

**MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF  
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, NAGALAND ELECTRICITY  
REGULATORY COMMISSION, KOHIMA.**

The 11<sup>th</sup> State Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of the Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) was held at the Conference Hall of the Engineer-in-Chief, Power Department, Nagaland, Kohima on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The Meeting was chaired by Er. Imlikumzuk Ao, Chairman and Ex-Officio Chairman (SAC).

The following SAC Members and Special invitees attended the meeting:-

**SAC Members:-**

1. Capt. Hekiye Sema.
2. Mr. C. R. Lotha.
3. Mr. Meren Paul.
4. Mr. Bishnu Bhattacharjee.
5. Mr. Jonas Yanthan.
6. Mr. Kekhriengulie Thenuo.

*(The other members could not attend the meeting due to certain unavoidable circumstances).*

**Special Invitees:-**

Engineer-in-Chief (Power), Director NRE and Chief Electrical Inspector could not attend the meeting due to the State Assembly Session. However, their representatives were present.

1. Er. Vitoshe Rochill, Addl. CE (Civil) - *DPN, Nagaland.*
2. Er. Keviletou Yiese, Suptd. Engineer (*Revenue*) - *DPN, Nagaland.*
3. Er. Shikato Sema, Suptd. Engineer (T) - *DPN, Nagaland.*
4. Er. Wabangmeren Jamir, Executive Engineer (*Revenue*) - *DPN, Nagaland.*
5. Er. Visakho Therie, Executive Engineer (Civil) - *DPN, Nagaland.*
6. Er. T.K. Halder, Electrical Inspector- *Electrical Inspectorate, Nagaland.*
7. Mr. Arvind Tewari, Director - *ACE Business, Kolkata.*
8. Mr. B. Mallick, Manager - *ACE Business, Kolkata.*

The Hon'ble Chairman while welcoming all the SAC members & invitees explained that the meeting was held in the Power Department as the NERC office building was burned down during the recent mob agitation. He also said that despite the inconveniences, the meeting was convened in order to discuss the important issues including the finalization of Power Tariff for FY 2017-18 which is to be issued to Power Department within March 2017.

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## **Agenda:**

### **(1) Review of the last 10<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.**

As per the resolution adopted in the 10<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting, the Members reviewed the last Meeting Minutes on the following points:

*(i) Unbundling & Corporatization.* In regard to unbundling & corporatization, the members were informed that the Commission has written to the State Government in September 2016, advising unbundling & corporatization of Power Department as recommended by International Management Institute (IMI), New Delhi in the year 2006 which is now at the Government level under examination.

The members discussed about the other states including the neighboring state of Manipur who have already corporatized the power sector following which, they are performing very satisfactorily.

The members resolved to advise the Commission to take further step on the matter.

*(ii) Establishment of CGRF & Ombudsman.* The Department officials present in the meeting informed that Establishment of CGRF & Ombudsman is linked up with the Standard of Performance (SoP) for which there is a huge financial implication. Therefore, due to fund constraint the said forum and SoP cannot be implemented at this juncture.

The members seriously deliberated on the establishment of CGRF & Ombudsman and observed that though it is mandatory as per Electricity Act, 2003, Nagaland and J&K are the only two states in the country which have not done so.

The members resolved to advise the Commission to take further step on the matter.

*(iii) 186 MW Dikhu Hydro Electric Project.* The Department officials present in the meeting informed that the disputes pertaining to land and nomenclature are amicably solved and the survey work has commenced. It was also informed that the aforesaid project will be developed through joint venture with a private firm and hence it is required to set up a corporation in the department to facilitate various activities specially the market borrowing for investment in development of the project which is now at the Govt. level for approval.

The members deliberated that the early completion of the said project will greatly benefit the consumers as the existing power supply in the State is insufficient.

The members resolved to advise the Commission to take further step on the matter.

**(2) Multi Year Tariff Petition for FY 2017-18**

The Director, ACE Business Kolkata, who is the Consultant for power tariff, informed the House that the Multi Year Tariff Petition (MYT) has been filed for the first time by the DPN. The consultant explained to the members present about the various aspects of the MYT and the advantages of adopting it over the single year tariff.

The Committee examined in depth the Tariff Petition for FY 2017-18 filed by the Department of Power, and was of the view that the proposed tariff hike of 7.51 % is not reasonable as the same will only burden the honest paying consumers.

After thorough deliberation, the members advised the commission to go ahead with the petition filed by the department after ensuring that the proposed tariff hike of 7.51 % is reduced to an extent so that the cost of power purchased is recovered during FY 2017-18.

**(3) GoI., initiative program on “24x7 POWER FOR ALL” by 2018-19.**

The Power department apprised the members on the present status of the GoI initiative program on “24x7 Power for All” to be achieved by 2018-19. Further, the department official emphasized that the said initiative program will be executed by the State Government with the support of GOI as per the approved plans, schemes and policies. Also, stated that the present initiative can be achieved within the stipulated period depending upon the funds released by the GoI.

The meeting ended with the Chairman thanking all the members for making it convenient to attend the meeting despite their busy schedules.

Sd/-  
( **Er. IMLIKUMZUK AO** )  
Chairman-cum-Member  
Nagaland Electricity Regulatory  
Commission (NERC), Kohima.

Sd/-  
( **W. Y. YANTHAN** )  
Secretary  
Nagaland Electricity Regulatory  
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