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Foreword

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission has an important role in shaping the power industry of the state, ensuring timely and adequate expansion of its generation capacity and transmission network, and overseeing that the power utilities of the state carry out their responsibilities in a fair and transparent manner.

In discharge of its responsibilities, the Commission undertook a number of initiatives during the year. Promotion of renewable energy is one of the important responsibilities of the regulator. To promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy, the Commission drafted the AERC (Power Procurement from Renewable Sources and Co-generation by Distribution Licensee) Regulations to provide suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify a percentage of the total consumption of electricity for purchase from such sources in the area of a distribution licensee. It is heartening to note that several renewable energy projects were proposed to be implemented in the state such as, 6 MW Municipal Solid Waste Management Project at Guwahati, 11 MW Biomass based Project at Marigaon, 2 MW Champamati Hydroelectric Project at Kokrajhar district, 3 MW Co-generation Power Plant at Noonmati, Guwahati, 2 MW Pahumara Small Hydro Project and 0.4 MW Rupahi Small Hydro Electric Project etc.

The Commission also amended Amendment of AERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2004 (First Amendment) 2007 and the AERC (Guidelines for Redressal of Consumer Grievances) Regulations, 2004 after following the required procedures.

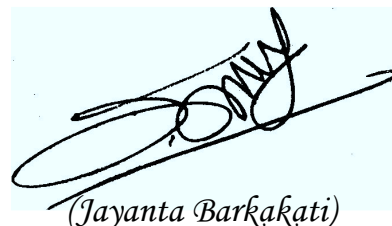
During the year, the Commission also carried out a few studies on effectiveness of TOD tariff in Assam and voltage based cost of supply for tariff purpose. Although, no consumer applied for open access within the state till date, the Commission continues with its initiatives on facilitating open access and notified short term and long term open access charges along with the cross subsidy surcharge in its Tariff Order for FY 2008-09.

The Consumer Advocacy Cell functioning under the Commission Cell embarked upon different activities during the period of time for promoting awareness among consumers on power related matters and continued with its endeavour to provide guidance to consumers on all matters related to the power sector. The Commission through the Cell assisted the consumers in many cases by forwarding their grievances to the suppliers, requested the suppliers for speedy response/redressal and at the same time asked for action taken reports from the suppliers. The endeavours of the Cell have generated an atmosphere of optimism among the participants and may go a long way in realizing the objective of the Commission to build a partnership between all stakeholders of the power sector.

The challenge that lies ahead for the Commission is in implementing the various regulations that have been framed over the years and monitoring the extent of implementation of the various directions in its Tariff Order.

The Commission looks forward to continued support from all stakeholders and the State Government in discharging its responsibilities.

17.09.2009



(Jayanta Barakati)

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the AERC or the Commission) was established under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act (hereinafter referred to as the ERC Act), 1998 on February 28, 2001. The AERC came into existence in August 2001 as a one-man Commission. Considering the multidisciplinary requirements of the Commission, it was made a multimember one constituting three Members (including Chairperson) from 27th January, 2006. The Commission has started functioning as Multimember Commission on joining of two members from 1st February, 2006.
- 1.2. The Commission is mandated to exercise the powers and functions conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act 2003 (36 of 2003) (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and to exercise the functions conferred to it under Section 86 of the Act from 10th June 2003.

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission is vested under Section 86 of the Act with the responsibility of discharging the following functions: To

- (a) determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity, wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be, within the State;
- (b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the State;
- (c) facilitate intra-State transmission and wheeling of electricity;
- (d) issue licences to persons seeking to act as transmission licensees, distribution licensees and electricity traders with respect to their operations within the State;
- (e) promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify, for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee;
- (f) adjudicate upon the disputes between the licensees and generating companies and to refer any dispute for arbitration;
- (g) levy fee for the purposes of the Electricity Act, 2003;

- (h) specify State Grid Code;
- (i) specify or enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees;
- (j) fix the trading margin in the intra-State trading of electricity, if considered, necessary;
- (k) discharge such other functions as may be assigned to it under the Electricity Act, 2003;
- (l) advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely:-
 - (i) promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry;
 - (ii) promotion of investment in electricity industry;
 - (iii) reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State; matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the State Commission by the State Government.

3. MISSION OF THE COMMISSION

- (a) To promote competition, efficiency and economy in the activities of the Electricity Industry within the State of Assam.
- (b) To regulate the power purchase and procurement process of the distribution utilities for sale, distribution and supply of electricity within the State of Assam.
- (c) To determine the tariff for electricity, wholesale, bulk, grid or retail, as the case may be, and the tariff payable for use of transmission facilities, within the State of Assam.

The Vision of the Commission is:

“to ensure uninterrupted power supply at required voltages to all the consumers so that they can meet their requirements of power at affordable cost at any time, thereby the state can develop on the basis of such power supply.”

4. CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION

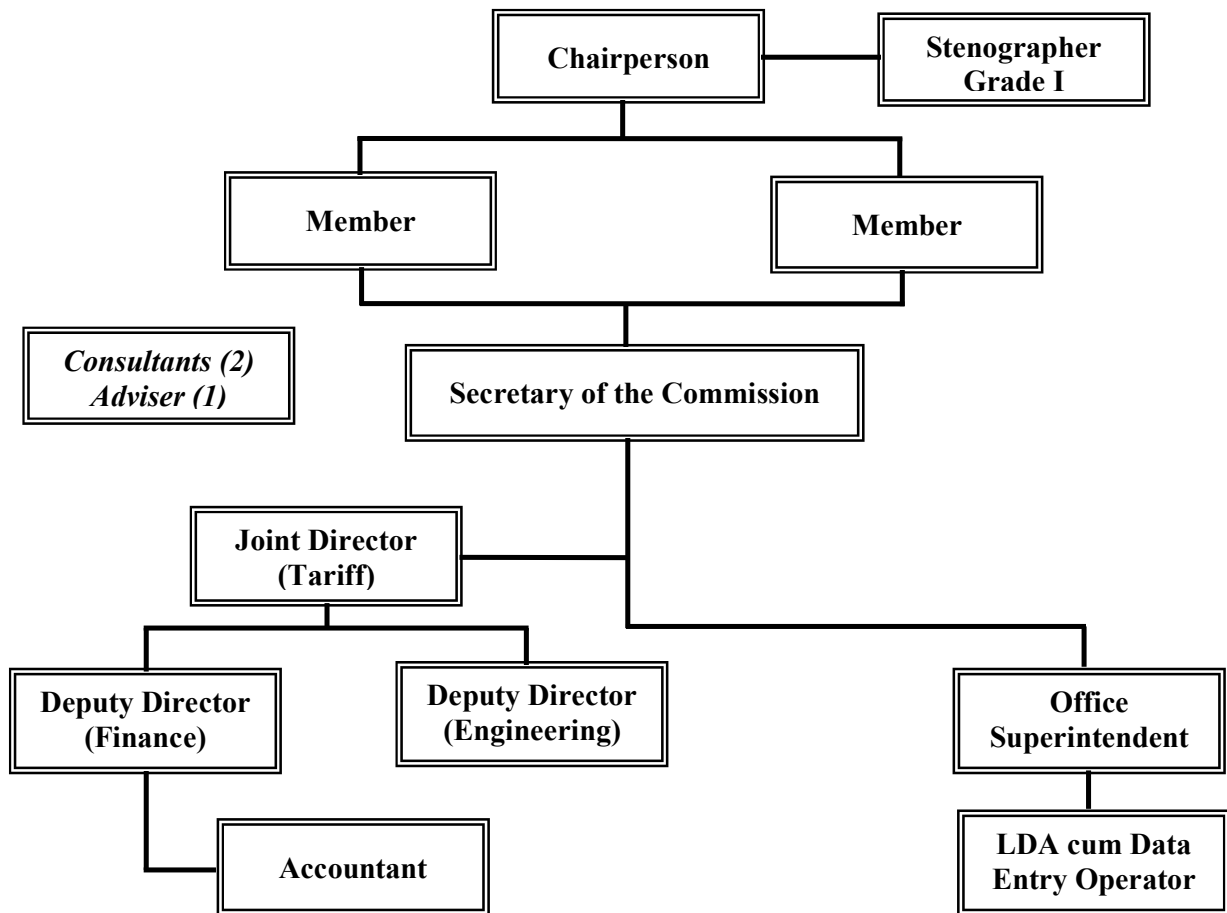
During the reporting period, the Commission is headed by Shri Jayanta Barkakati who joined as Chairperson of the Commission on 6th June, 2008.

5. COMMISSION’S OFFICE

The Commission is functioning in a rented building at ASEB Complex, Six Mile, Dwarandhar, Guwahati – 781 022 since 1st January, 2005.

6. ORGANISATIONAL SET UP AS ON 31st MARCH, 2009 IS SHOWN IN THE CHART AS FOLLOWS :

ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF AERC



7. EXISTING MANPOWER AS ON 31.03.2009

CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS

Position Held	2008-09	Remarks
1. Chairperson	Shri Jayanta Barkakati	Joined as Chairperson, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission on 06.06.2008.
2. Member	Shri Jadab Prasad Saikia	Joined as Member, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission on 01.02.2006 and superannuation on 28.02.2009.
3. Member	Shri Himadri Dutta	Joined as Member, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission on 01.02.2006.

OFFICERS ON DEPUTATION

Position Held	2008-09	Remarks
1. Secretary	Smti Gauri Regon, ACS	Joined on 1 st August, 2008 on deputation from the Government of Assam.
2. Joint Director (Tariff)	Shri M. K. Adhikary	On Deputation from ASEB, joined on 31.07.2004(AN)
3. Deputy Director (Engineering)	Shri A. Goswami	On Deputation from ASEB, joined on 13.10.2004
4. Deputy Director (Finance)	Shri Alik Purkayastha	Joined on 2 nd April, 2007 on contract service.
5. Stenographer (Grade I)	Shri J. C. Lahkar	On Deputation from ASEB, joined on 10.08.2004

OTHER STAFF ON CONTRACTUAL SERVICE

Position Held	2008-09	Remarks
1. Office Superintendent	Shri M.C. Bhattacharya	On Deputation from STATFED joined on 21.08.2004 and on contractual appointment since 21.08.2007.
2. Accountant	Shri G.C. Deka	On Deputation from STATFED joined on 21.08.2004 and on contractual appointment since 21.08.2007.
3. LDA-cum-Data Entry Operator	Shri Bhaskarjyoti Borah Shri Rajendra Bahadur	On Contract Service since 1 st June 2006. On Contract Service since 1 st September, 2002 upto 15 th May, 2008.
4. Grade IV Employees	1. Rama Kanta Barman 2. Manoj Kr. Barman	On Deputation from ASEB since 13.08.2004(AN) On contract service since 09.06.2005

In addition, the following Consultants are engaged by the Commission for assisting in various activities of the Commission.

Position Held	2008-09	Remarks
1. Adviser (Law)	Shri A. K. Thakur	On contract service (Part Time) since 16.10.2002
2. Consultant (Database and Consumer Advocacy)	Ms P. Sharma	On contract service since 7 th January 2004 as Junior Consultant (Finance) and since 01.04.2005 as Consultant (Database and Consumer Advocacy)
3. Consultant (Liaison)	Shri J. Sharma	On contract service since 17.12.2008

8. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

During FY 2008-09, Chairperson, and Members of the Commission attended meetings / conferences as given below:

Date	Venue	Subject	Attended By
18.07.2008	Lonavala, Maharashtra	Meeting of the Working Group on "MYT Framework and Distribution Margin"	Shri Jayanta Barkakati, Chairperson, AERC
09.09.2008 & 10.09.2008	New Delhi	SAFIR Steering Committee Meeting	Shri Jayanta Barkakati, Chairperson, AERC
25.09.2008	Hotel Chandela, Dist.-Chhatarpur, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	23 rd General Body Meeting of FOIR	Shri Himadri Dutta, Member, AERC
31.09.2009	MGM Resorts, Muttukadu, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	Workshop/Research Conference for the Chairpersons and Members of SERCs	Shri Himadri Dutta, Member, AERC

During FY 2008-09, the following officers of AERC attended training programmes.

Date	Venue	Subject	Attended By
28.04.2008 & 29.04.2008	Bangalore	Workshop on "Grid Security and Management"	Shri Anuj Goswami, Deputy Director (Engg), AERC
19.05.2008 & 21.05.2008	CIRE, Hyderabad	Training Programme on "Energy Accounting and Auditing in Power Sector - strategies and techniques"	Shri Anuj Goswami, Deputy Director (Engg), AERC

Date	Venue	Subject	Attended By
25.06.2008 & 26.06.2008	Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati	Training Programme on “General Awareness on Energy Conservation Act, 2001”	Shri Manoj Kumar Adhikary, Joint Director (Tariff), AERC
30.06.2008 to 05.07.2008	IIT Kanpur	Capacity Building Programme for the officers of Electricity Regulatory Commission	Shri Anuj Goswami, Deputy Director (Engg), AERC
26.08.2008 to 29.08.2008	ESCI Campus, Hyderabad	Training Programme on “Tariff Philosophy and Regulatory Practices, Issues and Challenges	Shri Alik Purkayastha, Deputy Director (Finance), AERC

9. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 2008-09, the 12th meeting of the State Advisory Committee of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission was held on 3rd December, 2008.

Main issues in the agenda for discussion were as follows :

1. The status of Multi Year Tariff Proposals by ASEB and its successor entities for FY 2008-09 to 2009-10.
2. The Draft Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Procurement from Renewable Sources and Co-generation by Distribution Licensee) Regulations, 2008.
3. The withdrawal of AERC (Metering Code for Assam Grid) Regulations, 2004 and AERC (Distribution Metering Code) Regulations, 2004.
4. The Amendment of AERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2004 (First Amendment) 2007.
5. The Amendment of AERC (Guidelines for Redressal of Consumer Grievances) Regulations, 2004.

10. THE COORDINATION FORUM

During 2008-09, one meeting of the Coordination Forum of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (6th Meeting) was held on 29th July, 2008. Main issues for discussion in agenda were as follows :

1. AERC (Power Procurement from Renewable Sources and Co-Generation by Distribution Licensee) Regulations, 2008 (Draft)
2. Gas Supply position of the Thermal (proposed and existing) Station of APGCL / DLF / NEEPCO.
3. Review of overall power scenario and proposed new projects of State and Central Sector Power Scheme in the state of Assam.
4. Status of transmission utilities and new projects of State and Central Sector in the state of Assam.
5. Rural Electrification / Rajiv Gandhi Gramya Bidyutikaran Yozana (RGGBY).

In both the meetings of State Advisory Committee and Coordination Forum, a staff paper on Solar Battery (Inverter) charging system was discussed by the members.

11. THE CONSUMER ADVOCACY CELL

FUNCTIONING OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCACY CELL, AERC

The Consumer Advocacy Cell formed on 4th February, 2005 has embarked upon different activities during the period of time for promoting awareness among consumers on power related matters which are indicated below:

- (A) New consumer groups were empanelled with the Cell for consumer participation in important regulatory matters.
- (B) A quarterly power information bulletin titled “The Electricity Consumer Grid” is being published consisting of useful information to consumers like - Mechanism for complaint redressal, important tips to electricity users and other power related information. Ten editions of this bulletin have been published so far. These are available at the official website of the Commission: www.aerc.nic.in.
- (C) The ninth edition of the Consumer Grid published in July 2008 was a consumer special issue incorporating articles that are fundamental to the consumer grievance redressal mechanism and other related matters. The tenth edition of the Consumer Grid published in January 2009, focused on information about renewable sources of energy as information about

availability of renewable energy systems and devices is less available to the common people.

12. STUDY ON TOD TARIFF IN ASSAM & ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The power generation capacity has increased over the years in India, but so has the demand for power. The scenario in NE region including Assam is similar where peak demand is almost 50% more than the off peak demand. Since the state predominantly depends on hydro power from Central Sector Generating Stations, it experiences a marginal off-peak surplus during rainy season depending on the intensity of rainfall and both peak and off-peak shortage during winter months. At present, the demand for power far exceeds the growth in the generation capacity resulting in acute energy and the peak power shortages. Over the years, the focus has primarily been on supply side measures like reduction of T&D losses, capacity additions and so on. Supply side measures though extremely important, require large investments and spreads over a long period of time. Therefore, it becomes pertinent to adopt a multi-pronged strategy that incorporates improvements in the demand side along with focus on the supply side measures.

The Time of Day (TOD) tariff is a measure to restrict the peak demand by imposing higher charge during the peak period so that some consumers may shift their consumption to off-peak hours.

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission intended to provide the benefit of TOD tariff to HT category of consumers. This Demand Side Management (DSM) practice has been considered as one of the most effective method for demand management. The configuration of system availability in Assam in terms of generating capacity as well as system constraints necessitated containment of peak demand for entire period of the year. The three tier TOD tariff introduced in Tariff Order 2005-06 for some categories achieved the purpose upto some extent. The categories of consumers where this tariff was applicable often adjusts its power consumption timing from evening peak hours to day or night hours when tariff is relatively low. However, further extension of TOD tariff to other main HT group like commercial & domestic categories will create a different effect on the consumers, due to the reason that these categories are essentially in need of energy during peak hours. As such, imposing a TOD higher rate during peak hours shall force such consumers to save power during peak hours and also

reduction of tariff rates for rest of the hours during day and night might generate a plan to rethink their consumption plan by shifting a portion of nonessential load to non-peak hours. The price signal might create a lower demand during peak hours. No separate data was made available to the Commission regarding consumption during different periods of day by different categories under TOD tariff. Since the data regarding TOD Consumption was not made available, the Commission decided not to extend TOD tariff to other categories in the Tariff Order 2006-07. At present under HT group, domestic, commercial, public water works, HT Small industries and HT Irrigation are not covered under TOD rate.

The 2005-06 Tariff Order came into effect from June 2005 and 2006-07 Order came into force from August 2006 with TOD Tariff for the same categories of the HT consumers to impose a restriction on use of power during evening peak hours when the system demand is in maximum as well as to protect the utilities from revenue loss. Although two subsequent Tariff Orders have been issued by the Commission, no analysis on the effectiveness and impact of the TOD tariff has been made till date due to non availability of information. For a considered analysis of the impact of TOD tariff on overall system demand this study has been conducted with sample data received from the supply utilities. Although 12 months data was sought from at least 20 consumers of each available TOD categories from each circle of Discoms, except a few circles, complete data was not provided for each category.

With whatever sample data that was made available; an analysis was done on the consumption pattern of the different categories in different circles and it was concluded that three Tier T.O.D. tariff has been effective in controlling peak consumption with almost all the categories shifting their evening consumption to other periods of the day.

13. PREPARATION OF STAFF PAPER ON SOLAR INVERTER BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEM:

A staff paper was prepared by AERC during FY 2008-09 on solar energy battery charging system: An integrated approach to supplement conventional energy by non conventional (Solar) energy. This paper was presented in the State Advisory Committee and Coordination Forum Meetings. The paper evoked much interest and appreciation among the participants.

14. DISPOSAL OF TARIFF PETITION FOR 2008-09**ANNUAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT (ARR) AND TARIFF PETITIONS OF UNBUNDLED ENTITIES**

Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) and its five successor entities Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. (APGCL), Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd. (AEGCL), Lower Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (LAEDCL), Central Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (CAEDCL) and Upper Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (UAEDCL) submitted petition for Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) for FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10 along with tariff proposals for FY2008-09 to meet the additional revenue requirements before the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) as per provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and regulations made under the Act.

As per the provisions of Assam Electricity Reform Final Transfer Scheme, 2005, notified by the State Government as per the provision of the Electricity Act vide PEL.151/2003/Pt/349 dated 16th August, 2005, the ASEB is carrying out the function of bulk purchaser and bulk supplier. Accordingly, ASEB has filed petition before the Commission for Bulk Supply Tariff applicable for distribution companies.

The Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) for ASEB submitted by ASEB and its successor entities APGCL, AEGCL, LAEDCL, CAEDCL and UAEDCL are as below:

(a) Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) of ASEB as Trader.

Rs. in Crore

ARR Element	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Total Power Purchase Cost	1066.42	1488.17
Repair and Maintenance	0.0107	0.0107
Employee Cost	0.40	0.52
Admin & General	1.96	2.08
Interest on Term Loan	1.86	1.86
Interest on Working Capital	0.046	0.058
Past period Fuel & Power Purchase cost adjustment (Allowed by AERC)	79.83	79.83
Depreciation	0.03	0.03
Statutory Fee		
ROE		
Taxes on Income		
Bad Debt 1% of Sales	11.51	15.35
Deficit of past year B/F	48.64	
Total	1210.84	1588.09
Less: Miscellaneous receipt	14.16	13.96
Total ARR	1196.54	1573.94
Net Available (MU) at Grid	4699.24	5280.09
Average Bulk Supply Rate (BST) Rs/Kwh	2.55	2.98

- (b) In the ARR submitted for ASEB as a Bulk Purchaser and Supplier, the ARR requirements of APGCL & AEGCL are included as below:

(i) Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) of APGCL

Rs. in Crore

Particulars	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Gross Generation (MU)	1603.77	1752.00
Aux. Power Consumption (MU)	62.18	65.00
Net Generation (MU)	1541.81	1687.00
<u>Fixed Charges</u>		
Operation & Maintenance		
Employee Cost	61.25	66.19
Repairs & Maintenance	17.00	20.37
Administrative & General Expenses	3.84	4.20
Interest & Finance Charge	49.10	43.92
Taxes on income	8.00	8.50
Depreciation	51.14	75.06
Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts	0.00	0.00
Return on Equity	46.65	46.65
Less: Other Income	-5.22	-5.44
(A) Total Fixed Charges	231.77	259.44
(B) Fuel Cost	153.43	174.05
ARR (A) + (B)	385.20	433.49
Fixed Cost Paise / Kwh (sent out)	150.32	153.79
Fuel Cost Paise / Kwh (sent out)	99.51	103.17
Tariff Paise / Kwh (sent out)	249.84	256.96

Salient Features of Tariff Petitions for FY 2008-09 & 2009-10

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
(a) Anticipated Gross Generation:	1603.77 MU	1752.00 MU
(b) Anticipated net generation	1541.81 MU	1687.00 MU
(c) Annual Fixed Cost	Rs. 231.77 Cr	Rs. 259.44 Cr
(d) Annual Variable Charge	Rs. 153.43 Cr	Rs. 174.04 Cr
(e) Average Tariff	Rs. 2.50 / Kwh	Rs. 2.57 / Kwh

(ii) Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) of AEGCL

Rs. Crores

Particulars	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Energy Available at Interface Point (MU)	4501	5481
Sale of Power (Sale to Discom) (MU)	4253	5180
Loss (MU)	248	301
Loss (%)	5.82%	5.81%
Expenditure		
PGCIL Transmission & NERLDC Charges	113.90	113.90
Repairs & Maintenance	16.15	23.32
Employee Cost	48.79	103.83
Admin & General	2.30	2.56
Depreciation	6.54	14.98
Advance Against Depreciation	67.71	0.00
Interest & Finance Charges	38.26	38.65
Less: Interest & Other Expenses Capitalised	0.00	0.00
Other Debits & Extra Ordinary Payments	0.40	0.40
Provision for Taxes	0.11	0.11
Special Charges on BST - Terminal Benefits	140.16	167.39
Net Prior Period Credit/Charges	-	-
Total Expenditure	434.33	465.16
Add: Return On Equity	13.99	13.99
Less: Other Income	2.88	2.88
True Up	59.05	67.17
Total ARR	504.50	543.44

Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) of SLDC

Particulars (Rs Crores)	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
Expenditure		
Repairs & Maintenance	0.99	0.99
Employee Cost	0.49	1.04
Admin & General	0.04	0.04
Depreciation	0.75	0.15
Interest & Finance Charges	0.39	0.39
Total Expenditure	2.65	2.61
Total ARR	2.65	2.61

Salient Features of Tariff Petition for FY 2008-09 & 2009-10

The salient features of the petitions of AEGCL are:

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>
(a) Total Annual Revenue requirements	Rs. 504.50 Cr	Rs. 543.44 Cr
(b) Anticipated transmission of energy	4253 MU	5180 MU
(c) Transmission loss	5.82 %	5.81 %
(d) Average transmission charge	Rs. 1.19/kwh	Rs. 1.05/kwh
(e) Transmission Charges for Long Term Open Access Consumer (Rs/kw/month)	Rs. 483.85/kw/month	Rs. 521.20/kw/month
(f) Transmission Charges for Short Term Open Access Consumer (Rs/MW/day)	Rs. 15907.30/MW/day	Rs. 17135.19/MW/day

(c) The ARR of Distribution Companies LAEDCL, CAEDCL and UAEDCL are submitted including Bulk Supply Tariff proposed by ASEB.

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (AERC) after receipt of the petition directed ASEB and its successor entities to publish the ARRs and Tariff Proposals with existing tariff and salient features of all distribution companies along with projected energy sale proposals as below:

Annual Revenue Requirements (ARR) of the Distribution Companies

ARR Elements	FY 2008-09			FY 2009-10		
	LAEDCL	CAEDCL	UAEDCL	LAEDCL	CAEDCL	UAEDCL
Power Purchase	1789	1116	1182	1938	1217	1314
Power Sales	1359	781	875	1511	876	999
% Loss	24%	30%	26%	22%	28%	24%
Differential BST	3.08	2.12	3.42	3.41	3.02	3.86
Power Purchase Cost @ diff BST	668	287	492	830	462	638
Repair & Maintenance	13	8	9	16	10	11
Employee Cost	163	106	113	172	112	120
Administration & General	5	6	4	6	6	5
Depreciation	12	11	8	20	19	12
Interest on Term Loan	43	23	20	46	25	23
Interest on working Capital	16	10	11	19	11	13
Other Finance Charges	0		0	0		0
Interest on security Deposit	6	3	2	6	3	3
Provision for Doubtful Debts	5	4	7	7	4	8
Total Expenditure	246	169	175	272	191	195
Less Income from trading	164	144	113	225	102	155
Net Expenditure	82	67	62	47	49	41
RoE	8	7	8	8	7	8
Provision for Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truing up cost for 2006-07	19	33	31	0	0	0
Truing up cost for 2007-08	19	68	10	0	0	0
Total ARR excluding Power Purchase	129	176	111	56	56	49
Total ARR Differential BST	797	462	602	885	518	687

Tariff Proposals with existing Tariffs

Tariff Category	Type of installation	Current Tariff		Proposed Tariff	
		Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges
LT I	Jeevan Dhara / LT Domestic A	Rs 15 per connection/mth	Rs 2.15 /kWh	Rs 15 per connection/mth	Rs 2.15 /kWh
LT II	Domestic A				
	0-120 kWh	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 2.80 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 3.60 /kWh
	120-240 kWh	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 3.85 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 4.85 /kWh
	Balance Units	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 4.55 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 5.85 /kWh
LT III	Domestic B	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 4.15 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 5.25 /kWh
LT IV	Commercial	Rs 110 per kW/mth	Rs 4.55 /kWh	Rs 145 per kW/mth	Rs 5.85 /kWh
LT V	General Purpose Supply	Rs 125 per kW/mth	Rs 4.00 /kWh	Rs 165 per kW/mth	Rs 5.20 /kWh
LT VI	Public Lighting	Rs 120 per kW/mth	Rs 4.25 /kWh	Rs 150 per kW/mth	Rs 5.30 /kWh
LT VII	Agriculture	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 2.30 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 2.60 /kWh
LT VIII(i)	Rural Industries	Rs 30 per kW/mth	Rs 2.35 /kWh	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 3.00 /kWh
LT VIII(ii)	Urban Industries	Rs 40 per kW/mth	Rs 2.60 /kWh	Rs 55 per kW/mth	Rs 3.35 /kWh
LT IX	Temporary Supply				
	Domestic	Rs 80 per kW/mth	Rs 6.00 /kWh	Rs 120 per Kw per day or Rs, 6 per unit , which ever is higher	
	Irrigation			Rs 40 per Kw per day or Rs, 2.60 per unit , which ever is higher	
	Other -Non Domestic & Non Irrigation	Rs 125 per kW/mth	Rs 7.00 /kWh	Rs 190 per Kw per day or Rs,7.5 per unit , which ever is higher	
HT I	HT Domestic	Rs 30 per kVA/mth	Rs 3.95 /kWh	Rs 45 per kW/mth	Rs 5.10 /kWh
HT II	HT Commercial	Rs 115 per kVA/mth	Rs 4.25 /kWh	Rs 150 per kW/mth	Rs 5.60 /kWh
HT III	Public Water Works	Rs 125 per kVA/mth	Rs 4.10 /kWh	Rs 165 per kW/mth	Rs 5.35 /kWh
HT IV(i)	Bulk Supply - Educational	Rs 110 per kVA/mth	Rs 3.80 /kWh	Rs 140 per kW/mth	Rs 4.80 /kWh
HT IV(ii)	Bulk Supply - Others	Rs 145 per kVA/mth	Rs 4.10 /kWh	Rs 200 per kW/mth	Rs 5.45 /kWh
HT V	HT Small Industries	Rs 40 per kVA/mth	Rs 2.80 /kWh	Rs 55 per kW/mth	Rs 3.60 /kWh
HT V(B)	HT-I Industries	Rs 100 per kVA/mth	Rs 3.55 /kWh	Rs 135 per kW/mth	Rs 4.60 /kWh
HT V (C)	HT-II Industries	Rs 140 per kVA/mth	Rs 3.65 /kWh	Rs 190 per kW/mth	Rs 4.85 /kWh
HT VI	Tea, Coffee and Rubber	Rs 230 per kVA/mth	Rs 4.00 /kWh	Rs 325 per kW/mth	Rs 5.50 /kWh
HT VII	Oil and Coal	Rs 270 per kVA/mth	Rs 4.05 /kWh	Rs 385 per kW/mth	Rs 5.55 /kWh
HT VIII	HT Irrigation	Rs 40 per kVA/mth	Rs 3.25 /kWh	Rs 55 per kW/mth	Rs 4.10 /kWh

Salient Features of Tariff Petitions for FY 2008-09 & 2009-102008-09

	LAEDCL	CAEDCL	UAEDCL	Total
MU Purchase	1789	1116	1182	4087
MU Sales	1359	781	875	3015
% Loss	24%	30%	26%	26.22%
BST rate per unit (Differential)-Rs./per unit	3.73	2.57	4.16	3.54
Revenue at proposed Tariff (Rs. in Crores)	797	462	602	1861
Average Tariff (Rs / kwh)	6.17	6.17	6.17	6.17

2009-10

	LAEDCL	CAEDCL	UAEDCL	Total
MU Purchase	1938	1217	1314	4469
MU Sales	1511	876	999	3386
% Loss	22%	28%	24%	24.23%
BST rate per unit (Differential)-Rs./per unit	4.28	3.80	4.86	4.32
Revenue at proposed Tariff (Rs. in Crores)	885	518	687	2090
Average Tariff (Rs / kwh)	6.17	6.17	6.17	6.17

15. SALIENT FEATURES OF TARIFF ORDER ISSUED ON 24TH JULY, 2009 BY THE AERC FOR 2008-09 & 2009-10

- (1) The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission has approved the rise in average tariff of 2.71% against the demand of 39% filed by the Utilities namely Upper Assam Electricity Distribution Company Limited, Lower Assam Electricity Distribution Company Limited, Central Assam Electricity Distribution Company Limited. **The new tariff shall be effective from 01.08.2009.**
- (2) Energy rate for all categories of electricity consumers for the FY 2009-10 has been increased by 20 paisa/kwh without any enhancement of fixed charge and shall continue to be applicable from the **effective date i.e. 01.08.2009 to 31.03.2010, or till it is replaced by another order passed by the Commission.**
- (3) **The tariff for FY 2008-09 remained unchanged from that of FY 2007-08.**
- (4) Average tariff for FY 2009-10 is kept at Rs. 4.54 per unit in comparison to the average tariff of Rs. 4.42 per unit for FY 2007-08.

- (5) Against the sales projection of 2905 MU in 2007-08, the sales projection for FY 2008-09 & FY 2009-10 are considered at 2906 MU and 3475 MU respectively.
- (6) The total T&D loss including Transmission loss has been estimated at 30.06% in 2008-09 which is lower by 3.5% than that as estimated for FY 2007-08 and the same has been estimated at 28.15% in 2009-10 which is lower by 6.35% than that of FY 2008-09.
- (7) A rebate of Rs. 40 per month per consumer per 100 litres per day (LPD) capacity Solar Water Heaters is given for all consumers who have installed solar water heating systems for meeting their hot water requirements on fulfillment of certain conditions.
- (8) In the Tariff Order for FY 2007-08, some concession was given to domestic category of consumers on connected load by way of taking the higher rating of only one equipment if both Air-conditioner (without heater) and Geyser are installed and used for domestic purpose only. This provision will continue for FY 2008-09 and 2009-10 subject to disposal of appeal petition filed before Appellate Tribunal for Electricity in Appeal No 92/2008
- (9) **The Commission has directed the Distribution companies to establish and earmark funds for consumer education and awareness.** The Commission also has a Consumer Awareness and Advocacy Cell which has undertaken a number of activities for educating the electricity consumers.
- (10) The Commission has notified segregation of wheeling charges at different voltage levels along with the losses so that any consumer can have open access into the distribution network of the licensees.
- (11) The Commission has also calculated the cross-subsidy surcharges payable for availing open access to the transmission and distribution systems of the licensees by different category of consumers.
- (12) A separate affordable temporary connection rate for Agriculture has been introduced for those rural areas where permanent agricultural connection is not feasible due to climatic conditions and other factors.

16. TARIFF SCHEDULE

Approved Tariffs with existing Tariffs

Tariff Category	Type of installation	Current Tariff		Approved Tariff	
		Fixed Charges	Energy Charges	Fixed Charges	Energy Charges
LT I	Jeevan Dhara / LT Domestic A	Rs 15 per connection/mth	Rs 2.15 /KWh	Rs 15 per connection/mth	Rs 2.35 /KWh
LT II	Domestic A				
	0-120 KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 2.80 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 3.00 /KWh
	120-240 KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 3.85 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 4.05 /KWh
	Balance Units	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 4.55 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 4.75 /KWh
LT III	Domestic B	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 4.15 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 4.35 /KWh
LT IV	Commercial	Rs 110 per KW/mth	Rs 4.55 /KWh	Rs 110 per KW/mth	Rs 4.75 /KWh
LT V	General Purpose Supply	Rs 125 per KW/mth	Rs 4.00 /KWh	Rs 125 per KW/mth	Rs 4.20 /KWh
LT VI	Public Lighting	Rs 120 per KW/mth	Rs 4.25 /KWh	Rs 120 per KW/mth	Rs 4.45 /KWh
LT VII	Agriculture	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 2.30 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 2.50 /KWh
LT VIII(i)	Rural Industries	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 2.35 /KWh	Rs 30 per KW/mth	Rs 2.55 /KWh
LT VIII(ii)	Urban Industries	Rs 40 per KW/mth	Rs 2.60 /KWh	Rs 40 per KW/mth	Rs 2.80 /KWh
LT IX	Temporary Supply				
	Domestic	Rs 80 per KW/mth	Rs 6.00 /KWh	Rs 80 per KW per day or Rs. 6.00 per unit, whichever is higher	
	Agriculture			Rs 50 per KW per day or Rs. 4.00 per unit, whichever is higher	
	Other -Non Domestic & Non Irrigation	Rs 125 per KW/mth	Rs 7.00 /KWh	Rs 125 per KW per day or Rs.8.00 per unit, whichever is higher	
HT I	HT Domestic	Rs 30 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.95 /KWh	Rs 30 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.15 /KWh
HT II	HT Commercial	Rs 115 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.25 /KWh	Rs 115 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.45 /KWh
HT III	Public Water Works	Rs 125 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.10 /KWh	Rs 125 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.30 /KWh
HT IV(i)	Bulk Supply - Educational	Rs 110 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.80 /KWh	Rs 110 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.00 /KWh
HT IV(ii)	Bulk Supply - Others	Rs 145 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.10 /KWh	Rs 145 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.30 /KWh
HT V	HT Small Industries	Rs 40 per KVA/mth	Rs 2.80 /KWh	Rs 40 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.00 /KWh
HT V(B)	HT-I Industries	Rs 100 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.55 /KWh	Rs 100 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.75 /KWh
HT V (C)	HT-II Industries				
	Option-1	Rs 140 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.65 /KWh	Rs 140 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.85 /KWh
	Option-2	Rs 270 per KVA/mth	Rs 2.95 /KWh	Rs 270 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.15 /KWh
HT VI	Tea, Coffee and Rubber	Rs 230 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.00 /KWh	Rs 230 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.20 /KWh
HT VII	Oil and Coal	Rs 270 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.05 /KWh	Rs 270 per KVA/mth	Rs 4.25 /KWh
HT VIII	HT Irrigation	Rs 40 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.25 /KWh	Rs 40 per KVA/mth	Rs 3.45 /KWh

17. TARIFF ORDER FOR 2008-09 and 2009-10

1. Cost of Supply model was developed in the Tariff Order 2006-07 and costing is done as per the model. Cross subsidy is redefined as per the cost of supply and category wise cross subsidy as below for 2006-07 to 2008-09 and 2009-10.

	For FY 2006-07 (Rs. in Crore)	For FY 2007-08 (Rs. in Crore)	For FY 2008-09 & 2009-10 (Rs. in Crore)
Jeevan Dhara	7.03	6.41	18.26
Domestic A	69.01	56.16	44.37
Domestic B	4.16	6.24	2.72
H.T. Domestic	1.85	1.32	1.31
Total Domestic	82.05	70.16	66.66
L.T. Commercial	3.0	1.40	(-) 2.80
H.T. Commercial	4.66	1.46	1.31
Total Commercial	7.66	2.86	(-) 1.49
General	(-) 9.36	(-) 1.06	(-) 7.22
Public Lighting	0.22	0.14	0.15
Agriculture	0.16	0.05	0.27
Small Industries (R)	2.56	1.73	1.16
Small Industries (U)	0.46	0.68	0.52
Total Small Industries	3.02	2.41	1.68
H.T. Public WW	(-) 6.94	(-) 3.78	(-) 6.26
Bulk Supply (Educational)	(-) 1.52	(-) 1.53	(-) 4.18
Bulk Supply (Others)	(-) 11.63	(-) 11.43	(-) 3.13
Bulk Total	(-) 20.09	(-) 16.74	(-) 13.57
H.T. – Small Industries	0.59	1.64	0.11
H.T. – I Industries	(-) 1.72	(-) 1.93	(-) 4.39
H. T. – II Industries	(-) 11.63	(-) 11.60	(-) 7.97
Tea, Coffee, Rubber	(-) 45.10	(-) 44.94	(-) 21.90
Oil & Coal	(-) 4.81	(-) 3.05	(-) 0.50
H.T. Irrigation	(-) 0.23	1.13	(-) 1.30

2. Income from trading sale is used as subsidy for subsidised category in absence of any direct subsidy.

Indicators for the future:

- ❖ Based on the cost of supply model introduction of specific change like consumer charge are in offing for further reduction of cross subsidy.
- ❖ Abolition of availability based fixed charge with introduction of similar provisions in Supply Code Regulation.

18. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

During the FY 2008-09, the Government of Assam provided a grant of Rs. 56,49,824/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four) only from the budget for meeting the expenses in connection with the functioning of the Commission. The Commission also received Rs. 24,51,582/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Two) only as fee for filing tariff petition from ASEB and its five successor entities. The accounts of the Commission were duly audited. Audit was done by M/s Rakesh Bajrang & Co., CA firm during the last four financial years. The accounts of the Commission for the FY 2008-09 are duly complied and audited.

BUDGET PROVISION FOR THE FY 2008-09 : The budget proposed for F.Y. 2008-09 was Rs. 1,39,72,608 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Eight) only, the amounts approved by Government was Rs. 1,00,00,000 (Rupees One Crore) only, and actually released was Rs. 56,49,824 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Four) only.

Figures in Rupees

Year	Budget Proposed	Budget Approved	Budget Released
2008-09	Rs. 1,39,72,608	Rs. 1,00,00,000	Rs. 56,49,824

19. CONCLUSIONS

During the FY 2008-09, the Commission received adequate financial and administrative support from the State Government facilitating proper discharge of its various functions and responsibilities. It is hoped that this support will continue during the ensuing year and the Commission would be in a position to consolidate the work done so far and stride further in the electricity regulatory and reform process in the State. The Commission solicits unstinted cooperation of the Government of Assam, the Assam State Electricity Board and successor entities, other licensees and stakeholders including the general public, in achieving the mission of the Commission.

Annexure – I

Audited Financial Statements

For

2008-09

ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GUWAHATI

Audited Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31.03.2009

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
To, Salaries/Remuneration	4,905,595.00	Grant in Aid from the Govt. of Assam	5,649,824.00
Travelling & Conveyance	752,652.00	Fees Received for Bid Documents & Tariff petitions	2,451,582.00
Electricity Charges	78,768.00	Receipt from prof. & special service	8,908.00
Rent	149,220.00	Misc. receipts/balance w/off	18,597.00
Other expenses	1,352,176.00	Interest received on Term Deposit/S/B Account	82,492.00
General expenses	1,786,655.50		
Statutory Audit fees	7,500.00		
Depreciation	416,830.01		
Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to General Reserve	(1,237,993.51)		
	8,211,403.00		8,211,403.00

Significant Accounting Policies & Notes on Accounts: Schedule "D"

In terms of our report of even date annexed

The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Income & Expenditure Account

For Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Sd/-
(J. Barkakati)
Chairperson

Sd/-
(CA R.K. Agarwala)
Proprietor

For M/s. RAKESH BAJRANG & CO.
Chartered Accountants

ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GUWAHATI

AUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March, 2009

Liabilities	Sch.	Amount (Rs.)	Assets	Sch.	Amount (Rs.)
GENERAL RESERVE			Fixed Assets	"B"	1,396,190.74
Opening Balance		8,419,523.59			
Less: Excess of expenditure over income during the year		(1,237,993.51)	Current Assets & Loans	"C"	7,421,020.13
		<u>7,181,530.08</u>	Advances		
GRANTS					
a] Grant from power Finance Corporation (For purchase of computers) (opening bal.)		499,331.00			
b] Grants from Asian Development Bank (For office equipment) (opening bal.)		640,366.40			
Current Liabilities & Provisions	"A"	495,983.40			
TOTAL		8,817,210.88	TOTAL		8,817,210.87

*Significant Accounting Policies & Notes on Accounts: Schedule "E"
In terms of our report of even date annexed
The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the Balance Sheet*

For Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Sd/-
(J. Barkakati)
Chairperson

Sd/-
(G. Regon)
Secretary

For M/s. RAKESH BAJRANG & CO.
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-
(CA R.K. Agarwala)
Proprietor

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Schedules Annexed to and forming part of Financial Statements

<u>FY 2008-09</u>	Amount (Rs.)	
Schedule A : Current Liabilities & Provisions		
Earnest Money (for A.C.)	5,193.00	
Earnest Money (TERI)(ob)	10,000.00	
Earnest Money (North East Products)	2,000.00	
Earnest Money (Micro Devices)	2,070.00	
Jay Kay Impex (Security against Canon Fax and Copiers)(ob)	10,249.40	
Creditors for Expenses	<u>466,471.00</u>	495,983.40
 Schedule B : Fixed Assets		
Computers	64,438.28	
Furniture and fixtures	244,748.71	
Office Partitions	147,218.93	
Air Conditioners	128,237.09	
Canon Fax Machine	6,006.30	
EPBAX System	16,221.73	
UPS System	39,829.75	
LCD projector	27,211.24	
LAN System	5,734.30	
Water Purifier (AquaGuard)	2,627.35	
Canon Photocopier	60,404.30	
Inverter	12,802.05	
Maruti Esteem Car	559,530.00	
Ambassador Car	<u>81,180.70</u>	1,396,190.73

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<u>FY 2008-09</u>	Amount (Rs.)	
Schedule C : Current Assets, Loans & Advances		
Asian Development Bank-Grant receivable	8,639.40	
TA advance	28,385.00	
Advance/Prepaid Rent to ASEB	87,045.00	
M/s. Xinmin (Excess Security against Intercom/EPABX)	1,643.00	
Prepaid Insurance	13,294.00	
Cash in hand	2,546.10	
Cash at Bank (SBI Dispur Branch)	1,185,102.63	
Cash at Bank (Term Deposit A/c. at SBI, Dispur Branch)	2,000,000.00	
Cash at Bank (SBI, Six Mile Branch, Subsidiary Account)	51,315.00	
Term Deposits	4,000,000.00	
Security deposits	22,550.00	
Advance against salary	<u>20,500.00</u>	7,421,020.13

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Schedules Annexed to and forming part of Financial Statements

<u>FY 2008-09</u>	Amount (Rs.)	
Remuneration/Salary etc.		
Abani Kumar Thakur	120,000.00	
Alik Purkayastha	221,917.00	
Anuj Goswami	392,540.00	
Bhaskar Jyoti Bora	77,944.00	
Binod Chandra Roy	61,403.00	
Bungalow Peon - Chairman's Residence	2,397.00	
Gajen Kalita	7,440.00	
Gauri Regon	231,472.00	
Golok Chandra Deka	242,633.00	
Himadri Dutta	557,871.00	
Jadab Prasad Saikia	476,958.00	
Jagabandhu Sarmah	22,645.00	
Jayanta Barkakati	627,858.00	
Jiban Chandra Lahkar	370,356.00	
Joy Das	28,790.00	
Madan Chandra Bhattacharjya	228,310.00	
Madhurjya Saikia	19,286.00	
Maneswar Kalita	61,153.00	
Manju Das	2,100.00	
Manoj Kumar Adjikary	426,972.00	
Manoj Kumar Barman	58,001.00	
Naba Kumar Kalita	4,900.00	
Neelima Dewri Dutta	74,843.00	
Panchamrita Sarma	111,902.00	
Pinki Kaur	10,725.00	
Prakash Das	61,403.00	
Pronati Soren BP Chairperson	17,500.00	
Rajendra Bahadur	9,645.00	
Ramakanta Barman	158,111.00	
Ridib Barman	94,067.00	
Rinki Kaur	10,950.00	
Robin Bhuyan	25,500.00	
Socil Dewri - B.Peon of G. Regon	20,000.00	
Tapan Kalita	<u>68,003.00</u>	4,905,595.00

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Other Expenses		
Printing & Stationaries	197,799.00	
Telephone expenses	327,437.00	
Newspaper & Books & Periodicals	43,733.00	
Postage	9,480.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses/adjustments(net)	5,385.00	
Bank charges	150.00	
Fuel & Vehicle maintenance (office & consultant's vehicles)	119,016.80	
Repair & maintenance		
-others	105,916.00	
-vehicles	107,082.00	
Sitting Fees	2,500.00	
Office Expenses	87,599.20	
Security service charges	346,078.00	1,352,176.00
Commission's General Expenses		
Advertisements etc.	141,975.00	
Supdt of Taxes (P Taxes)	13,252.00	
Payment to Professionals	988,258.00	
Insurance charges	30,741.00	
Contribution to forum of Regulators	269,000.00	
Annual Maintenance Cost	113,639.00	
Expenses of AG (A&E)	16,659.00	
Medical cost reimbursement to officers & staff	25,000.00	
Medical Expenses	142,956.00	
T.A. Advances (debited to Travelling expenditure)	-	
Meeting expenses	45,175.50	1,786,655.50