

**GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Ahmedabad**

**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on  
16<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 At Circuit House, Annexe, Sahibaug, Ahmedabad.**

The following were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. P.K.Mishra, Chairman, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
2. Shri Pravinbhai Patel, Member (Technical), Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
3. Dr. M.K.Iyer, Member (Finance), Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
4. Dr. Ketan Shukla, Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission
5. Shri J.M.Joshi, Deputy Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Dept., Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
6. Shri H.C.Patel, Under Secretary (Power), Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
7. Shri Jyotindra Patel, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Ahmedabad
8. Shri Shivalal S Barasiya, Rajkot Engineering Industries Association
9. Shri Davendra Kumar, Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Western Railway, Mumbai.
10. Shri Maganbhai Patel, Bhartiya Kisan Sangh
11. Shri H.D. Desai, Hon.Secretary,Gujarat Khedut Samaj
12. Mrs. Ilaben Bhatt, SEWA
13. Shri N Dinkar, Vadodara
14. Dr. Omkar Jani, Gujarat Energy Research & Management Institute, Gandhinagar.
15. Shri Kirtibhai Amin, President, Pradesh Kisan Vikas Sangh, Patan
16. Shri V.T. Rajpara, Electricity Ombudsman
17. Shri H.S.Patel, Managing Director, Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited.
18. Shri S.B. Khyaliya, Managing Director, Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited.
19. Shri D.C.Parmar, Chief Engineer, Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited.
20. Shri M.B. Jadeja, Executive Director, Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited.
21. Shri K.P.Jangid, General Manager (Commercial), Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited,
22. Shri S.P.Trivedi, Executive Engineer, Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, Vadodara.
23. Shri B.B. Mehta, Chief Engineer, State Load Dispatch Centre.
24. Shri S.H.Upadhyay, Superintending Engineer (R&C), Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited.
25. Shri N.K.Shah, Section Officer, Energy & Petrochemicals Dept., Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
26. Shri J.J.Gandhi, Deputy Chief Accounts Officer, Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd.
27. Smt. A.S.Dani, Asst. Electrical Inspector, Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector.
28. Shri Jagrut Vyas, Executive Director, TPL
29. Shri Chetan Bundela, General Manager, TPL

Officers from GERC and other utilities were also present.

The Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Ketan Shukla, warmly welcomed the members of the State Advisory Committee and other participants. He informed that this is the first meeting of the FY 2013-14 and also appreciated the DISCOMs for their excellent performance and in getting an A+ credit rating from the Ministry of Power. Thereafter he requested Dr.P.K.Mishra, Chairman, GERC to take up the agenda items for discussion.

While welcoming the members, Dr.P.K.Mishra, Chairman stated that there was a long time gap between this meeting and the earlier meeting by about 6 months. He expressed the view that the next meeting of the State Advisory Committee will be in the new office at "GIFT City", Gandhinagar.

Item No.1: Approval of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at Ahmedabad.

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at Ahmedabad had been sent to all the members. As no comments have been received from any of the members, the minutes were confirmed.

Item No.2: Action taken report on the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the State Advisory Committee.

Item No. 2-2(ii): UGVCL and MGVCL have finalized an insurance policy for crop damage. The Chief Engineer, UGVCL briefed the members about claim procedure. The insurance policy for crop damage has commenced and is getting good response. PGVCL and DGVCL finalize the insurance policy scheme within One month.

(Action: PGVCL & DGVCL)

Item No. 2.6 (2): It was felt by some of the members of State Advisory Committee that there is no effective result achieved in respect of low voltage faced in rural areas. After detailed deliberations over the issue, Chairman, GERC informed the SAC members to provide specific instances /grievances caused due to low voltage so as to initiate quick redressal of such problems.

Item No.2.7: While going through the figures mentioned by each discom in respect of accidents, Chairman, GERC informed that there seems to be no major

improvement in reducing the number of accidents and asked the discoms to provide (i) action plan for pre-monsoon maintenance and (ii) general maintenance of feeders taken up by each utilities well in advance and to discuss the same in the next meeting. A committee consisting of Shri H.S.Patel, MD, DGVCL and Shri S.Khayalia, MD, MGVCL, Shri Maganbhai, Bhartiya Kisan Sangh and Shri Shivlal Barasia, Rajkot Engineering Industries Association shall discuss the various issues of maintenance and incorporate the suggestions in their action plan /safety measures to improve the current scenario. They are agreed to meet at Baroda on 15<sup>th</sup> May,2013 at 1200 hrs.

In response to a suggestion made by Smt.Elaben Bhatt, the Chairman asked the utilities to identify the schools where such awareness campaign can be held to make the students understand the safety and relative aspects.

(Action : DISCOMs)

Item No.8(3): Chairman, GERC asked the MDs of all utilities to hold a meeting at their level to monitor the release of new connections.

(Action : DISCOMs)

Item No.9(2): Chairman, GERC instructed the MDs of utilities to submit road map for complete replacement of old meters by Static Electronic meter.

(Action : DISCOMs)

Item No.9(5): The Commission noted the action taken by TPL in showing security deposit amount on customers' bill.

Item No.3: Tariff Orders for FY 2013-14

It was informed that the Tariff Order for F.Y. 2013-14 for State owned DISCOMS and Torrent Power Limited - Ahmedabad, Surat are issued. Average tariff rates for State owned Discoms are increased by 34 Paise per Kwh and for Torrent Power Limited increased by 31 Paise per Kwh effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013.

#### Item No.4: Fuel Audit of GSECL and TPL stations

Chairman,GERC informed that the report submitted by PWC is being analyzed by the commission.

#### Item No.5: Comprehensive Third Party Audit of Annual accounts of State owned Discoms and TPL

It was informed that the consultant has completed the audit and their report is under finalization.

#### Item No.6: Regulations on Demand Side Management

Utilities informed that work for preparation of DSM Plan and identification of technical potential is assigned to TERI.

The commission has emphasized the role of distribution licensee for consumer side DSM in addition to supply side DSM activities to address issues of climate change.

#### Item No.7: Amendment to GERC (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005

The commission put for the proposed amendment to the security deposit regulations and briefed the members of State advisory committee in this regard. The commission sought suggestions from members and utilities if any, before the amendment to finalized.

#### Item No.8: Standard of Performance (SoP) and Monitoring of Performance of CGRFs

The SOP reports and performance of CGRFs were discussed in detail. MDs of distribution companies were asked to review SoP submission and implementation of CGRF and Ombudsman orders.

#### Item No.9: Issues raised by the Members

1. The chairman directed the DISCOMs to examine the suggestion of Mr. Devendra Kumar of Western Railways regarding incentive in tariff for railways.

2. With regard to the issues raised by Rajkot Industries Association and other members, the Chairman asked GUVNL to hold a meeting at the level of MD, GUVNL with SAC members to address the same.

(Action : GUVNL)

3. Shri Maganbhai Patel informed that utilities are not providing 2nd agriculture connection in the same survey number. Chairman, GERC has directed GUVNL to submit a report to the Commission for further deliberation.

(Action : GUVNL)

4. Shri Jyotindrabhai Patel informed the commission about false electricity bills issued under extension load. The Ombudsman was asked to study the case in detail and submit a report to the Commission.

(Action : Ombudsman)

MD, DGVCL informed the SAC members that the compensation claim amount has revised in case of animal accidents in line with forest department. Chairman has directed that copy of circular be given to members.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**(Dr. Ketan Shukla)**

**SECRETARY**