

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Nagaland Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)

The Meeting was held on 23/02/2012 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima under the Chairmanship of Er.S.I. Longkumer, Chairman-cum-Member, NERC and Ex-Officio Chairperson of the SAC.

1. Obituary Reference:

Before the start of the scheduled programme, under the initiation of Shri.P. Sani, Dy. Director-cum-Commission Secretary, NERC, all the Members present in the meeting stood up and remained silent for 2(two) minutes as a mark of respect to the departed souls of late Mr.Raj Kumar Verma, NCS, Member of SAC & Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Nagaland and late Smt.K. Temsurenla, the lady wife of Er.S.I. Longkumer, Chairman-cum-Member, NERC, who expired in the intervening period between the 3rd & 4th SAC Meetings.

2. List of the SAC Members present:

(i)	Mr. Bendangnukshi Longkumer	Member
(ii)	Mr. Om Prakash Sethi	Member
(iii)	Capt. Hekiye Sema	Member
(iv)	Mr. Kezhokhoto Savi	Member
(v)	Dr. M.K. Sinha	Member
(vi)	Mr. C.R Lotha	Member
(vii)	Mr. Toshi Wungtung	Member
(viii)	Mr. Vekhosayi Nyekha	Member
(ix)	Mr. Neingulie Nakhro	Member
(x)	Mr. S. Manlip Konyak	Member
(xi)	Mr. Medoselhou Keretsu	Member
(xii)	Mr. Lipongkyu Sangtam	Member
(xiii)	Mr. B. Longkumer	Member
(xiv)	Mr. H.K. Khulu	Member

- 3.** Opening the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all the SAC Members and certain Govt. Departments' representatives and others; and impressed upon all concerned to actively participate in the deliberations and discussions; but at the same time to dwell on the listed agenda in order that the discussions are more focussed and also to save time.

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4. Before taking up the listed agenda, short speeches were delivered by the following:

- (i) Mr. H.K. Khulu, IAS, SAC Member and Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) & Principal Secretary to the govt. of Nagaland.
- (ii) Er. D. Basumatari, Chief Engineer, Department of Power, Nagaland.
- (iii) Mr. S. Manlip Konyak, SAC Member.

(The speeches of the aforesaid persons were recorded for further transcript)

5. **On the 3 (three) listed agenda items, after elaborate discussions, the Members present were unanimous in respect of the agenda as under:**

I. Finalization of Standard of Performance, Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum & Ombudsman and Open Access Regulations:

The Chairman-cum-Member, NERC informed the Committee Members that the aforesaid 3 (three) Regulations were finalised and notified on 31st Jan., 2012 by the Commission.

The Committee opined that all concerned authorities are obliged to comply with the provisions in the aforesaid 3 (three) Regulations in view of the fact that those Regulations specifically deals with improvement in the functioning of the Power Sector, and at the same time contribute towards delivery/rendering of effective and better services to the consumers as well as for safeguarding of the consumers' interest.

II. ARR and Tariff Petition of DPN for 2012-'13; related Public Notice under issue by the DPN and the Public Hearing to be conducted by NERC:

ARR and Tariff Petition for FY 2012-'13 of the Department of Power Nagaland were filed before the NERC on 29th Nov., 2011.

The Commission have processed the matter and accordingly advised the Deptt. to issue a Public Notice inviting comments/suggestions/objections from all concerned on the proposed revised Tariff for FY 2012-'13.

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During the course of the meeting, the Power Departments' officials present informed the Members that the Public Notice has been published in the Newspapers on date i.e. 23/02/2012. The copy of the Tariff scheduled appended in the Public Notice proposing the Revised Tariff for FY 2012-'13 was circulated in the meeting for perusal by Members present; and the same was discussed elaborately seeking clarification from the Deptt. officials also.

The average cost of supply as projected in the Tariff Petition being Rs. 8.21 per unit whereas the average cost per unit in the proposed Revised Tariff being around Rs. 4.23 only per unit; and accordingly, considering the above aspect, the Committee Members raised no objections to the proposed revised Tariff for FY 2012-'13 as has been projected in the Public Notice.

However, the Committee Members opined that the Power Department should not focus only on revising the Tariff; but at the same time make concerted efforts to provide better services to the consumers. Hence, advised the Commission to impress upon the deptt. to provide quality services to the consumers.

III. Unbundling of Power Sector in Nagaland, NERC's letter dated 01.02.2012

After elaborate discussions on the above agenda, the Members arrived at a common opinion that Unbundling of Power Sector in the State is a necessity; and advised the Commission to pursue the State govt. for unbundling the Power Sector in Nagaland as envisaged in Electricity Act, 2003.

6. The vote of thanks was pronounced by Mr. L.N. Wati Walling, Pvt. Secretary, NERC; and thereafter, the meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.

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Er. S.I. Longkumer

Chairman-cum-Member,
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Dy.Dir-cum-Commn Secretary
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