026
Rate of Interest on Working Capital	10.25%	10.25%	10.25%
Interest on Working Capital	2744	3464	2565

4.9. Provision for Bad Debts

The Petitioner has estimated the provisioning for write-off of bad debts at 0.10% of the revenue from sale of power i.e Rs. 288 Lakhs. The Commission has recomputed the bad debts at 0.10% of the revenue as shown in the table below:

Table 90: Provision for Bad Debts

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Provision for Bad Debts	275	288	245

4.10. Other Expenses

Other Debits

For FY 2010-11, the Petitioner has projected Rs 514 Lakhs in other debits. As discussed above all the controllable expenses are considered as approved in the MYT Order dated Jan 17, 2009. Accordingly, the approved amount considered for the same is as shown in Table 91 below.

Extraordinary Items

For FY 2010-11, the Petitioner has not projected any amount under the head Extraordinary Items. The Commission has approved Rs 04 Lakhs in MYT Order. Accordingly, the approved amount in case of extraordinary Items is considered as Rs 04 Lakhs for FY 2010-11.

Prior period expenses

For FY 2010-11, the Petitioner has not projected any amount under the head of Prior period expenses. Accordingly, the approved amount in both the cases is nil for FY 2010-11.

Other Expenses Capitalized

The Petitioner has estimated that expenses capitalized for FY 2010-11 would be at the same levels as that of FY 2010-11. The Commission has considered Expenses



Capitalized as per the levels specified in the MYT Order. Accordingly, the approved amount in case of Other Expenses Capitalized is as shown in Table 91 below.

Table 91: Other expenses for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Other Debits	124	514	124
Extraordinary Items	4	0	4
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0	0	0
Other Expenses Capitalized	(4695)	(5434)	(4695)
Total Other Costs	(4567)	(4920)	(4571)

4.11. Return on Equity

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has submitted the revised estimate of Return on Equity for FY 2010-11 as Rs 6951 Lakhs. The RoE has been computed @ 14% of the average equity based on the opening balance of equity and normative additions during the year, which have been arrived at by considering 30% of the capital expenditure net of consumer contribution and grants as funded from equity.

Table 92: RoE for FY 2010-11 as submitted by MGVCCL

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2009-10
Opening Equity Capital	54435	47481
Equity Additions during the Year	6514	4335
Closing Equity	60949	51815
Average Equity	57692	49648
Rate of Return on the Equity	14.00%	14.00%



Return on Equity	8077	6951
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Commission's View

The Commission has considered the opening equity as per the estimated closing balance of equity in FY 2009-10. For the purpose of equity addition during the year, the Commission has considered capitalised cost instead of capital expenditure as considered by the Petitioner. The Commission has also deducted consumer contribution and Government grants to arrive at the normative equity portion of allowable capitalised cost. Return on Equity as approved by the Commission for FY 2010-11 is summarised in the following Table 93.

Table 93: RoE for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2009-10	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCL for FY 2009-10	Revised Approved for FY 2009-10
Opening Equity Capital	54435	47481	48569
Equity Additions during the Year	6514	4335	2458
Closing Equity	60949	51815	51027
Average Equity	57692	49648	49798
Rate of Return on the Equity	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
Return on Equity	8077	6951	6972

4.12. Taxes

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated that the income tax for FY 2010-11 is Rs 1074 Lakhs as against Rs 100 Lakhs as approved by the Commission in the MYT Order.

The Petitioner has calculated tax considering applicability of Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT). Further, tax is calculated on the RoE as estimated by the Petitioner. Additionally, Fringe Benefit Tax has been computed at 0.50% of the total employee cost for FY 2009-10.



Commission's View

Since taxes are considered to be pass through, the Commission has considered the tax amount as the same as approved in the MYT Order ie. Rs 100 Lakhs for the FY 2010-11.

Table 94: Taxes for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Provision for Tax	100	1074	100

4.13. Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2010-11

Based on the analysis of each component discussed above, the Aggregate Revenue Requirement of the Petitioner for FY 2010-11 as approved by the Commission in its MYT Order, as estimated by the Petitioner in the APR Petition and as approved by the Commission in this Order is provided in the following table:

Table 95 : Aggregate Revenue Requirement for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Cost of Power Purchase	232893	306286	261010
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	28340	28682	28340
Employee Cost	20046	20712	20046
Repair & Maintenance	4452	3991	4452
Administration & General Charges	3842	3979	3842
Depreciation	8756	11266	11102
Interest & Finance Charges	7929	5040	5463
Interest on Working Capital	2744	3464	2565
Other Debits	124	514	124



Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Extraordinary Items	4	0	4
Provision for Bad Debts	275	288	245
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0	0	0
Other Expenses Capitalised	(4695)	(5434)	(4695)
Sub-Total	276370	350107	304157
Return on Equity	8077	6951	6972
Provision for Tax / Tax Paid	100	1074	100
Total Expenditure	284547	358132	311229
Less: Non-Tariff Income	3698	7771	7771
Aggregate Revenue Requirement	280849	350361	303458

4.14. Revenue from sale of power for FY 2010-11

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated category wise revenue based on the existing tariff which works out to Rs. 288121 Lakhs for FY 2010-11. It includes the FPPPA charges at Rs 0.77/kWh.

Commission's View

The Commission has considered revenue on the basis of the revised approved sales and at existing tariffs. The Commission has considered the FPPPA charges at 0.12/kWh, as considered at the time of the MYT Order. Further, incremental income from the new tariff category has not been considered as the expected consumers who will fall in the new category would be marginal. Hence, the revenue impact of the



same would not be significant. The Commission's analysis of revenue from Sale of Power is provided in Table 96 below:

Table 96: Projected Revenue for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

	Revenue FY 2010-11		
	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
LT Consumers			
Residential	50072	59698	50826
Commercial	26933	36540	32995
Industrial LT	24750	28533	24975
Public Water Works	3962	5479	4435
Agriculture	7821	17106	7741
Street Light	2155	2486	2089
LT Total	115693	149840	123060
HT Consumers			
Industrial HT	100486	115387	101991
Railway Traction	17974	22893	20302
HT Total	118460	138280	122293
TOTAL	234153	288121	245354

4.15. Non-Tariff Income

Non-tariff income comprises interest on loans and advances to employees/contractors, income from investments with banks, Delayed Payment Surcharges from consumers etc.

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated Non-Tariff Income for FY 2010-11 by assuming 6% escalation over the estimated figures of FY 2009-10.

Commission's views

The Commission has considered the submissions by the Petitioner and has approved the projections made by the Petitioner. The approved Non-Tariff Income for FY 2010-11 is as shown in Table 97 below.



Table 97: Non-Tariff Income for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Non Tariff Income	3698	7771	7771

4.16. Other Consumer related Income for FY 2010-11

Revenue from Other Consumer Related Income comprises of revenue on account of charge imposed other than the basic charges applicable to the Consumers. These include income on account of meter rent, wheeling charges, Inspection charges and miscellaneous charges.

Petitioner's submission

The Petitioner has estimated Other Consumer related Income for FY 2010-11 by escalating the provisional figures of FY 2009-10 by the average increase in number of consumers during FY 2009-10.

Commission's views

The methodology adopted by the Petitioner is in line with the methodology adopted by the Commission in its MYT Order. Accordingly, the Commission has considered the Other Income for FY 2010-11 as submitted by the Petitioner. The Commission's analysis of the consumer related income is given in the table below:

Table 98: Other Consumer related Income for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Other Income	8022	5355	5355



4.17. Subsidy for FY 2010-11**Petitioner's submission**

The Petitioner has submitted that it has assumed that the agricultural subsidy will continue to be received by the four Discoms i.e. MGCVCL, PGVCL, UGVCL and DGVCL in proportion to their respective percentage share in agricultural consumption. Further, the Petitioner has assumed the quantum of agricultural subsidy at the same level as last year i.e., Rs. 110000 Lakhs for the FY 2010-11. Apart from the above, the Petitioner has submitted that the Petitioner writes back 10% of its balance amount of consumer contribution and government grants every year.

Commission's views

The Commission has noted that fact that no amount on account of other subsidy was written back by the Petitioner for FY 2010-11. A query was raised regarding the same by the Commission on 1st February 2010. The Petitioner has clarified that the amount of other subsidy be added to Non-tariff Income. This change have been proposed to ensure the consistency of the other income as shown in the annual accounts with the income (in the annual account other subsidies is a part of Non-tariff Income) shown/proposed in the ARR.

The Commission has the studied the methodology adopted by the Petitioner, has analyzed the quantum of subsidy as estimated by the Petitioner and accordingly approves the subsidy as shown in Table 99 below:

Table 99: Subsidy for FY 2009-10

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
% Share in Unmetered Agriculture Sales	6.83%	7.41%	7.41%
Share of Agriculture Subsidy	7511	8146	8146
Other Subsidies (Write back of C.C. / Grants)	3207	0	0
Total	10718	8146	8146



4.18. Total Revenue for FY 2010-11

The total expected revenue of the company for FY 2010-11 comprising of revenue from Sale of Power at existing tariff, Other Consumer-related Income, agriculture subsidy and Other Subsidies is summarised below:

Table 100: Total Revenue for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Revenue from sale of power at Current Tariff	234151	288121	245354
Other Income (Consumer related)	8022	5355	5355
Agriculture Subsidy	7511	8146	8146
Other Subsidies	3207	0	0
Total Revenue including Subsidy	252891	301622	258855

4.19. Estimated Revenue Gap for FY 2010-11

Based on the above, the estimated revenue gap for FY 2010-11 at existing tariff is as outlined in the table below:

Table 101: Estimated revenue gap during FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11
Revised ARR	280849	363625	303458
Revenue from Sale of Power	234151	288121	245354
Other Income (Consumer-related)	8022	5355	5355
Total Revenue before Subsidy	242173	293476	250709
Agriculture Subsidy	7511	8146	8146
Other Subsidies	3207	0	0
Total Revenue After Subsidy	252891	301622	258855
Gap/(Surplus)	27958	62002 (#)	44603

Note: The estimated of FY 2010-11 by the Petitioner is inclusive of gap of FY 2009-10



5. Compliance of Directives

The Commission, in its order dated 14th December, 2009, had issued various directives to the Petitioner. The Petitioner has submitted the details of compliance with these directives. The Commission's comments on the status of Compliance of the Directives by the Petitioner are given below. The Commission has also given specific directives to the licensee wherever required.

5.1. Compliance of Earlier Directives

Directive 1

Consumption by agricultural pump sets

The progress on this is very poor. Only 22135 transformers are metered out of 40418 transformers. The metering of distribution transformers should be expedited. Wherever meters are provided at the distribution transformers, the consumption by the pump-sets under these transformers may be assessed and furnished to the Commission by reading the meters regularly. A report for the year 2008-09 may be furnished by May 2009.

Compliance:

The agriculture consumers are categorized as Unmetered and Metered. Unmetered assessment is taken as 1700 kWh/HP/Annum as fixed by the Commission. Agriculture consumers being released now are all with meters. Meters are being provided at Distribution Transformers feeding a group of pump sets, which help us in energy accounting of the consumers connected to that Distribution Transformer. Agriculture consumers are also being educated for adopting the metered tariff.

Table 102: Table showing metered and un metered Agriculture consumers

Years	Metered			Un-Metered			Total		
	Consumers	HP	MUs	Consumers	HP	MUs	Consumers	HP	MUs
2004-05	27803	295439	256.65	28238	287051	487.98	56041	582490	744.63
2005-06	30230	317898	261.58	27078	280660	481.02	57308	598558	742.6
2006-07	31445	331192	245.39	26542	280684	477.68	57987	611876	723.07



2007-08	33324	347089	264.76	26276	278730	474.63	59600	625819	739.39
2008-09	36120	365433	335.21	26170	278311	473.05	62290	643744	808.26
2009-10 (upto Nov 2009)	38214	384482	267.17	26164	278319	290.91	64378	662801	558.08

Years	Total			%age Metering	
	Consumers	HP	MUs	Mtrd	Un-Mtrd
2004-05	56041	582490	744.63	49.61	50.39
2005-06	57308	598558	742.6	52.75	47.25
2006-07	57987	611876	723.07	54.23	45.77
2007-08	59600	625819	739.39	55.91	44.09
2008-09	62290	643744	808.26	57.99	42.01
2009-10 (upto Nov 2009)	64378	662801	558.08	59.36	40.64

Commission's comments

The Commission notes that the extent of metering by end of FY 2008-09 still remains at only 60%. The Petitioner is directed to accelerate the pace of metering. In order to achieve consumer buy-in for metering, the Petitioner should communicate with consumers, especially agriculture and interior regions' consumers, highlighting the long-term benefits of metering. Further, submission of the report on agriculture consumption should be expedited.

Directive 2

Energy Audit

The metering on balance transformers may be completed. A brief report on the reduction in losses based on Energy Audit on some transformers at random in urban areas may be submitted to the Commission.

Compliance



Needless to say, energy audit is important to identify high loss areas and to take effective steps to reduce losses. For doing the same, first step is to have proper Energy Accounting at each level. At present in MGVCCL, 100% consumer indexing is achieved at Feeder level and @ 52% at Transformer level. The losses up to Feeder level are correctly arrived at. Special In-house software is prepared by the IT department; to arrive at correct losses at feeder level. This software takes input from the data of DAS of GETCO Sub-Stations and Units sold out are arrived at by:

- Taking CGL from LT Billing
- HT data from HT Billing system
- Un metered assessment as per GERC norms
- Agriculture metered from LT Billing system
- Wheeled units from HT billing system.

The Petitioner has formulated a scheme of providing AMR on Distribution Transformers of High Loss feeders to have a detailed study of behavior of the feeder. i.e.

- a. Load profile Study
- b. Load Balance Study
- c. Peak Demand study
- d. PF Monitoring

This has helped in zeroing on pockets and time duration of pilferage of Energy. As also pockets where phase wise imbalance in the system is noticed are identified and rectified. More thrust is given to Metering at Transformer level and its proper reading along with the regular meter reading of the consumers attached to it. The Petitioner is concentrating on having 100% consumer indexing up to Transformer level and going for Energy Accounting and auditing.

Table 103: Table showing the improved T&D losses

Feeder Name	T&D Loss	
	Before	After
11KV Dabhoi Road	15.76%	9.94%
11KV Dabhoi Road	15.76%	9.94%
11KV Dabhoi Road	15.76%	9.94%
11KV WADI	20.66%	12%
11KV YP(JP)	19.97%	18.40%



Table 104: Table showing the improved DTR losses

Name of DTR	DTR Loss		No. of cons on DTR	Activities Carried out after analysis to reduce loss
	Before	After		
Jakat Naka	53%	10%	373	Open condition replaced by 300 meters ABS
Kapurai-1	30%	15%	356	Open condition replaced by 1000 meters ABS, 15 theft detected
Kapurai-2	35%	16%	146	
Idgah-1	37%	21%	265	All meters replaced
As-Siddik	40%	8%	158	All meters replaced, three theft detected

Commission's comments

The compliance by the Petitioner on this directive is noted. The results of the project need to be quickly analyzed and applied to all other sub-divisions.

Directive 3**Distribution loss**

Loss levels in different areas may be closely monitored and action taken to reduce the losses.

Compliance

Reduction of distribution losses has always been a priority area for MGVC, as indicated by the reduction of losses in the last few years. Some of the steps taken by company are enlisted below:

A. Steps to Reduce Technical Losses

- Automatic Power Factor Controller (APFC)
- Energy Accounting
- Under Ground Cables
- High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS)
- Installing smaller capacity transformers for village clusters, consumer clusters
- Sub-Station Monitoring
- Ring Main Unit (RMU)
- Projects for High Loss Feeders



- SCADA
- Re-conducting of HT
- Load Balancing
- De-augmentation the Transformer
- Maintenance of AG Dominant Feeders and JGY feeders o Special Designed Transformers (SDT)
- Transformer Centers near Load Centers

B. Steps to Reduce Commercial Losses

- Effective Spot billing □ Feeder wise & Transformer wise consumer coding & billing o DT metering for DTR wise energy audit
- Allocation of structure code to consumers and review DTR wise category-wise specific consumption and specific revenue
- High quality meters to be replaced on sluggish meters
- Verification of metering arrangements & metering ratio in CT operated meters o Metering of street lights and WW services
- Monthly Billing
- Theft Control Measures
- Pole Mounted Meters
- Surveillance
- Ariel Bunch Conductor (ABC)
- 100% Terminal cover sealing
- Verification of billing data & reports generated by HHE Loss
- Franchising (to expedite the Billing, Maintenance and reduce the loss)
- Use of Coated conductors/ XLPE coated Service Line

Commission's comments

The compliance submitted by the Petitioner is not satisfactory. The compliance is nothing but a list of points which lead to reduction of losses. In this regard the Commission directs the Petitioner to chalk out a comprehensive loss reduction program.

Directive 4

Jyoti Gram Yojana



DISCOM shall report to the Commission to what extent the losses are reduced in each village / group of villages.

Compliance

The Petitioner has submitted that 141 feeders having high losses are closely monitored by the Senior officers of the company. As a result, during the FY 2009-10 (up to Nov-09), 1.53% losses are reduced of these selected feeders compared to the Previous year. Overall losses of Jyotigram feeders of MGVCL are also reduced by 2.14% during the year 2009-10 (up to Nov-2009) A sample data of Village wise rectification done towards loss reduction and loss reduction are as under:

Table 105: Details of the High loss feeders

Name of the feeder	Name of the Village	Number of Consumer in village	Total Quantity of meters to be shifted outside	Total meters shifted outside
Hadeva	Valotri	108	108	108
Hadeva	Indravarna	160	160	133
Hadeva	Punaj	179	179	179
Hadeva	Maheja Shekhupur	30	30	30
Traj	Aslali	182	182	182
Traj	Prakashnagar	48	48	48
Traj	Mehljaj	234	234	234
Traj	Garmala	348	348	348
Traj	Vadnagar	147	147	147
Ratanpur	Antroli	104	104	67
Ratanpur	Sandhana	226	226	169
Ratanpur	Antroli	58	58	49
Samaspur	K'Camp	73	73	73
Samaspur	Zalapura	41	41	30

Table 106: Comparison of the losses before and after shifting of meters



Name of the feeder	Name of the Village	Distribution loss before shifting of Meters (bimonthly)				Distribution loss before shifting of Meters (bimonthly)			
		Units Sent	Unit Sold	Unit Loss	% Loss	Units Sent	Unit Sold	Unit Loss	% Loss
Hadeva	Valotri	26910	16642	10268	38.2	25520	17238	8282	32.5
Hadeva	Indravarna	21226	9424	11802	55.6	23610	12021	11589	49.1
Hadeva	Punaj	22320	13538	8782	39.3	26280	17174	9106	34.6
Hadeva	Maheja Shekhupur	3439	2679	760	22.1	3770	3125	645	17.1
Traj	Aslali	25130	14000	11130	44.3	30850	28373	2477	8
Traj	Prakashnagar	11265	2550	8715	77.4	3790	2725	1065	28.1
Traj	Mehlaj	50990	26183	24807	48.7	41400	23625	17775	42.9
Traj	Garmala	54530	31316	23214	42.6	62540	37186	25354	40.5
Traj	Vadnagar	16096	12615	3481	21.6	17419	13794	3625	20.8
Ratanpur	Antroli	23530	15319	8211	34.9	22240	17363	4877	21.9
Ratanpur	Sandhana	50180	30936	19244	38.3	42800	29368	13432	31.4
Ratanpur	Antroli	5874	2775	3099	52.8	2780	2517	263	9.5
Samaspur	K'Camp	18110	14205	3905	21.6	17340	13685	3655	21.1
Samaspur	Zalapura	6340	1930	4410	69.6	7110	3379	3731	52.5

Commission's comments

The compliance by the Petitioner on this directive is noted. However, it is directed to submit the report at the earliest.

Directive 5

Cent percent metering

Consumers may be convinced on the need for energy accounting by the utility and providing metering for balance un-metered services may be expedited.

Compliance



All consumers other than agricultural consumers are provided with meters. For agricultural consumers too, new connections under any scheme are being released with meters. Looking to the year-wise data for the last two years, it can be seen that, un-metered agricultural connections are reducing every year as against metered agricultural consumers are increasing.

As on November-2009, only of total 64379 agriculture consumers of MGCVCL only 26164 consumers are un-metered which contributes 40.64% of total agriculture consumers of MGCVCL where as it contributes only 1.13% of entire MGCVCL consumers.

Commission's comments

The Commission has noted the progress on metering of agricultural consumers. 100% metering is crucial for proper energy accounting, determination of exact cost of supply and determination of subsidy. The Commission directs the Petitioner to improve the status of metering of agricultural consumers.

Directive 6

Allocation of PPAs

The allocation of PPAs shall be firmed up at the earliest.

Compliance

The Petitioner has not submitted any response to the above compliance.

Commission's comments

The utilities are directed to firm up the allocation of PPAs.

Directive 7



The transformer failures have marginally gone up during 2007-08. Transformer failures shall be reduced.

Compliance

The Petitioner has submitted that transformer failure is reduced to 6.11% from 13.01%. Further, upto Dec-2009, the transformer failure is 4.55% which was 5.34% as on Dec-2008. MGVCL will continue its efforts to reduce the distribution transformer failures and adhere to the standard of performance. The Company has noted the need to submit a periodical report to the Commission and will take the necessary action for the compliance.

Table 107: Transformer failure rate upto Dec 2009.

Particulars	Unit	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (Dec 09)
Transformer Population	No	31597	34099	37926	40412	44509	49723
Transformer Failure	No	3956	4436	3640	3910	2721	2260
Transformer Failed	%	12.52	13.01	9.6	9.68	6.11	4.55

Commission's comments

The reduction in transformer failure rate is appreciated. The Commission has noted the compliance.

Directive 8

MGVCL shall provide details of the internal processes and procedures which are put in place to ensure that meter readers read the meters on time. It shall also provide the details of the process taken to correct the discrepancies if found any.

Compliance



In order to ensure that the Meter Readers read the meters on time, MGVCL has undertaken following processes and procedures:

- MGVCL has adopted Spot Billing method wherein the Meter Readers have to read the readings of the consumption in the meter and calculate the bill and serve to the consumer on the spot.
- Before starting the actual billing activity by the Meter Reader, a detailed billing schedule is prepared based on the billing cycle pertaining to the concerned Meter Reader.
- For this purpose, the actual date of last meter reading is also taken into account and considering the route of the consumers situated in a particular area, a detailed billing schedule is prepared and it has to be adhered to by the Meter Reader.
- For all billing cycle and for all Meter Readers, a separate billing schedule is given in advance so that Meter Reader can understand the route of the meter reading to be followed by him and plan his Spot Billing activities accordingly.
- The above billing schedule is prepared for each separate route considering the line and area of residences of the consumer and feeders/transformers existing in that route.
- This facilitates the meter reader to have meter reading of maximum number of consumers in minimum time.
- After deciding the billing schedule as above, the meter reader is given the daily billing programme along with the concerned bill books of concerned consumers. The Senior Clerk (Billing) of sub-division is entrusted with the responsibilities of giving such daily billing schedule with bill books to concerned Meter Readers.
- In the evening, the Meter Reader has to give the report of actual meter reading carried out during the day to his Sr. Asstt.(Billing) on daily basis.
- Wherever the meter reading and billing activities is outsourced from external agency, similar instructions are given to their personnel and their daily report is also taken by Sr. Asstt. (Billing) of the Sub-division.
- The meter Readers are also instructed to submit billing and reading data to Sub-division and Data Processing Agencies so that the next bill is generated in time, based on which the meter reader will carry out the reading and billing activity for the next month and so on, so that every month cycle remains regular.



- In case for any reason, if any, deviation is occurred in billing schedule, the same is recouped in the next cycle. In overall, attempts are made to bill the consumer for total 365 days in a year.
- The above activities are daily monitored and supervised by Deputy Supdt. / Sr. Assistant of the concerned Sub-division and they have also the responsibility to report the regularity of billing activities to their concerned Divisions also. The overall supervision of entire Circle is also carried out by Accounts Officer (Rev) of the concerned Circle also at regular time intervals.

Commission's comments

The compliance by the Petitioner on this directive is noted.

Directive 9

MGVCL is henceforth directed to submit, in advance, the number of old meters it plans to replace in every ARR petition. Subsequently in the APR petition for that year, it shall also submit the details of actual meters replaced vis-à-vis the target.

Compliance

Meter replacement in is the priority work for MGVCL. It is a standing instruction to all field offices that there should not be any pending meters to be replaced. In three phase category, generally pending meters are very rare. Year wise meter replacement progress is as unde shown in the table below . Also a special drive is going on in MGVCL to replace old, Electromagnetic meters with Quality/ Static meters.

Table 108: Table showing replacement of Old meters

Faulty & Non Working Meter Replacement	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (Dec 09)
1 Phase	171729	156734	86451	55887	66912	48854
3 Phase	7559	6748	5672	7084	6012	4204

Commission's comments

The Petitioner is directed to submit in advance the number of old meters it plans to replace in every ARR petition. Further, it shall also submit the details of actual meters replaced vis-à-vis the target.



Directive 10

MGVCL is directed to submit details of number of theft cases reported and status of penal action taken in its petition. Further, it shall also submit the total amount recovered from such consumers.

Compliance

The Petitioner has submitted the following details of theft cases

Table 109: Details of Cases registered U/s 126 and 135

Details of cases registered under section 126			Details of cases registered under section 135		
Financial Year	Total Cases	Total Asst (Rs. Lakhs)	Financial Year	Total no	Total Asst (Rs. Lakhs)
2006-07	4013	355.84	2006-07	4330	522.92
2007-08	1351	150	2007-08	6048	720.78
2008-09	2164	165.74	2008-09	4731	734.48
2009-10 (Upto Dec-09)	1822	89.77	2009-10 (Upto Dec-09)	3408	378.24

5.2. Fresh Directives**Directive 1**

The Petitioner is directed to include the estimated expenses of following items of the ARR into O&M expenses.

- Other Debits
- Extraordinary Items
- Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)
- Other Expenses Capitalized



Directive 2

MGVCL is directed to submit all financial figures in its future ARR and APR petitions in units of rupees crores.

Directive 3

The Petitioner has calculated the depreciation by applying the new rates on the total gross assets without segregating the assets as mentioned in Clause 17 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009. The Petitioner is directed to submit the recomputed depreciation as per Clause 17 during the truing-up of FY 2010-11.

Directive 4

The Petitioner is directed to segregate the total loans between loans utilized for financing the working capital and loans used for incurring capital expenditure in future petitions.



6. Fuel and Power Purchase Cost Adjustment

Submission by Petitioner

The Commission has allowed Discoms to claim the increase in the fuel price and power purchase cost according to the approved formula for any increase in Fuel Price and Power Purchase cost (FPPPA) from its customers. The formula approved by the Commission for the calculation of FPPPA charges is reproduced below.

$$\text{FPPPA} = [\text{F}_{\text{OG}} + \text{PPP}_1 + \text{PPP}_2] / [\text{S.E.}]$$

Where,

F_{OG}	Adjustment on account of variations in delivered cost of Fuel at GEB's (now GSECL) Thermal Power Stations Rs. Millions
PPP₁	Adjustment on account of variable cost of power purchased in Rs. Millions
PPP₂	Adjustment on account of fixed cost of power purchased in Rs. Millions
SE	Saleable Energy in Million Units

The Petitioner has submitted that for all the generating stations from which GUVNL is purchasing power, the cost for the same will be determined / approved by the appropriate Commissions. For example, the cost of power purchase from GSECL stations is determined by the Hon'ble GERC and that from IPPs is governed by the provisions of the PPAs. For central generating stations the tariff will be either determined by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission or the Department of Atomic Energy in case of Nuclear Power Plant and in case of Competitive Bidding, the tariff is adopted by the GERC. The tariff for renewable sources is also determined by the Hon'ble GERC.

In essence, the tariff for the entire power purchased by GUVNL/Discoms is determined/approved by the appropriate Commission and hence the entire power procurement by GUVNL/Discoms is purchase of power only.

Further, it has been submitted that currently, any increase in fixed and variable cost of power purchased from all the sources is considered for FPPPA except GSECL owned stations. Given this background the Petitioner has submitted that it is inappropriate to include only the fuel component part for increase in fuel cost of GSECL owned stations in the FPPPA formula. It has therefore requested the



Commission to have only one component in the formula for variation in power purchase price including power purchase from GSECL owned stations.

The proposed formula for calculation of per unit power purchase price adjustment charges is as follows

$$PPPA = [(PPCA - PPCB)] / [1-LA]$$

Where,

PPCA	Is the average power purchase cost per unit of delivered energy, computed based on the operational parameters approved by the Commission or principles laid down in the power purchase agreements in Rs. / KWh for all the generating stations who have supplied power in the given quarter, calculated as total power purchase cost billed in Rs. Million divided by the total quantum of power purchase in million units made during the quarter.
PPCB	Is the approved average base power purchase cost per unit of delivered energy for all the generating stations considered by the Hon'ble Commission for supplying power to the company in Rs. / KWh, calculated as the total power purchase cost approved by the Hon'ble Commission in Rs. Million divided by the total quantum of power purchase in million units considered by the Commission;
LA	Is the weighted average of the approved level of Transmission and Distribution losses for the four Discoms applicable for a particular quarter.

Commission's view:

The Commission has taken note of the submission. The Commission does not envisage any change in the FPPPA formula at this juncture. The Commission may consider the same during the next control period.



Base Power Purchase cost for Calculation of FPPA for FY 2010-11

The base rates approved vide the multi-year tariff order dated 17th January, 2009 will be considered as indicated in the table below (except Variable Cost of GSECL stations which is will be modified as per latest CEA Regulations). Further, FPPA will be recovered in the form of fuel and power purchase adjustment charge for every unit of energy consumption and will be forming a part of the energy bill to be served on monthly/bimonthly or any other periodical basis. The implementation and application of the formula and all other terms shall continue to be as per the Commission's earlier orders

Table 110: Base Power Purchase cost for Calculation of FPPA for FY 2010-11

Sr. No.	Power Stations	Capacity (MW)	Fixed Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Energy Purchase (MU)	Variable Cost (Rs/Kwh)
	GSECL				
1	Ukai TPS	850	30417	5014	1.50
2	Ukai Hydro	305	2519	637	-
3	Gandhinagar I to IV	660	28544	1156	1.75
4	Gandhinagar V	210	9237	1540	1.47
5	Wanakbori I to VI	1,260	43781	4081	1.73
6	Wanakbori VII	210	9049	1540	1.64
7	Sikka TPS	240	10848	422	1.99
8	Kutch Lignite I to III	215	16492	1190	1.07
9	Kutch Lignite IV	75	6768	461	0.98
10	Dhuvaran oil	220	7532	644	3.76
11	Kadana Hydro	242	6820	189	0.00
12	Utran Gas Based	135	5117	313	2.16
13	Dhuvaran Gas Based - Stage-I	107	4944	245	2.21
14	Dhuvaran Gas Based - Stage-II	112	6982	258	2.22
15	Utran Extension	375	24841	757	1.86
16	Sikka Extension			0	0.00
	Total of GSECL Plants	5,216	30417	18447	
	IPPs				
17	ESSAR	300	11106	535	2.01
18	GPEC	655	45919	1203	2.47
19	GIPCL II (160)	160	5136	1089	1.72
20	GIPCL-SLPP	250	18071	1478	0.95



Sr. No.	Power Stations	Capacity (MW)	Fixed Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Energy Purchase (MU)	Variable Cost (Rs/Kwh)
21	GSEG	156	11522	1062	1.48
22	GIPCL - I (145)	42	922	74	2.17
23	GMDC - Akrimota	250	23841	1478	0.61
24	GSEG Expansion	350	957	490	2.12
25	GIPCL, Expansion	250	17520	456	1.75
26	GSPC-Pipavav	360	986	180	2.12
	Total of IPPs	2,773	135980	8047	2.01
	Share from Central Sector				
27	NPC - Tarapur- 1&2	160	0	1009	0.94
28	NPC - Kakrapar	125	0	767	2.03
29	NPC - Tarapur- 3&4	274	0	1728	2.73
30	NTPC - KORBA	360	9014	2323	0.57
31	NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - I	230	7464	1467	1.03
32	NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - II	239	10733	1549	0.98
33	NTPC - VINDHYACHAL - III	266	11982	1724	0.94
34	NTPC - KAWAS	187	10417	381	3.09
35	NTPC - JHANOR	237	11965	483	1.73
36	NTPC - Kahalgaon	166	10005	1076	1.21
37	NTPC - Sipat Stage - II	273	0	1770	0.54
38	SSNNL - Hydro	231	0	286	2.05
39	NTPC Kahalgaon (New)	260	18221	1685	1.70
40	NTPC North Karanpura	77	5396	0	1.70
41	Sipat Stage-I	540	37843	3500	1.70
	Total from central Sector	3,625	133040	19749	

OTHERS	Capacity (MW)	MU	Energy Purchase (MU)	Variable Cost (Rs/Kwh)
Reliance Industries LTD. Naroda	23	161	23	2.34
United Phosphorous LTD. Jhagadia	-	0	0	0.00
Gujarat Alkalis & Chemical LTD. Baruch	8	54	8	1.97
ONGC Anlkeshwar	6	44	6	1.90



ONGC, Hazira	2	16	2	1.90
Adani Exports (Philips Carbon)	8	54	8	2.00
Arvind Mills LTD	-	0	0	0.00
Wind Farms	Capacity (MW)	Fixed Cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Energy Purchase (MU)	Variable Cost (Rs/Kwh)
Wind Farms (Old Policy)	24	24	48	1.75
Wind Farms (New Policy)	701	0	1411	3.37
Bagasse Plants				
Bagasse	15.9	15.9	97	3
Competitive Bidding				
APPL	1000	91209	7008	1.479
Aryan	200	21866	227	0.2084



7. Open Access – Transmission Charges, Wheeling charges and cross subsidy surcharge

The Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation (GETCO) and the four Distribution Companies – DGVCL, MGVCL, UGVCL and PGVCL, the successor entities of Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB), filed the petitions for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR), transmission charges and retail supply tariff for FY 2010-11.

The Commission approved the ARR of the above utilities, transmission charges and retail supply tariffs in the respective orders. Based on the approved charges, the Commission revises the open access charges as below. These charges are applicable for FY 2010-11.

7.1. Transmission Charges

The transmission charges as given below are applicable for the use of transmission lines (system) of GETCO, the transmission licensee, Generating Companies, Distribution Licensees, other licensees and also consumers who are permitted to avail open access facility under section 42 (2) of the Electricity Act 2003.

Rates:

Transmission charges for FY 2010-11	Rs. 2720/MW/Day
	Rs. 81600/MW/Month
	Plus
Energy loss in kind at	4.20%

The Current transmission loss shall be effective until Intra State ABT is operational. Post which it shall be as specified under Intra State ABT.

The transmission charges payable in cash by long term and short term open access users shall be –

- Long term open access users = Rs. 2720/MW/Day
- Short term open access users = Rs. 680/MW/Day



$$(1/4 \times \text{long term rate} = 1/4 \times 2720 = \text{Rs. } 680)$$

The transmission charges for short term open access users shall be as per the following

(a)	Upto 6 hours in a day in one block – (1/4 X Short term rate (1/4 X 680))	=	Rs.170/ MW
(b)	More than 6 hours and upto 12 hours in one block (1/2 Short term – 1/2 X 680)	=	Rs. 340/ MW
(c)	More than 12 hours upto 24 hours in one block is the short term rate	=	Rs. 680/ MW

In addition the applicable system losses and other charges as in Commission's open access Regulations will also be charged. The long and short term open access is as defined in the Regulations of the Commission.

7.2. Wheeling Charges

The wheeling charges for the four Distribution companies – DGVCL, MGVCL, PGVCL and UGVCL for FY 2010-11 are as given below. The charges are applicable for use of the distribution system of a licensee by other licensees or generating companies or captive power plants or users who are permitted open access under section 42 (2) of the Electricity Act 2003.

Particulars	Units	Existing	Proposed
ARR of all four Discoms	Rs. Lakhs	1429957	1723437
Less: Total Power Purchase Cost	Rs. Lakhs	1218311	1514787
Distribution costs	Rs. Lakhs	211646	208650
Distribution costs at 11 kV	Rs. Lakhs	63494	62595
Energy input at 11 KV	MU	47105	52032
Wheeling charges at 11 kV	Rs / kWh	0.13	0.12
Wheeling charges at 400 V (LT)	Rs / kWh	0.45	0.40



Plus

Point of injection	Point of energy delivered	
	11 kV	400 Volts
11 kV, 22 kV and 33 kV	10.01%	18.57%
400 volts	-	9.51%

The losses in HT and LT Network are 10.01% and 9.51%, respectively, with respect to energy input to that segment of the system. In case injection at HT level and drawal at LT level envisages use of both the networks i.e HT and LT, in that case, the combined loss works out to 18.57% of the energy injected at HT Network.

The above wheeling charges payable shall be uniform in all the four distribution companies – DGVCL, MGVL, PGVCL and UGVCL.

7.3. Cross-Subsidy Surcharge

The Commission has decided to continue with the existing Cross-Subsidy Surcharge for FY 2010-11 and will review the same during next control period.



8. Tariff Philosophy and Category-Wise Tariffs

8.1. Introduction – Tariff Philosophy

The Commission has been guided by the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, the National Electricity Policy (NEP), the Tariff Policy, the Regulations on Terms and Conditions of Tariff issued by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and the Regulations on Terms and Conditions of tariff and MYT Regulations notified by the Commission.

Section 61 of the Act lays down the broad principles, which should guide determination of retail tariff. These principles envisage that tariff should progressively reflect cost of supply of electricity and also reduce the cross subsidies within a period to be specified by the Commission.

8.2. Tariff rationalisation is the key Focus

The Petitioner has not proposed any increase in the existing tariff for FY 2010-11. However, the Commission, keeping in view the issues raised during the public hearing and on various occasions in the past, attempted to rationalize the tariff structure. Some rationale behind tariff rationalization is as mentioned below.

- **Reduction in number of Slabs:** In order to simplify the current multiple-slabs structure (up to five slabs in some categories) the Commission has reduced number of slabs in Residential category. The Commission feels that this will bring more clarity and will simplify the tariff structure.
- **Removing ambiguity with respect to applicability of tariff:** The Commission has observed that in respect to HT categories there is a lot of ambiguity with respect to applicability of tariff to certain category of consumers. Also, there are several cases in courts. The Commission feels that huge amount of money and valuable time is wasted in fighting the cases in courts by consumers as well as the utility. Doing away with such ambiguity has been the key focus of this rationalization. The Commission has tried to bring clarity in applicability of HT tariff and has merged some existing HT categories in HTP-I category.



- **Addressing of Consumer Grievances:** During the course of public hearing, several recommendations with respect to change in existing tariff were suggested to the Commission. The Petitioner was also given an opportunity to present its views on the same and in a few cases the Petitioner has agreed to the suggestions made by consumers. The Commission has decided to incorporate those suggestions in this tariff order.

8.3. Tariff rationalisation results in moderate tariff hike

Tariff rationalization can result in increase or decrease in some categories of tariff. An overall decrease in revenue due to tariff rationalization would adversely affect the finances of the utility. Hence some tariff increase to prevent such a situation in necessary. The compelling reasons for moderate tariff hike are as mentioned below

- **Huge Revenue Gap:** The Commission noted that the gap of Rs. 550 crore is estimated for FY 2010-11. The Commission is of the opinion that some tariff increase is essential to cover the huge revenue gap of the Utilities. Gradual tariff increase would safeguard consumers in the long term from any tariff shock which might arise given the current revenue deficit situation.

It must be noted here that the Petitioner instead of asking for tariff-hike to fill the huge revenue gap has prayed to the Commission to treat the gap as a 'Regulatory Assets' and permit its recovery over a period no longer than three years. As per the Tariff Policy, considering revenue gap as 'Regulatory Assets' should be exceptional. It further provides that the recovery of 'Regulatory Assets' should be time bound and preferably within the control period.

- **Rationalization will lead to Moderate tariff Increase:** As discussed above, the Commission has tried to rationalize the present tariff structure in order to remove practical difficulties of implementation. In view of this rationalization, there is moderate tariff hike.
- **Impact of Tariff hike is neutralized by reduction in FPPPA:** It is expected that the consumer will not be affected adversely due the said tariff hike as there is reduction



in FPPPA charges during recent quarters (i.e from 91 paise per unit to 62 paise per unit) which can neutralize the impact of tariff hike.

8.4. Changes in the Tariff Schedule

The Commission, keeping in view the above aspects, approves the following changes in tariff structure.

1. In LFD – I for Residential Premises existing five slabs are regrouped into four slabs as shown below;

Existing LFD-I Slabs	New LFD-I Slabs
1-50 kWh	1-50 kWh
51-100 kWh	51-100 kWh
101-200 kWh	101-250 kWh
201-300 kWh	Above 250 kWh
Above 300 kWh	

2. In LFD – II for Commercial Purposes existing four slabs are regrouped into three slabs as shown below;

Existing LFD-II Slabs	New LFD-II Slabs
1-50 kWh	1-50 kWh
51-150 kWh	51-150 kWh
151-300 kWh	Above 150 kWh
Above 300 kWh	

3. Marginal increase in energy charges for each slab. I.e. LFD – I Residential Premises, LFD – II Commercial Premises (except the last slab) , LFD – III Educational and Other Institutions.
4. For Motive power services (LTP tariff) increase of Rs 0.10/Unit and Rs 0.15/Unit in LTP-I Motive Power Service for installation having contracted load upto and including 10 BHP and contracted load exceeding 10 BHP respectively. Increase of Rs 0.10/Unit in LTP-II Educational Institutions and Research Laboratories.
5. Energy charges for Street lighting increased by Rs 0.05/Unit.



6. In the existing tariff structure different energy charges are applied to Water Works and Sewerage Pumps operated by Gram Panchayat and Municipalities / Nagarpalikas. (Rs 2.40/Unit and Rs 2.70/Unit respectively) As the nature of demand and load profile are similar, tariff for both the slabs is revised to Rs 2.50/Unit.
7. It may be noted here that tariff for agriculture category has not increased since ten years (last revision of agriculture tariff was made in FY 2000-01). At this juncture where moderate tariff hike is proposed across the board, the Commission feels that tariff in agriculture category should also be increased in order to ensure that level of cross- subsidy is maintained if not reduced. Also, incremental revenue from increased tariff will help the Petitioner to clear the back-log of pending agriculture connections.

It is noted that a substantial portion of agriculture tariff is paid by the government of Gujarat. The incremental outflow on account of higher agriculture tariff would be neutralized by higher revenue from electricity duty on account of tariff rationalization and increased sales. Therefore the Commission has decided to increase the HP based tariff by 20/BHP/Month. However, the metered tariff will remain the same.

8. The existing HTP-II-A and HTP-II-B categories are merged into HTP-I category. Further, there will be a separate category for water pumping stations and sewage pumps operated by local authorities (HTP-II).
9. Power factor adjustment charges shall be applicable only on energy charge of the consumers.
10. Minimum ceiling of demand in LTP-III category to be reduced from 20 kW to 15 kW.
11. The Commission has introduced an optional kVAh tariff (for Pilot Project only at 250 paisa/kVAh) applicable to street light system operated by local authorities and industrial estates consumers if they so opt to be charged in place of existing kWh based charges.

The approved tariff schedule for different categories of consumers is annexed.

8.5. Impact of Electricity Duty

During the public hearing, several consumer organisations and others brought to the notice of the Commission the high rates of electricity duty in Gujarat. It may be noted that imposition of Electricity Duty is the prerogative of the Government. However, the Commission has noted the issue and observes that there is a need to rationalise



electricity duty. The Commission feels that the system of *ad-valorem* duty makes the impact of any tariff increase compound even further.

The *ad-valorem* structure increases the burden on the consumers, impacts on the finances of the utilities and distorts the tariff structure. The Commission has therefore suggested that the Government should consider rationalising electricity duty, keeping in view the above aspects and the practices in other States, so that it becomes reasonable, stable and predictable.

8.6. Revised Gap

The table below shows the estimated gap for FY 2010-11 after considering the revised tariff.

Table 111: Net Gap for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2010-11	Revised Estimates submitted by MGVCCL for FY 2010-11	Revised Approved for FY 2010-11	Estimated Gap for FY 2010-11 with Revised Tariff
Revised ARR	280849	363625	303458	303458
Revenue with Existing Tariff	234151	288121	245354	248753
Other Income (Consumer related)	8022	5355	5355	5355
Total Revenue excluding subsidy	242173	293476	250709	254108
Agriculture Subsidy	7511	8146	8146	8146
Other Subsidies	3207	0	0	0
Total Revenue including subsidy	252891	301622	258855	262254
Gap / (Surplus)	27958	62002	44603	41204

The total revenue based on the existing tariff for FY 2010-11 was Rs 44603 Lakhs. The net gap calculated with the revised tariff is Rs 41204 Lakhs. Regarding the plea of the Petitioner for creation of regulatory asset for the gap in respect of FY 2009-10, the Commission has decided that it will revisit the same when the audited data would be made available to the Commission.



COMMISSION'S ORDER

The Commission approves the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (MGVCL) for FY 2010-11 as shown in the following table:

Table 112 : Revised Approved ARR for FY 2010-11

(Rs. Lakhs)

Particulars	Revised Approved ARR for FY 2010-11
Cost of Power Purchase	261010
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	28340
Employee Cost	20046
Repair & Maintenance	4452
Administration & General Charges	3842
Depreciation	11102
Interest & Finance Charges	5463
Interest on Working Capital	2565
Other Debits	124
Extraordinary Items	4
Provision for Bad Debts	245
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0
Other Expenses Capitalized	(4695)
Sub-Total	304157
Return on Equity	6972
Provision for Tax / Tax Paid	100
Total Expenditure	311229
Less: Non-Tariff Income	7771
Aggregate Revenue Requirement	303458



The approved retail supply tariff will be in accordance with the Tariff Schedule annexed to this order. The order shall come into force from the 1st April 2010.

Sd/-

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DR. P K MISHRA
Chairman

SHRI PRAVINBHAI PATEL
Member

Place: Ahmedabad

Date: 31st March, 2010



TARIFF SCHEDULE

TARIFF FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT LOW TENSION, HIGH TENSION, AND EXTRA HIGH TENSION

Effective from 1st April 2010

GENERAL

1. The tariff figures indicated in this tariff schedule are the tariff rates payable by the consumers of unbundled Distribution Licensees of the erstwhile GEB.
2. These tariffs are exclusive of Electricity Duty, tax on sale of electricity, taxes and other charges levied by the Government or other competent authorities from time to time which are payable by the consumers, in addition to the charges levied as per the tariff.
3. All these tariffs for power supply are applicable to only one point of supply.
4. The charges specified are on monthly basis. Distribution Licensee may decide the period of billing and adjust the tariff rate accordingly.
5. The energy supplied under these tariffs can be utilized only within the compact area of the premises not intervened by any area/road belonging to any person or authority other than the consumer.
6. Except in cases where the supply is used for the purpose for which the Distribution Licensee has permitted lower tariff, the power supplied to any consumer shall be utilized only for the purpose for which supply is taken and as provided for in the tariff.
7. Meter charges shall be applicable as prescribed under 'GERC (Licensee's Power to Recover Expenditure incurred in providing supply and other Miscellaneous Charges) Regulations, 2005 as in force from time to time.
8. Fuel Cost and Power Purchase Adjustment Charges shall be applicable in accordance with the Formula approved by the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission from time to time.



9. Payment of penal charges for usage in excess of contract demand / load for any billing period does not entitle the consumer to draw in excess of contract demand / load as a matter of right.

10. Delayed payment charges for all consumers:

No delayed payment charges shall be levied if the bill is paid within ten days from the date of billing (excluding the date of billing).

Delayed payment charges will be levied at the rate of 18% per annum (up to the time of ultimate disconnection of supply) in case of all consumers except Agricultural category and for the period from the date of permanent disconnection, the delayed payment charges will be levied at the rate of 15% per annum. Delayed payment charges will be levied at the rate of 12% per annum for the consumer governed under Rate AG from the date of billing till the date of payment if the bill is paid after ten days from the date of billing.

For Government dues, the delayed payment charges will be levied at the rate provided under the relevant the Electricity Duty Act.



PART - I**SCHEDULE OF TARIFF FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY
AT LOW AND MEDIUM VOLTAGE****1. RATE LFD-I :**

This tariff will apply to services for lights, fans and small electrical appliances such as refrigerators, cookers, heaters and small motors having individual capacity not exceeding two BHP attached to domestic appliances in the residential premises which are not covered under LFD-I (Rural Category).

Single-phase supply (aggregate load upto 6 kW)

Three-phase supply (aggregate load above 6 kW including small motive power load up to 10 kW).

1.1. Fixed Charges/Month:

Range of Connected Load: (Other than BPL Consumers)

(a)	Upto and including 2 kW	Rs.5/- per month
(b)	Above 2 to 4 kW	Rs. 15/- per month
(c)	Above 4 to 6 kW	Rs.30/- per month
(d)	Above 6 kW	Rs.45/- per month

For BPL Household Consumers:

Fixed charges	Rs.5/- per month
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1.2. Energy Charges: For the total monthly consumption: (Other than BPL consumers)

(a)	First 50 units	280 Paise per Unit
(b)	Next 50 units	310 Paise per Unit
(c)	Next 150 units	375 Paise per Unit
(d)	Above 250 units	475 Paise per Unit

1.3. Energy charges: For the total monthly consumption – For the consumer below poverty line (BPL)**

(a)	First 30 units	150 Paise per Unit
(b)	For remaining units	Rate as per LFD-I

****The consumer who wants to avail the benefit of the above tariff has to produce a copy of the Card issued by the authority concerned at the sub-division office of the Distribution Licensee. The concessional tariff is only for 30 units per month.**

1.4. Minimum bill (excluding meter charges)

Payment of fixed charges as specified in 1.1 above.

2. RATE LFD-I (Rural):

This tariff will apply to services for residential premises located in areas within gram panchayat as defined in the Gujarat Panchayats Act.

However, this will not apply to villages which are located within the geographical jurisdiction of Urban Development Authority.

Single-phase supply (aggregate load upto 6 kW)

Three-phase supply (aggregate load above 6 kW including small motive power load up to 10 kW)

2.1. Fixed Charges/Month:

Range of Connected Load: (Other than BPL Consumers)



(a)	Upto and including 2 kW	Rs.5/- per month
(b)	Above 2 to 4 kW	Rs. 15/- per month
(c)	Above 4 to 6 kW	Rs.30/- per month
(d)	Above 6 kW	Rs.45/- per month

For BPL Household Consumers:

Fixed charges	Rs.5/- per month
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PLUS

2.2. Energy Charges: For the total monthly consumption: (Other than BPL consumers)

(a)	First 50 units	230 Paise per Unit
(b)	Next 50 units	260 Paise per Unit
(c)	Next 150 units	325 Paise per Unit
(d)	Above 250 units	435 Paise per Unit

2.3. Energy charges: For the total monthly consumption – For the consumer below poverty line (BPL)**

(a)	First 30 units	150 Paise per Unit
(b)	For remaining units	Rate as per LFD-I (Rural)

****The consumer who wants to avail the benefit of the above tariff has to produce a copy of the Card issued by the authority concerned at the sub-division office of the Distribution Licensee. The concessional tariff is only for 30 units per month.**

2.4. Minimum bill (excluding meter charges):

Payment of fixed charges as specified in 2.1 above.

Note: If the part of the residential premises is used for non-residential (commercial) purposes by the consumers located within 'Gram Panchayat' as defined in Gujarat Panchayats Act, entire consumption will be charged under this tariff.



3.0 RATE LFD-II (For Commercial Premises)

This tariff will apply to the services for the purposes specified in the rate LFD-I in respect of commercial premises, such as shops, workshop, hotels, restaurants, showrooms, offices, etc., etc.

3.1 Fixed Charges:

Range of Connected Load:

(a)	Upto and including 2 kW	Rs.50/- per month
(b)	Above 2 to 4 kW	Rs.100/- per month
(c)	Above 4 kW to 6 kW	Rs.150/- per month
(d)	Above 6 kW	Rs.200/- per month

PLUS

3.2 Energy charges:

(a)	For the first 50 units per month	370 Paise per unit
(b)	For the next 100 units per month	430 Paise per unit
(c)	For the remaining units per month	490 Paise per unit

3.3 Minimum Bill (excluding meter charges):

Payment of fixed charges as specified in 3.1 above.

4.0 RATE LFD-III

This tariff is applicable to the educational and other institutions registered with the Charity Commissioner.

(a)	Fixed charges	Rs.45/- per month
(b)	Energy charges	320 Paise per Unit

5.0 RATE-LTP

This tariff shall be applicable for motive power services



5.1 RATE LTP-I

This tariff is applicable for aggregate motive power load not exceeding 125 BHP.

5.1.1 Fixed charges per month:

For an installation having the contracted load upto 10 BHP	Rs.22/- per BHP
For installation having contracted load exceeding 10 BHP:	
(i) For first 10 BHP of contracted load	Rs.22/- per BHP
(ii) For next 40 BHP of contracted load	Rs.40/- per BHP
(iii) For next 25 BHP of contracted load	Rs.65/- per BHP
(iv) For next 25 BHP of contracted load	Rs.100/- per BHP
(v) Balance BHP of contracted load	Rs.155/- per BHP

PLUS

5.1.2 Energy charges:

(a)	For installation having contracted load upto and including 10 BHP: For entire consumption during the month	370 Paise per Unit
(b)	For installation having contracted load exceeding 10 BHP: For entire consumption during the month	400 Paise per Unit

PLUS

5.1.3 Reactive Energy Charges:

For installation having contracted load of 50 BHP and above for all reactive units (KVARH) drawn during the month	10 Paise per KVARH
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5.1.4 Minimum bill per installation per month for consumers other than Seasonal

Consumers:

(a)	When contracted load is upto 75 BHP	Rs.105 per BHP
(b)	When contracted load exceeds 75 BHP	Rs.180 per BHP



5.1.5 Minimum Bill Per Installation for Seasonal Consumers

- (a) “Seasonal Consumer”, shall mean a consumer who takes and uses power supply for ice factory, ice candy machines, ginning and pressing factory, oil mill, rice mill, huller, salt industry, sugar factory, khandsari, cold storage plants (including such plants in fisheries industry), tapioca industries manufacturing starch, etc.
- (b) Any consumer, who desires to be billed for the minimum charges on annual basis shall intimate to that effect in writing in advance about the off-season period during which energy consumption, if any, shall be mainly for overhauling of the plant and machinery. The total period of the off-season so declared and observed shall be not less than three calendar months in a calendar year.
- (c) The total minimum amount under the head “Fixed and Energy Charges” payable by the seasonal consumer satisfying the eligibility criteria under sub-clause (a) above and complying with the provision stipulated under sub-clause (b) above shall be Rs.1200/- per annum per BHP of the contracted load for the installation having the contracted load upto 75 BHP, and Rs.2000/- per annum per BHP when contracted load is exceeding 75 BHP.
- (d) The units consumed during the off-season period shall be charged for at a flat rate of 415 Paise per unit.
- (e) The electricity bills related to the off-season period shall not be taken into account towards the amount payable against the annual minimum bill. The amount paid by the consumer towards the electricity bills related to the seasonal period only under the heads “Fixed Charges” and “Energy Charges”, shall be taken into account while determining the amount of short-fall payable towards the annual minimum bill as specified under sub-clause (c) above.

5.2 RATE LTP-II

This tariff shall be applicable to educational institutions and research and development laboratories for motive power services where machines and appliances are primarily used for demonstration/research purposes only.

5.2.1 Energy Charges



For all units consumed during the month	410 Paise per Unit
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NOTE:

The educational institutions and research laboratories will have an option to either select of the rate LTP-I with minimum charges or rate LTP-II without minimum charges. The option can be exercised to switch over from LTP-I tariff to LTP-II and vice versa twice in a calendar year by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.

5.3 RATE LTP-III

This tariff shall be applicable to consumers using electricity for motive power services for minimum contract demand of 15 kW and up to 100 kW at low voltage.

5.3.1 Fixed charges:

(a)	For billing demand upto the contract demand	
	(i) For first 15 to 40 kW of billing demand	Rs.65/- per kW per month
	(ii) Next 20 kW of billing demand	Rs.100/- per kW per month
	(iii) Above 60 kW of billing demand	Rs.165/- per kW per month
(b)	For billing demand in excess of the contract demand	Rs.210/- per kW

PLUS**5.3.2 Energy charges:**

For the entire consumption during the month	405 Paise per Unit
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PLUS**5.3.3 Reactive Energy Charges:**

For all the reactive units (KVARH) drawn during the month	10 Paise per KVARH
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5.3.4 Billing Demand

The billing demand shall be highest of the following, rounded to the next full kW:

- (a) Eighty-five percent of the contract demand
- (b) Actual maximum demand registered during the month
- (c) 15 kW

5.3.5 Minimum Bill

Payment of demand charges every month based on the billing demand.

NOTE:

1. *This tariff shall be applicable if the consumer so opts to be charged in place of LTP-I Tariff.*
2. *The option can be exercised to switch over from LTP-I tariff to LTP-III tariff and vice versa twice in a calendar year by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.*
3. *Consumer has to provide metering system in the event when proper metering system is not provided by Distribution Licensee.*
4. *In the event of actual maximum demand exceeds 100 kW more than three occasions during the period of six months, the consumer has to provide his distribution transformer at his cost and maintain at his cost.*

5.4 RATE LTP-IV

This tariff is applicable for aggregate motive power load not exceeding 125 BHP and using electricity **exclusively during night hours** from 10.00 PM to 06.00 AM next day. (The supply hours shall be regulated through time switch to be provided by the consumer at his cost.)

5.4.1 Fixed Charges per month:

Fixed charges specified in RATE LTP-I above.
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5.4.2 Energy Charges:



For entire consumption during the month	200 Paise per Unit
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5.4.3 Reactive Energy Charges:

For contract load of 50 BHP and above: For all reactive units (KVARH) drawn during the month	10 Paise per KVARH
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NOTE:

1. 10% of total units consumed and 15% of the contract load can be availed beyond the prescribed hours for the purpose of maintenance.
2. For the purpose of office lighting, fans etc. the consumer may apply for a separate connection.
3. This tariff shall be applicable if the consumer so opts to be charged in place of LTP-I tariff by using electricity exclusively during night hours as above.
4. The option can be exercised to switch over from LTP-I tariff to LTP-IV tariff and vice versa twice in a calendar year by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.
5. In case the consumer is not fulfilling the conditions of this tariff category, then such consumer for the relevant billing period will be billed under tariff category LTP-I

5.5 RATE LTP-IV (A)

This tariff is applicable to consumers using electricity for motive power services for minimum contract demand of 15 kW and upto 100 kW at low voltage and using electricity exclusively during night hours from 10.00 PM to 06.00 AM next day. The supply hours shall be regulated through time switch to be provided by the consumer at his cost.

5.5.1 Fixed Charges per month:

Fixed charges specified in RATE LTP-III above.
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PLUS**5.5.2 Energy Charges:**

For entire consumption during the month	200 Paise per Unit
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5.5.3 Reactive Energy Charges:

For all reactive units (KVARH) drawn during the month	10 Paise per KVARH
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NOTE:

1. 10% of total units consumed and 15% of the contract demand can be availed beyond the prescribed hours for the purpose of maintenance.
2. For the purpose of office lighting, fans etc. the consumer may apply for a separate connection.
3. This tariff shall be applicable if the consumer so opts to be charged in place of LTP-III tariff by using electricity exclusively during night hours as above.
4. The option can be exercised to switch over from LTP-III tariff to LTP-IV(A) tariff and vice versa twice in a calendar year by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.
5. In case the consumer is not fulfilling the conditions of this tariff category, then such consumer for the relevant billing period will be billed under tariff category LT-III.

5.5 RATE LTP-V

Applicable for supply of electricity to Low Tension Agricultural consumers contracting load up to 125 BHP requiring continuous **(twenty-four hours)** power supply for lifting water from surface water sources such as cannel, river, & dam and supplying water directly to the fields of farmers for agricultural irrigation only.

(a)	Fixed charges per month	Rs. 25/- per BHP
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(b)	Energy charges For entire consumption during the month	160 Paise per Unit

6.0 RATE WW (Water Works)

This tariff shall be applicable to motive power services used for water works and sewerage pumping purposes.

6.1 Type I – Water works and sewerage pumps operated by other than local authority:

(a)	Fixed charges per month	Rs.15/- per BHP
PLUS		
(b)	Energy charges per month: For entire consumption during the month	360 Paise per Unit

6.2 Type II – Water works and sewerage pumps operated by local authority such as Municipal Corporation. Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board located outside Gram Panchayat Area will also attract this tariff:

(a)	Fixed charges per month	Rs.9 per BHP
PLUS		
(b)	Energy charges per month: For entire consumption during the month	340 Paise per Unit

6.3 Type III – Water works and sewerage pumps operated by Municipalities / Nagarpalikas and Gram Panchayat or Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board for its installations located in Gram Panchayats:

Energy charges per month: For entire consumption during the month	250 Paise/Unit
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6.4 Time of Use Discount:

Applicable to all the water works consumers having connected load of 50 HP and above for the Energy consumption during the Off-Peak Load Hours of the Day.



For energy consumption during the off-peak period, viz., 1100 Hrs to 1800 Hrs.	30 Paise per Unit
For energy consumption during night hours, viz., 2200 Hrs to 0600 Hrs. next day	75 Paise per Unit

7.0 RATE-AG (Agricultural)

This tariff is applicable to motive power services used for irrigation purposes only excluding installations covered under LTP-V category.]

7.1 The rates for following group are as under:

7.1.1 HP Based Tariff:

For entire contracted load	Rs.160/BHP/month
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7.1.2 Metered Tariff:

Fixed Charges	Rs.10 per BHP per month
Energy Charges: For entire consumption	50 Paise per Unit per month

7.1.3 Tatkal Scheme:

Fixed Charges	Rs.10 per BHP per month
Energy Charges: For entire consumption	70 Paise per Unit per month

NOTE: The consumers under Tatkal Scheme shall be eligible for normal metered tariff as above, on completion of five years period from the date of commencement of supply.

7.2 No machinery other than pump water for irrigation will be permitted under this tariff. Any other machinery connected in the installation governed under this tariff shall be charged separately at appropriate tariff for which consumers shall have to take separate connection.



7.3 Agricultural consumers who desire to supply water to brick manufacturing units shall have to pay Rs. 100/HP per annum subject to minimum of Rs. 2000/- per year for each brick Mfg. Unit to which water is supplied in addition to existing rate of HP based / metered agricultural tariff.

7.4 Such Agricultural consumers shall have to pay the above charges for a full financial year irrespective of whether they supply water to the brick manufacturing unit for full or part of the Financial Year.

Agricultural consumers shall have to declare their intension for supply of the water to such brick manufacturing units in advance and pay charges accordingly before commencement of the financial year (i.e. in March every year).

8.0 RATE SL (Street Lights)

8.1 **Tariff for Street Light for Local Authorities and Industrial Estates:**

This tariff includes the provision of maintenance, operation and control of the street lighting system.

8.1.1 Energy Charges:

For all the units consumed during the month: For street lights operated by industrial estates and local authority	335 Paise per Unit
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8.1.2 Minimum Charges:

The minimum energy consumption is prescribed for consumer with more than 50 street lights within a village or an industrial estate, as the case may be, as equivalent to 2200 units per annum per kilo watt of connected load during the year.

8.1.3 **Optional kVAh tariff (for Pilot project only)**



This tariff shall be applicable for the street light system operated by local authorities and industrial estates if they so opt to be charged in place of kWh charges mentioned in 8.1.1 above.

For all the kVAh units consumed during the month: For street lights operated by industrial estates and local authority	250 Paise per kVAh Unit
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8.1.4 Renewal and Replacements of Lamps:

The consumer shall arrange for renewal and replacement of lamp at his cost by person authorised by him in this behalf under Rule-3 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 / Rules issued by CEA under the Electricity Act, 2003.

8.2 Tariff for power supply for street lighting purposes to consumers other than the local authorities and industrial estates:

8.2.1 Fixed Charges:

Rs. 20 per kW per month

8.2.2 Energy charges:

For all units consumed during the month	335 Paise per kWh
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8.2.3 Renewal and Replacement of Lamps:

The consumer shall arrange for renewal and replacement of lamp at his cost by person authorised by him in this behalf under Rule-3 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 / Rules issued by CEA under the Electricity Act, 2003.

8.2.4 Maintenance other than Replacement of Lamps:

Maintenance of the street lighting system shall be carried out by Distribution Licensee.

9.0 RATE TMP (Temporary):



This tariff is applicable to services for temporary supply at the low voltage.

9.1 Energy Charges:

For the supply used for the purposes stipulated in respective tariff for permanent supply:

(a)	Rate LFD-I (for residential premises) & LFD-I (Rural)	435 Paise/Unit
(b)	Rate LFD-II (for non-residential premises)	480 Paise/Unit
(c)	Rate LFD-III (for educational and other institutions)	480 Paise/Unit
(d)	Rate LTP-I, LTP-II and LTP-III	640 Paise/Unit

9.2 Minimum charges:

(a)	For the purpose stipulated in LFD:	Rs.20/- per day
(b)	For the purpose stipulated in Rate LTP-I	Rs.200/- per BHP per month
(c)	For the purpose stipulated in Rate LTP-III	Rs.225/- per kW per month

NOTE: Payment of bill is to be made within seven days from the date of issue of the bill. Supply would be disconnected for non-payment of dues on 24 hours notice.



PART-II**TARIFFS FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT HIGH TENSION
(3.3 KV AND ABOVE, 3-PHASE 50 C/S), AND EXTRA HIGH TENSION**

The following tariffs are available for supply at high tension for large power services for contract demand not less than 100 kVA

10.0 RATE HTP-I:

This tariff will be applicable for supply of electricity to HT consumers contracted for 100 kVA and above for regular power supply and requiring the power supply for the purposes not specified in any other HT categories.

10.1 Demand Charges;

10.1.1 For billing demand up to contract demand.

(a)	For first 500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.100/- per kVA per month
(b)	For next 500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.140/- per kVA per month
(c)	For next 1500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.210/- per kVA per month
(d)	For billing demand in excess of 2500 kVA	Rs.240/- per kVA per month

10.1.2 For Billing Demand in Excess of Contract Demand

For billing demand in excess over the contract demand	Rs.370 per kVA per month
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10.2 Energy Charges

For entire consumption during the month		
(a)	Upto 1000 kVA billing demand	390 Paise per Unit
(b)	For 1001 kVA to 2500 kVA billing demand	410 paise per Unit
(c)	Above 2500 kVA billing demand	420 Paise per Unit

PLUS



10.3 Time of Use Charges:

(These charges shall be levied from a consumer having contract demand or actual demand of 500 kVA and above):

For energy consumption during the two peak periods, viz., 0700 Hrs to 1100 Hrs and 1800 Hrs to 2200 Hrs	75 Paise per Unit
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10.4 Billing Demand:

The billing demand shall be the highest of the following:

- Actual maximum demand established during the month
- Eighty-five percent of the contract demand
- One hundred kVA

10.5 Minimum Bills:

Payment of "demand charges" based on kVA of billing demand.

10.6 Lighting and Non-Industrial Loads:

The consumption of lights and fans and other non-industrial loads of the factory building as also the consumption of creche, laboratory, stores, time keeper's office, yards, watch and ward, first aid centres, and dispensaries during a month registered at the main meter on HT side shall be charged at the energy charges specified above.

10.7 Power Factor:**10.7.1 Power Factor Adjustment Charges:**

(a) The power factor adjustment charges shall be levied at the rate of 1% on the total amount of electricity bills for the month under the head "Energy Charges" for every 1% drop or part thereof in the average power factor during the month below 90% upto 85%.

(b) In addition to the above clause, for every 1% drop or part thereof in average power factor during the month below 85% at the rate of 2% on the total amount of electricity bill for that month under the head "Energy Charges", will be charged.

10.7.2 Power Factor Rebate:

If the power factor of the consumer's installation in any month is above 95%, the consumer will be entitled to a rebate at the rate of 0.5% (half percent) in excess of 95% power factor on



the total amount of electricity bill for that month under the head “Energy Charges” for every 1% rise or part thereof in the average power factor during the month above 95%.

10.8 Maximum Demand and its Measurement:

The maximum demand in kW or kVA, as the case may be, shall mean an average KW/KVA supplied during consecutive 30/15 minutes period of maximum use where such meter reading directly the maximum demand in KW/KVA have been provided.

10.9 Contract Demand:

The contract demand shall mean the maximum KW/KVA for the supply, of which the supplier undertakes to provide facilities from time to time.

10.10 Rebate for Supply at EHV:

On Energy charges:		Rebate @
(a)	If supply is availed at 33/66 kV	0.5%
(b)	If supply is availed at 132 kV and above	1.0%

10.11 Concession for Use of Electricity during Night Hours:

For the consumer eligible for using supply at any time during 24 hours, entire consumption shall be billed at the energy charges specified above. However, the energy consumed during night hours of 10.00 PM to 06.00 AM next morning (recorded by a polyphase meter operated through time-switch) as is in excess of one third of the total energy consumed during the month, shall be eligible for concession at the rate of 75 Paise per unit. The polyphase meter and time switch shall be procured and installed by the consumer at his cost and sealed by the Distribution Licensee.

10.12 Seasonal Consumers taking HT Supply:

10.12.1 The expression, “Seasonal Consumer”, shall mean a consumer who takes and uses power supply for ice factory, ice-candy machines, ginning and pressing factory, oil mill, rice mill, salt industry, sugar factory, khandsari, cold storage plants (including such plants in fishery industry), tapioca industries manufacturing starch, pumping load or irrigation, white coal manufacturers etc.

10.12.2 A consumer, who desires to be billed for minimum charges on annual basis, shall intimate in writing in advance about the off-season during which energy consumption,



if any, shall be mainly for overhauling of the plant and machinery. The off-season period at any time shall be a full calendar month/months. The total period of off-season so declared and observed shall be not less than three calendar months in a calendar year.

10.12.3 The total minimum amount under the head "Demand and Energy Charges" payable by a seasonal consumer satisfying the eligibility criteria under sub clause 10.12.1 above and complying with provisions stipulated under sub clauses 10.12.2 above shall be Rs.4000/- per annum per kVA of the billing demand.

10.12.4 .4 The billing demand shall be the highest of the following:

- (i) The highest of the actual maximum demand registered during the calendar year.
- (ii) Eighty-five percent of the arithmetic average of contract demand during the year.
- (iii) One hundred kVA.

10.12.5 Units consumed during the off-season period shall be charged for at the flat rate of 420 Paise per unit.

10.12.6 Electricity bills paid during off-season period shall not be taken into account towards the amount payable against the annual minimum bill. The amount paid by the consumer towards the electricity bills for seasonal period only under the heads "Demand Charges" and "Energy Charges" shall be taken into account while determining the amount payable towards the annual minimum bill.

11.0 RATE HTP-II

Applicability: This tariff shall be applicable for supply of energy to HT consumers contracting for 100 KVA and above, requiring power supply for Water Works and Sewerage pumping stations run by Local Authorities and GW & SB. GIDC Water Works.

11.1 Demand Charges:

11.1.1 For billing demand upto contract demand.

(a)	For first 500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.90/- per kVA per month
(b)	For next 500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.130/- per kVA per month



(c)	For next 1500 kVA of billing demand	Rs.190/- per kVA per month
(d)	For billing demand in excess of 2500 kVA	Rs.220/- per kVA per month

11.1.2 For billing demand in excess of contract demand

For billing demand in excess over the contract demand	Rs.335 per kVA per month
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11.2 Energy Charges:

For entire consumption during the month		
(a)	Upto 1000 kVA billing demand	390 Paise per Unit
(b)	For 1001 kVA to 2500 kVA billing demand	410 paise per Unit
(c)	Above 2500 kVA billing demand	420 Paise per Unit

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11.3 Time of Use Charges:

(These charges shall be levied from a consumer having contract demand or actual demand of 500 kVA and above):

For energy consumption during the two peak periods, viz., 0700 Hrs to 1100 Hrs and 1800 Hrs to 2200 Hrs	75 Paise per Unit
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| 11.4 Billing demand | } | same as per HTP-I Tariff |
| 11.5 Minimum bill | | |
| 11.6 Power Factor | | |
| 11.7 Maximum demand and its measurement | | |
| 11.8 Contract demand | | |
| 11.9 Rebate for supply at EHV | | |

12.0 RATE HTP-III:

This tariff shall be applicable to a consumer taking supply of electricity at high voltage, contracting for not less than 100 kVA for temporary period. A consumer not taking supply on regular basis under a proper agreement shall be deemed to be taking supply for temporary period.



12.1 Demand Charges:

For billing demand upto contract demand	Rs.462/- per kVA per month
For billing demand in excess of contract demand	Rs.550/- per kVA per month

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12.2 Energy Charges:

For all units consumed during the month	630 Paise per Unit
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12.3 Time of use charges:

(These charges be levied from the consumer who is having contracted demand or actual demand of 500 kVA and above).

Additional charge for the energy consumption during two peak periods, i.e., 07.00 Hrs to 11.00 Hrs and 18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs.	75 Paise per Unit
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13.0 RATE HTP-IV:

This tariff shall be applicable for supply of electricity to HT consumers opting to use electricity exclusively during night hours from 10.00 PM to 06.00 AM next day and contracted for regular power supply of 100 kVA and above.

13.1 Demand Charges:

Same rates as specified in Rate HTP-I

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13.2 Energy Charges:

For all units consumed during the month	200 Paise per Unit
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13.3	Billing demand	} same as per HTP-I Tariff
13.4	Minimum bill	
13.5	Power factor	
13.6	Maximum demand and its measurement	
13.7	Contract demand	
13.8	Rebate for supply at EHV	

NOTE:

1. 10% of total units consumed and 15% of the contract demand can be availed beyond the prescribed hours for the purpose of maintenance.
2. For the purpose of office lighting, fans etc. the consumer may apply for a separate connection.
3. This tariff shall be applicable if the consumer so opts to be charged in place of HTP-I tariff by using electricity exclusively during night hours as above.
4. The option can be exercised to switch over from HTP-I tariff to HTP-IV tariff and vice versa twice in a calendar year by giving not less than one month's notice in writing.
5. In case the consumer is not fulfilling the conditions of this tariff category, then such consumer for the relevant billing period will be billed under tariff category HTP-I.

14.0 RATE HTP- V**HT - Agricultural (for HT Lift Irrigation scheme only)**

This tariff shall be applicable for supply of electricity to High Tension Agricultural consumers contracting for 100 kVA and above, requiring power supply for lifting water from surface water sources such as canal, river and dam, and supplying water directly to the fields of farmers for agricultural irrigation only.

14.1 Demand Charges:

Demand Charges Rs. 25 per kVA per Month

PLUS**14.2 Energy Charges:**

For all units consumed during the month	160 Paise per Unit
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14.3	Billing demand	}	same as per HTP-I Tariff
14.4	Minimum bill		
14.5	Power factor		
14.6	Maximum demand and its measurement		
14.7	Contract demand		
14.8	Rebate for supply at EHV		

15.0 RATE – Railway Traction:

This tariff is applicable for power supply to Railway Traction at 132 kV/66 kV.

15.1 Demand Charges:

(a) For billing demand upto the contract demand	Rs.160 per kVA per month
(b) For billing demand in excess of contract demand	Rs.400 per kVA per month

NOTE: In case of the load transfer for traction supply due to non-availability of power supply at preceding or succeeding point of supply or maintenance at Discom’s level, excess demand over the contract demand shall be charged at normal rate at appropriate point of supply.

Normal Demand Charges will also apply in case of bunching of trains. However, Discoms shall charge excess demand charges while raising the bills and Railways have to give convincing details and documentary proof of bunching of trains if they want to be charged at the normal demand charges. If satisfactory proof of bunching of trains is provided, Discom shall consider that occasion for normal demand charges, otherwise excess demand charges will be applicable specified as above at 15.1(b).

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15.2 Energy Charges:

For all units consumed during the month	455 Paise per Unit
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15.3	Billing demand	}	same as per HTP-I Tariff
15.4	Minimum bill		
15.5	Power factor		
15.6	Maximum demand and its measurement		
15.7	Contract demand		
15.8	Rebate for supply at EHV		





Annexure 1.1 – List of Objectors

List of Organizations and Individuals who filed objections/suggestions

1	Consumer Education and Research Society
2	Gondal Chambers of Commerce and Industries
3	Sh. Vipulbhai H. Raiyani
4	Dr. Vithal n. Kamat, CAER
5	M/S Suzlon Power Infra
6	Sh. Hasmukh R. Shah
7	Rajkot Engineering Association
8	Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat
9	Gujarat Krushi Vij Grahak Suraksha Sangh
10	Sh. Surendrabhai B. Mehta
11	Federation of Gujarat Industries
12	Sh. Sunil B. Oza
13	The Jahlod taluka Lift Irrigation Co.Op.Mandli
14	M/S Axis Ad Print Media Ltd.
15	M/S Arayan Packaging
16	GEB Engineers Association



Annexure 1.2 – List of participants in Public Hearing

List of participants in Public Hearing

1.	Consumer Education and Research Society
2.	Sh.Vipulbhai H. Raiyani
3.	Dr. Vithal n. Kamat,CAER
4.	M/S Suzlon Power Infra
5.	Sh. Hasmukh R. Shah
6.	Rajkot Engineering Association
7.	Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat
8.	Gujarat Krushi Vij Grahak Suraksha Sangh
9.	Sh. Surendrabhai B. Mehta
10.	Federation of Gujarat Industries
11.	Sh. Sunil B. Oza
12.	The Jahlod taluka Lift Irrigation Co.Op.Mandli
13.	M/S Axis Ad Print Media Ltd.
14.	Utility users Welfare Association and Cosumer Protection Council



Annexure 1.3 – ARR for FY 2008-09

The final ARR for the Petitioner based on the audited figures for FY 2008-09 is as shown below:

Table 113: Table showing the Final ARR of FY 2008-09

Particulars	Approved as per MYT Order for FY 2008-09	Revised Estimates submitted by MGCVCL for FY 2008-09	Approved as per Order dated 14-12-2009	FY 2008-09 (Audited)
Cost of Power Purchase	179385	225368	225289	225354
Operation & Maintenance Expenses	29145	27680	20051	25464
Employee Cost	21687	20289	14174	18755
Repair & Maintenance	4038	3917	3298	3298
Administration & General Charges	3420	3474	2579	3411
Depreciation	5923	5448	5543	5526
Interest & Finance Charges	7116	4790	4210	4231
Interest on Working Capital	2246	2623	2350	2563
Other Debits	113	1044	113	1084
Extraordinary Items	4	3	0	0
Provision for Bad Debts	221	242	148	0
Net Prior Period Expenses / (Income)	0	(101)	0	62
Return on Equity	6103	5756	5866	5789
Provision for Tax / Tax Paid	108	174	58	144
Less: Other Expenses Capitalised	(4259)	(4074)	0	(5433)
ARR	226105	268953	263627	264784
Non - Tariff Income	2948	2471	3992	6916
Total ARR	223157	266483	259635	257868



