

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 4TH STATE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE OF ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 2004**

The meeting of the State Advisory Committee held in the Conference Room of Hotel Dynasty with the members present as per the enclosed Annexure has discussed the following points.

Shri Nilamani Barua, Chairperson, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission presided over the meeting.

At the outset, Shri N. Barua, the Chairperson, Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission, who chaired the meeting welcomed the participants and invited views and comments from the Members on the following draft Regulations, prepared under the provisions of the Electricity Act 2003, which were earlier circulated to the members :

1. Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Distribution Licensees' Standards of Performance)
2. Distribution Code Regulations for Assam
3. Distribution Metering Code Regulations
4. Transmission Licensees' Standards of Performance
5. Assam Grid Code Regulations
6. Metering Code Regulations for Assam Grid
7. Regulation of constitution of Assam Advisory Committee and its functioning

Deliberations held on the above seven draft Regulations and views expressed by the participants are furnished below :

1.0 Distribution Performance Standard :

- 1.1 A) The representative from FINER is of the view that to achieve desired standards of performance stipulated in the Regulation, it

is necessary to have the norms and schedule of preventive maintenance properly laid down and adhered to. There should be set dead line for completion also.

- B) FINER pointed out that the standard of performance in regards to the consumer's service is better to certain consumers / localities who are contributing higher revenue. They are of the opinion that the quality of service all over the State should be brought to a minimum uniform level.

Distribution companies should acquire approval from the Commission prior to taking up any improvemental work. Moreover, the Commission is to give direction about the manner in which the upgradation / improvement should be carried out.

- 1.2 Secretary, ABITA has pointed out that the maximum ceiling of penalty for non-performance i.e. in case of delay in replacement of defective meters (for H.T. Consumers) fixed at Rs. 2,000.00 (at the rate of Rs. 200/day) shows that there will be no further rise even if non-performance continues beyond 10 days. This ceiling in page-10 needs to be withdrawn, so that penalty on non-performance is in conformity to the number of days.
- 1.3 Representative from ASEB has informed that no fund from Govt. of India or funding agencies are available for improvement of the distribution system. Without adequate investment in the distribution system, it is difficult to achieve the required Distribution Performance Standard.

2.0 Distribution Code :

- 2.1 A) FINER hold the view that the objective of the Distribution Code may be made more elaborative similar to the "Assam Electricity Grid Code".
- 1.4 B) The Code also should cover the technical standards for consumers supplied / connected at 33 KV, which is not available in Section 5.7.2.

3.0 Distribution Metering Code :

- 3.1 Shri A.N. Goswami representing Grahak Gosthi, in his deliberation pointed out that the language used in para 21.3 of page-17 requires to be

modified so that it is more befitting for consumer, supplier relationship.

- 3.2 FINER pointed out that time interval /frequency of testing meters may be specified.
- 3.3 a) ASEB is of the view that the use of only electronic meters may be made mandatory.
- b) Metering Equipments of H.T. consumers are located within the premises of the consumer, which has rendered the quicker detection of malpractice perpetrated by the consumer difficult. ASEB wanted refixation and location of meters equipment.

4.0 Transmission Licensee's Standards of Performance:

- 4.1 FINER is of the opinion that the 8 nos. of objectives of Transmission Licensee Standard of Performance be extended to the Distribution Code also so that there is level playing field.
- 4.2 ASEB pointed out that the interface point between DISCOM and TRANSCO and responsibilities of different entities thereto need to be defined clearly.
- 4.3 ASEB wanted to levy pooling charge when it handles inter-state power supply through the inter-state connecting points by its own distribution networks. Pooling charge is to be decided by the State's Commission only.

5.0 Assam Grid Code Regulations:

- 5.1 ASEB pointed out that in order to impose grid code to CTUs, Generating Agencies etc. by SLDC for maintaining stable grid operation, a sound audio and written communication system should be in place. Without this arrangements, it is difficult to maintain grid operation.
- 5.2 FINER wanted to know if the data which are generated from SLDC, GRIDCO be available to the interested consumers / persons.

6.0 Metering Code Regulations for Assam Grid:

There was no deliberation.

7.0 Regulation of constitution of Assam Advisory Committee:

7.1 Sri A. N. Goswami of Grahak Gosthi has requested Commission to give sufficient time (at least 10 days) ahead of the meeting, so that the members can come prepared.

7.2 FINER requested the Commission to include Secretary, FINER only as the Member of the Advisory Committee.

8.0 The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Chairman
State Advisory Committee
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

ANNEXURE

Members Present :

1. Sri D. Kakati, *Secretay, ABITA*
2. Sri George Chacko, *Director - Power, FINER*
3. Dr. Pradeep Bordoloi, *Prof. & Head, Deptt. of Energy, Tezpur University*
4. Sri S. Rahman, *Addl. CE (Com), representing Chairman, ASEB*
5. Sri A. N. Goswami, *Representative of Grahak Gosthi, Zoo-Narengi Road, Guwahati*
6. Dr. A. Singh, *IAS, Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Food and Civil Supplies, Dispur.*