

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on 4th December 2009 at 11.30 am in the Conference Hall of Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, Ahmedabad.

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Dr. P.K. Mishra, Chairman, welcomed all the Members of the State Advisory Committee.

Members present in the 9th State Advisory Committee meeting is annexed (Annexure-I).

Agenda Item No.1.

The minutes of the last meeting was sent to the members, as no suggestions were received from the members, minutes of the 8th Meeting State Advisory Committee were approved.

Agenda Item No.2

Action points of the eighth Meeting of the Committee

Thereafter, Shri SR Pandey, Legal Advisor explained to the Committee about the actions taken by the Commission on various issues after the 8th SAC Meeting.

Following issues were explained and discussed in detail

DSM Activities

- Policy framework to reach out to consumers for energy efficiency.
- Energy Accounting & Audit
- Pilot projects at Discom levels (UGVCL/PGVCL) 16.07%
- Replacement of Electric motors with Energy Efficient Motors
- Distribution of CFL at subsidized rates to the consumers

Shri Dinkar sought the information like Name of Talukas, Who monitored the saving in consumption and evaluation method, Specific data in numbers – Discomwise, Talukawise, Date of the implementation, what about UGVCL Jyotigram feeder/Mix Feeder, New Installations/Replacement, Municipal Corporations

- 6 Feeder either Jyotigram Yojana Feeder

- What is the status now
- Urban area not restricted

Shri Shivlal Barasia suggested that maximum need of the energy conservation is in PWD and Government offices.

Energy Audit/Energy efficient pump/replacement of old pump-motor
Third party inspection

Shri N. J. Buch of ERDA expressed his views on the issue. He mentioned that

- CFL bulb is very cheapest
- BEE found mercury disposal problem
- Mercury level is required to be fixed by the Commission
- BEE introduced to provide star mercury on the product.
- Max products marketing new BEE marking.
- Role of GERC limited, Utility has to augment the same.
- Next meeting invite the utility also
- Co-ordination meeting communicate the same.
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Shri Shivlal Barasia mentioned that cost of CFL lamp is too high and therefore less affordable by the public. It may be distributed through agencies with discount and Discom may provide discount of 2 to 5 Rs./% which will incentivise the public. Disposal of mercury. Star marked Indian Manufacturers are very good

- Chairman, GERC mentioned that GERC's Role on DSM is limited to verify accuracy of DSM

but utilities have to comply and this aspect will be discussed in next co-ordination Committee meeting. However, the Commission may sponsor study on implementation/ potential of DSM in the state.

Third party inspection

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Multi stores – PF/Oil test/Continuous monitoring

- Shri Bajaj actively participated in the discussions and sought information about technical and evaluation method adopted for DSM reports provided by the Discoms and the data should be given Discomwise – Taluka wise in numbers rather than percentage basis.

Item No. 2(5)

Standard of Performance –

As discussed in last quarter, the summary of the SOP reports was discussed.

The data of accidents occurred during the quarter, no of the complaints redressed during the quarter within stipulated time, nature of major complaints, No. of meters repaired during the quarter etc. was discussed in detail. On no. of failure of DTR, the reasons were discussed and it was suggested that amorphous transformers should be utilized to decrease the maintenance and hence, failure rate of transformer.

Members expressed that the data verification is necessary .It was informed that a study on SOP data verification is entrusted to PDPU and report is yet to be received.

Shri K.K. Bajaj mentioned that Discoms are required to include SOP reports on their website as a part of their annual reports. He also submitted data of electrical accidents occurred and mentioned that the no.of electrical accidents are getting higher and higher and Chief Electrical Inspector does not response. He also mentioned that Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission has formulated policy with

Member (T) analyzed the no. of accidents in context of the causes attributable to either Discom or consumers and accordingly, it was derived that 75% of the accidents are due to Discoms' negligence.

Meena

- Mumbai - convert the D.C. to A.C. which create more efficient to public

Agenda Item No.3

Recent activities/orders/notifications

(a):Power Procurement from Renewable Sources

It was explained to the Members that commission has issued draft order on Power Procurement from Renewable Sources. For harnessing the available Renewable energy sources in the state, Power Procurement from the renewable sources in total consumption as 8% for the year 2009-10, 9% for the year 2010-11 and 10% for the year 2011-12 is proposed.

(b) Appointment of independent members in CGRFs:

The members were apprised of the appointment of members in CGRF.

(c) Wind Energy Tariff:

It was explained to the members that the Commission has earlier determined the wind energy tariff vide order dt.11.8.2006 with a control period of 3 years. The new draft order is prepared the commission will finalize the tariff soon.

(d) Solar Energy Tariff:

Members were informed about the draft order on Solar energy tariff.

(e) Regular appointment of Ombudsman:

Chairman pointed out that since beginning Secretary, GERC was designated as Ombudsman. Recently, Hon'ble ATE has also directed SERC for regular appointment of Ombudsman. It was informed that the Commission has almost completed the procedure of regular appointment of Ombudsman and is going to appoint Ombudsman soon.

(f) Seminar on "Issues and Challenges in the Protection of Consumers' Interest in Power Sector"

Members were apprised of the seminar organized by GERC on “Issues and Challenges in the Protection of Consumers’ Interest in Power Sector”.

Agenda Item No.4

SOP Regulations

This issue was discussed while taking up the agenda item no. 2(5):

Agenda Item No.5

Monitoring Reports of Forums and Ombudsman

The details regarding appeals before Ombudsman and no. of complaints dealt by CGRFs during quarter I and II of 2009-10 were put up before Committee.

Agenda Item No.6.

Letters from Members

Following issues were discussed:

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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