

**Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> State Advisory Committee Meeting, held on**  
**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Advisory Committee (SAC), was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013, in the Conference Hall of the Commission, at Jaipur, under the chairmanship of Shri D.C. Samant, Chairman, RERC. The list of the participants is appended at **Annexure-1**.

Shri G.K.Sharma, Secretary, RERC, welcomed the members in the meeting and initiated the proceedings of the 15<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting. He said that the Agenda for this meeting had already been circulated on 5.4.2013. Two additional agenda items were subsequently sent on 10.4.2013 & 12.4.2013.

**Item no 15/1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the**  
**State Advisory Committee**

Secretary, RERC intimated that the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee had been circulated on 7.12.2012.

Since no comments were received on the minutes, as such, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.

**Item no 15/2: Action Taken Report**

The follow-up action taken, in respect of the decisions, taken in the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee, was discussed pointwise, and the latest status was appraised to the members, as under:

**ATR - Reliable Power Supply to Railways:**

The CMD JVVNL intimated that regular meetings with the railways officers are taking place. The representative of Railways also confirmed the same.

**ATR - 5% Rebate for defective meters :**

CMD JVVNL mentioned that replacement of defective meters was taken as a campaign and as a result 10 lac no. of meters have been changed by the Discoms during last year only, while 75,000 meters are being replaced every month.

On the issues of providing 5% rebate to eligible consumers the Members were of the opinion that exact no. of persons to whom 5% rebate have been allowed should be informed by the Discoms.

The Discoms expressed difficulties in detection of eligible cases for which the Secretary (Energy) and other Members expressed that some inbuilt system in the billing software has to be made so that the rebate is automatically passed.

Chairman RERC concluded that the built in mechanism in the billing software should be developed. If need be a committee could be formed which could review the progress and implementation from time to time.

**ATR - Non-compliance of Intra State ABT Regulations :**

CMD RVPN informed that integration of the existing LT meters was under process.

Chairman, RERC advised the CMD, RVPN to evolve a time bound programme for such integration & meanwhile, start ABT billing, based on available information.

**ATR - Updation of TCS by the Discoms :**

Jaipur VVNL presented a few copies of the updated TCS for perusal. The Chairman, RERC, advised the JVVNL to make available a copy to each member. Jodhpur VVNL had also published the updated TCoS. Ajmer VVNL was asked to expedite.

**ATR - Issuing of Consumer Charter by Discoms:**

JVVNL made available a copy of the consumer charter to each member of the SAC. Jodhpur VVNL informed that the charter has already been issued while AVVNL informed that same was under printing. The Chairman asked to prepare Hindi version of the same for wide publicity and sending to SAC members & to the Commission.

**ATR - Recovery of compounding charges and assessment amount in case of theft :**

Sh. R.G. Gupta mentioned that it was not clear from the circular dated 11th Feb. 13, issued by the Commission, as to how civil liability in case of theft could be recovered, if the consumer opts for compounding.

The matter was discussed at length regarding manner of implementing Commission's decision.

After lot of deliberations on this issue, Chairman RERC observed that Discom's need to examine the issue for taking appropriate action in the matter.

**ATR - 100% metering of Agriculture Consumers :**

MD, AVVNL updated the information that all the unmetered Agriculture connections shall be provided meter by the end of April, 2013.

MD, JVVNL mentioned that nearly 291 connections were left, which will be covered very shortly.

Shri P.N.Bhandari emphasized that the flat rate tariff should be significantly higher, so as to tempt the consumers to opt for Metered Category.

**Additional Agenda Item No.1 : Difficulties being faced by public in release of new connection/ Load extension in large buildings/Havelies**

This issue has been discussed in the main agenda item vide no. 15/4.

**Additional Agenda Item No.2: Monitoring of RPO – suggestions by Sh.D.S.Agarwal, Rudraksh Energy:**

This issue has been discussed in the main agenda item.

**Item no. 15/3: Amendments in the Distribution Licensees, Standards of Performance, 2003.**

Chairman, RERC intimated the members that a large number of stakeholders have given response on the draft document and the Commission has obtained comments from Discoms on the views and suggestions sent by the stakeholders, which are being examined for further action.

**Item no. 15/4: Proposal regarding releasing of new electricity connection/ load extension in Haveli's/Large Buildings**

The Chairman apprised that public notice inviting comments has already been issued in this regard on the proposal of Discoms to redress the difficulty.

**Item no. 15/6: Petitions for determination of wheeling charges and losses of Discoms for FY 14**

Chairman, RERC apprised that comments have been received from Discom on the observation of stakeholders. Hearing on the matter will soon taken place.

**Additional Agenda Item of Shri P.N.Bhandari relating to three phase connection to telecom towers by extending 5 KW limit to 10 KW :**

Shri A.K. Gupta, MD, JdVVNL was of the opinion that it could be implemented subject to recovery of transformer cost from the consumer.

Shri R.G.Gupta apprehended that the provision could be misused for running agriculture pump sets beyond block supply hours. Shri R.G.Gupta opined that the CEA provisions may be referred to, regarding limits of granting single phase connection, before a view is taken.

Chairman, RERC asked the Discoms to examine the proposal after considering all aspects and furnish their suggestions/ comments.

**Additional Agenda Item No.2 : Monitoring of RPO suggestions by Shri D.S.Agarwal, Rudraksh Energy :**

Shri B.K.Makhija, Director, RREC explained the latest status related to RPO compliance.

He mentioned that RREC has started monitoring the compliance and further stated that the Discoms had met RPO target of the Wind, while

the achievement in respect of Biomass and Solar is lower than RPO target.

The Secretary, Energy mentioned that the cumulative target, however, has been achieved.

Shri Makhija intimated that the data from 49 CPP and open access consumers were asked out of which 31 have furnished the required data where have also been got verified from Electrical Inspector.

Chairman, RERC emphasized that SLDC Wing may also be involved to obtain authentic data in respect of open access and other consumers.

Miscellaneous Items:

- (1) Shri Paras Sethia of Marudhar Industries Association, Jodhpur, stated that tariff for SIP category should also be demand based. He expressed concern that the consumers are greatly harassed by Discoms' officers and to obviate such incidences, demand based tariff for SIP category was necessary.

Chairman, RERC observed that Discoms could give their views as no proposal on this has been included in the tariff petition under consideration of the Commission.

- (2) In the matter of redressal of Consumer grievances, Sh K.L.Jain opined that to seek redressal through the Settlement Committee, only 25 % of the billed amount should be accepted in place of 50 %. Discom may consider this suggestion and take suitable action.

