

Minutes of the 11th meeting of the Coordination Forum

The 11th meeting of Coordination Forum was held at 10:30 a.m. on 7th September, 2018 at the Assam Administrative Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.

The list of participants is attached at Annexure-1.

Shri S C Das, IAS (Retd), Chairperson, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) was in Chair.

The Chairperson, AERC welcomed all the members of the Forum and highlighted that the role of Coordination Forums have attained greater significance, with implementation of broad spectrum programs by both the Central and State Governments for development of the power Sector. He stated that the power companies need to plan ahead to successfully execute the programs and this forum provides a platform for the companies to share their experiences and raise issues for co-coordinated development of the sector in the state. He expressed hope that the discussions during the Meeting will be fruitful and facilitate faster and smooth development of the sector, as envisaged. The Chairperson then took up the agenda items one by one.

1) AGENDA ITEM NO. 1:

Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th meeting of the Co-ordination Forum.

The minutes of the 10th meeting of the Co-ordination Forum held on 24.10.2017 were circulated among the members /special invitees. No comments were received. The same was confirmed without any change.

2) AGENDA ITEM NO.2

Action taken on the minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Co-ordination Forum.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was made by Shri J. Bezbaruah, Assistant Director (Engg.), AERC highlighting the action taken by AEGCL, APDCL and APGCL on the actionable items of the minutes of the last meeting. The important deliberations that took place are noted below:

APGCL:

- 2.1 APGCL informed the there is no further development with regard to refund of the forfeited EMD amount by ONGC with regard to GSA for Silchar project.
- 2.2 With regard to Amguri Solar Project, APGCL informed that, SECI will not do the project. The site is clear. Now, Management will take a call on mode of

development of Amguri Solar Project, i.e. whether APGCL will develop or APDCL will float tender for hiring 3rd party.

APGCL informed that, by November'2018 all the modalities will be finalised.

- 2.3 With regard to NRPP, APGCL informed that, on 09/07/2018 the roof of Steam Turbine Generator (STG) building of NRPP totally Collapsed. The damage of STG unit and other installations not yet ascertained. APGCL also informed that, committees have been formed to inspect the incidents. APGCL further informed, after 17/09/18 the works may start.

The Commission directed APGCL to get proper schedule of work from BHEL and the project may be taken up in priority.

- 2.4 With regard to Myntriang SHEP, APGCL informed that the Commercial Operation of 1.5 MW enhancement unit-3 of MSHEP stage II has started from 18/05/2018. Further, the SCADA implementation is ongoing for the MSHEP Stage-I.
- 2.5 APGCL informed that, NTPC Submitted the second draft DPR for the 2*800 MW Margherita Thermal Power Project. APGCL stated about meeting held between MD APGCL and various Govt.officials related to forest clearance and Coal Augmentation plan. However no information related to coal linkage etc submitted.
- 2.6 APGCL informed that, for 120 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project, Forest and Environment clearance is yet to be received. Further, Bid documents for Road and Infrastructure and civil and Hydro- Mechanical Work is floated Bid Evaluation is under process (Road and Infrastructure) civil and Hydro- Mechanical Work (Bid will open on 01/09/2018).
- 2.7 APGCL informed that for the 24 MW Borapani Middle II Hydro Electric Project, funding for the project is now proposed to be obtained from ADB. The proposal has been sent by GoA to the DEA for approval.

AEGCL:

- 2.8 AEGCL submitted a status report on various projects being undertaken as of now. The same is enclosed as Annexure-2

The Commission stated that, the projects that are already completed are also included in the report and directed AEGCL to prepare focused report on the same.

- 2.9 AEGCL made a presentation on status of SAMAST. The same is enclosed as Annexure-3

APDCL:

- 2.10 MD, APDCL made a presentation with regard to various action taken points of last review meeting. The same is enclosed as Annexure-4

APPDCL:

2.11 APPDCL informed that status of the projects are same as stated in the last meeting. Further, with regard to Solar Park of 100 MW, no response from Govt. of Assam has been received yet. APPDCL informed that 20 MW Dhansiri project may be taken up by OTPC. GM, OTPC informed that OTPC is presently examining the project.

NHPC:

2.12 National Green Tribunal is yet to decide on the matter of Lower Subansiri Project

2.13 Land not yet acquired for Tawang I & II

NEEPCO:

2.14 COD for Pare 110 MW project already achieved

2.15 NEEPCO is expecting to Commission Kameng 600 MW project by March'2019.

2.16 NEEPCO stated that OIL could not supply required gas for July'2017 to March'2018 due to directive from Ministry of Petroleum.

OTPC:

2.17 OTPC informed that, Gas Availability is expected to be 100% only by mid 2019. Presently one machine is under shutdown.

Govt. of Assam:

2.18 Authorised capital of APDCL may be increased and the proposal will be placed before the Board by Sept'2018

2.19 The Govt is processing converting the Govt. of Assam loans into Equity.

3) AGENDA ITEM NO.3

Appraisal of overall power scenario of the State of Assam by APDCL.

APDCL made a presentation in this regard, enclosed as Annexure-4.

4) AGENDA ITEM NO.4:

Presentation on the status of different projects undertaken for the development of Power system in the state of Assam

NEEPCO:

4.1 NEEPCO informed the Forum that, DPR for Renovation & Modernisation of Kopili have been submitted to Govt. of India

4.2 NEEPCO further informed that, some of the buyers from North & West have not signed PPA for Kameng HEP and proposed that, APDCL may perhaps sign PPA

for those quantum. APDCL mentioned that, Kameng power is very costly. However, APDCL will examine the matter again.

PGCIL:

4.3 PGCIL made a detailed presentation on the status of project being undertaken by them. The same is enclosed as Annexure-5

5) AGENDA ITEM NO.5:

Discussion on Gas supply position of the thermal (Proposed and Existing) stations of APGCL/NEEPCO/OTPC.

5.1. APGCL informed that Gas Supply position has not improved. It is same as earlier

5.2. OTPC informed that 100% Gas for OTPC may become available only by middle of 2019.

6) AGENDA ITEM NO.6:

Presentation by CGM (RE) on the status of Rural Electrification/Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)/Saubhagya Scheme

6.1. APDCL made a presentation in this regard. The same is enclosed as Annexure-4.

7) AGENDA ITEM NO.7:

Developments of R.E projects including solar in the State of Assam

7.1. APDCL made a presentation in this regard. The same is enclosed as Annexure-4

8) AGENDA ITEM NO. 8:

Presentation on SAMAST by SLDC.

8.1. SLDC made a presentation in this regard, the same is enclosed as Annexure-3

No other matter came up for discussion.

The meeting ended with a “Vote of Thanks” to and from the chair.

Sd/-

(Subhash C Das)

Chairperson

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

**List of members, special invitees and officers present in the meeting of the
Coordination Forum held on 24th October, 2017 at Staff College, Khanapara, Guwahati.**

1. Shri Subhash Ch. Das, IAS (Retd), Chairperson, AERC
2. Shri Dipak Chakravarty Member, AERC
3. Shri Jishnu Barua, IAS, Chairman (APDCL, APGCL & AEGCL) & Principal Secretary, Power, Govt. of Assam
4. Smt Debjani Dey, GM (Com), NERLDC/POSOCO, Shillong
5. Prof Dr A K Goswami, Former Principal of Cotton College
6. Shri D S Yadav, Executive Director, PGCIL
7. Shri A Paul, AGM, PGCIL
8. Shri Upendra Hajra, CE (E), NHPC
9. Shri P G Saha, Director, APPDCL
10. Shri Arup Ch Sarma, GM, OTPC
11. Shri Anoop Kumar, GM, PGCIL
12. Shri A K Basumatary, DGM, PGCIL
13. Shri Somiran Das, GM, PGCIL
14. Shri S Kar, DGM, ONGC, Nazira
15. Shri Dipal Medak, SE(E), ONGC
16. Shri R Goswami, CGM, OIL
17. Secy Finance, Govt. of Assam
18. Shri Dhiren Hazarika, Jt Secy, FCS & CA, Govt of Assam
19. Shri A Barooah, Co Chairman, CII
20. Shri S Chowdhury, AM, APDCL
21. Shri J Borthakur, CGM (PP &D), APDCL
22. Shri R Barooah, CGM (G), APGCL
23. Shri B M Saikia, CGM (Com), APDCL
24. Shri D Hazarika, GM, APDCL
25. Shri S Goswami, CGM, APDCL
26. Shri D K Sarma, GM, APDCL
27. Smt A Saikia, AGM, APGCL
28. Shri N Deb, AM (F&A), APDCL
29. Shri I Tahbildar, DM, APDCL
30. Shri P K Baishya, AGM (TRC), APDCL
31. Shri S Kaimal, AGM (F&A), AEGCL

32. Shri J P Choudhury, DGM (NRE), APDCL
33. Shri G K Bhuyan, DGM (P&E), APDCL
34. Shri P Saha, DM, AEGCL

Officers of AERC

1. Shri S.K Roy, Secretary
2. Shri A.N. DevChoudhury, Joint Director (Tariff)
3. Shri Gunajit Sarma, Deputy Director (Engg)
4. Shri Alik Purkayastha, Deputy Director (Finance)
5. Shri Nipen Deka, Dy Director (PP)
6. Shri Sanjib Tamuli, Asst Director (T)
7. Shri Jayjeet Bezbaruah, Asst Director (T)
8. Ms. P.Sharma, Sr. Consultant