



GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

5th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee

Date : Friday, 9th February, 2007
Time : 11.30 A.M.
Venue : Conference Hall – GERC,
1st Floor, Neptune Tower,
Opp. Nehru Bridge, Ashram Road,
Ahmedabad -380 009.

Agenda for the Meeting

Item Details:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Fourth Meeting of Advisory Committee held on 6th July, 2006
2. Presentation and discussion on Annual Revenue Requirement of GSECL, GETCO, MGVCL, PGVCL, UGVCL etc. unbundled utilities.
3. Letters from the Members
 - (i) Shri N. Dinkar: Making mandatory the usage of "Energy Efficient Motors"
 - (ii) Shri Bipin Desai: Mechanism to be developed to resolve all the issues related to agriculture sector
 - (iii) -WO Shri Maganbhai Patel :
 - a. Raising Supplement bill and filing Police cases against the farmers
 - b. Estimate given to PDC connections that are again 'reconnected.
 - c. Hours of supply to Agricultural connections
 - d. Under reconnection process of PDC connections the metered consumers should be given back the difference.
 - e. Delay in giving new connections
 - (iv) CERS (Shri K. K. Bajaj) :
 - a. Multi Year Tariff for 3 years or 5 years
 - b. Status of meters for agricultural consumers after last tariff order
4. Any other item with the permission of chair

BRIEF NOTE ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Committee held on 6th July 2006**
The fourth meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on 6th July, 2006.
Minutes of the meeting were sent to all the members vide letter no.
GERC/ADM/SAC/2006/1676 dated 31st July, 2006.
- 2. Presentation and discussion on Annual Revenue Requirement of GSECL, GETCO, DGVCL, MGVCL, PGVCL etc. unbundled utilities.**

3. AGENDA ITEM FROM MEMBERS — BRIEFS

SHRI N. DINKER, Member, SAC

His Views :

Making mandatory the usage of "Energy Efficiency Motors" (instead of Standard Motors) at all new Agricultural connections, the existing motors may be replaced by Energy Efficient Motors in phased manner at the earliest opportunity and/or within three years of the issue of notification.

Energy efficient equipment is of paramount importance and Energy conservation is the need of the hour. 70% of Electrical Energy used in India is for drawing electrical motors. 80% motors are below 15 KW. Therefore the use of Energy Efficient Motors is a National Priority. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has adopted the standard IS: 12615 of 1989.

Discussion point:

Discoms may be intimated to take up the programme for consumer awareness to avoid inefficient use of energy in pumping devices. The directives given on Energy Audit in tariff order may be further extended to use of efficient motors.

SHRI K. K. BAJAJ CERS

His Views:

- 1) Multi year Tariff either for 3 years or 5 years.
- 2) Status of meters for Agricultural consumers after last tariff order
- 3) DISCOMs charging reconnection charges instead of Delay Payment Charges.
- 4) Misuse of section — 135 by DISCOMs
- 5) Reports submitted by Consumer Redressal Forums to be discussed

Discussion point:

The Multi Year Tariff guidelines are in process of development. The National Electricity Policy also depicts the provision of MYT in the state. The ARR petitions filed by the DISCOMs contain the status Of meters for Ag consumers.

DISCOMs may clarify and give details regarding the charges for reconnections and Delay Payment charges, as well as for misuse of section 135 of the Act.

As per the provision 13 of the Establishment of Forum for redressal of Grievances of Consumers regulations (2 of 2004) the Forums has to submit the Monitoring Report to the Ombudsman and a copy to the Commission.

**SHRI BIPIN DESAI
GUJARAT I KHEDUT SAMAJ****His Views:**

- 1) To sustain the quality of power supplied to the Agricultural consumer is of utmost importance. A mechanism to be develop by the Commission by forming a committee of all the Head of the Departments of DISCOMs and representative of Farm sector and these Committee should submit the report within three months.
- 2) A mechanism to be developed to resolve all the pending questions about Ag connections and supply related.

Discussion Point:

Discoms are given directives in this matter in the previous Tariff Order.

**SHRI MAGANBHAI PATEL
BHARTIYA KISAN SANGH****His Views:****(1) Raising Supplement bill and filing Policy cases against the farmers**

In the cases where there is no intention of theft from the farmer, should be booked under section 126 and he should be given supplementary bill as there is provision under section 127 to appeal. But he should not be harassed under section 135.

Discussion Point:

DISCOMs may provide the supplementary bill as per the statutory requirement.

(2) Again estimate given to PDC connections who are again reconnected.

Instructions to be given to DISCOMs to only charge the reconnection charges and not the estimate charges for PDC connections.

(3) Hours of supply to Agricultural connections

Instructions to be given to DISCOMs to give continuous 24 hours uninterrupted quality power supply to Agricultural connections. DISCOMS should follow the provisions under the Standard of Performance Regulations of GERC.

(4) Under reconnection process of PDC connections the metered consumers should be given back the difference.

As per the order 885/2006 dated 03/10/2006 a clarification was given by the Commission for order no. 88 / 2002 under which the reconnection of PDC connections should be treated as the old connection and should be given option to be billed as per HP based or as per meter readings.

(5) Delay in giving new connections

A time bound program may be initiated for getting the new connection for supply. Though there is strict provision in section 43(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to provide the new connection within one month of application, there are applications pending since last ten years which are not cleared.

General Discussion on emerging trends in Power Sector Reforms

Hon'ble Members of the State Advisory Committee are requested to express their views in the open discussion.