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Sub: Study of short term purchase requirements -- Constitution of Committee -- Reg.

ORDER:

The Commission has been receiving repeated requests from the Distribution Licensees for procurement of short term power. In a power surplus scenario, dealing with such requests is posing its own peculiar problems and more often than not the Commission is constrained to accept DISCOMs' requests despite there being some lingering doubts about the requirement / necessity. In the recently concluded tariff hearings, some objectors raised the issue of power purchases despite availability of surplus power. Similar questions were raised in the SAC meeting held on 22-01-2021.

With a view to address the above noted concerns and to handle future requests of DISCOMs effectively, the Commission has decided to constitute an expert committee to examine all the aspects that need to be taken into account while arriving at a decision on such requests.

The Commission accordingly constitute the committee comprising the following three Members:

1. Dr. Usha Ramachandra, Professor & Director, Centre for Energy Studies, Administrative Staff College of India
2. Sri. N. Sree Kumar, PRAYAS
3. Sri. M. Sivarami Reddy, Chief Engineer (Retd.), APTransco

The terms of reference of the Committee are as below:

1. Study the practices existing elsewhere in the country -- being followed by other regulators.
2. Interact with the DISCOMs' CMDs and APPCC to understand the flow of arriving at the requirement for short term purchase of power and suggest possible ways of replicating the flow; and

3. Recommend appropriate methodology that can be followed by the Commission for approval/ratification of the short term purchases, by preparing a detailed report.

The Committee is requested to furnish its report within one month.

Honorarium: The members of the Committee shall be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.50,000/- each.

TA, DA & Secretarial Expenses:

The Committee may undertake travel to the headquarters of the DISCOMs or collect material and interact with the officers concerned through video conferences at its option. The members of the committee are entitled to travel by air in economy class and are also entitled for proper lodging and boarding facilities during their outstation stay. The Commission Secretary will arrange for their travel, local conveyance, lodging and boarding.

The Committee will be entitled to obtain secretarial assistance, the expenses for which will be reimbursed by the Commission on submission of bills.

(By order of the Commission)


Commission Secretary_(i/c)

To:

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