

The Transmission Licensee namely Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'Petitioner'), filed the Petition for True-Up for the FY 2020-21, Annual Performance Review for FY 2021-22 and determination of Annual Revenue Requirement and Tariff for FY 2022-23 on March 08, 2022.

A preliminary analysis was conducted, wherein the Commission asked the Petitioner to submit details of capital expenditure, capitalisation, CAG Report for FY 2020-21, calculation of depreciation along with various other deficiencies observed, which were communicated vide its letter dated April 11, 2022.

The Technical Validation Session (TVS) covering the Petition was conducted on April 18, 2022, at the office of the Commission, which was attended by the senior officials of the Commission and the Petitioner and during the TVS, the Petitioner explained various issues raised in the deficiencies. Further, the Commission directed Transmission Licensee to submit CAG Report of FY 2020-21, actual Annual Transmission System Availability factor for FY 2020-21 duly certificated by SLDC, detailed list of Open Access Consumers, justification for claiming Licensee fee and finance fee separately over and above normative A&G expenses, documentary evidence of capital expenditure and capitalisation claimed for FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22 & FY 2022-23 duly approved by the Commission, two separate FAR's depicting addition of Assets details from 01.04.2020 onwards for the purpose of depreciation computation for Regulatory Accounts, detail of Budget allocation and release of the same by GoUP and compliance status report on directives issued by Commission in its previous Orders and other queries raised during the TVS. Subsequently, minutes of meeting (M.O.M) comprising of pending data / information were issued.

Further, since the determination of ARR / Tariffs has already been delayed, the Commission admits the Petition for further processing. The Commission directs the Petitioner to submit the pending responses immediately and also directs the Petitioner to furnish further information / clarifications, if any, as deemed necessary by the Commission during the processing of the Petition and provide the same to the satisfaction of the Commission within the time frame as stipulated by the Commission, failing which the Commission may proceed to dispose of the matter as it deems fit based on the information available with it.

Regulation 5.8 of MYT Regulations, 2019 specifies as under:

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5.8 The Petitioner shall within three working days of issue of the Admittance Order, publish a Public Notice in at least two English and two Hindi daily newspapers having wide circulation in its licence area, outlining the ARR, proposed Tariff, True-Up and such other matters as may be directed by the Commission, and inviting suggestions and objections from the stakeholders and public at large:

Provided that the Petitioner shall also upload on its website the Petition filed before the Commission along with all regulatory filings, information, particulars and documents in the manner stipulated by the Commission. The Petitioner should ensure



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Accordingly, the Petitioner shall publish a Public Notice within three working days of issue of the Admittance Order in at least two English and two Hindi daily newspapers having wide circulation in its licence area, outlining the True Up, APR and ARR & proposed Tariff and other such matters, if any, as directed by the Commission, and invite suggestions and objections within 15 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice(s) from the stakeholders and public at large.

The Public Notice should indicate that the stakeholders should regularly check the websites of the Petitioner for further submissions made in respect to these proceedings.

The Petitioner shall also upload on its website the Petition filed before the Commission along with all regulatory filings, information, particulars and related documents, which shall be signed digitally and in searchable pdf formats along with all Excel files. The Petitioner shall also ensure that for downloading the same, there is no requirement of providing personal information. The Petitioner shall not provide or put up any such information, particulars, or documents, which are confidential in nature, without the prior approval of the Commission.

The Petitioner shall inform the Commission, about the details of publication of the Public Notice in the newspapers and uploading on the website along with the links. The Petitioner is also required to submit the copies of the newspapers and screen shots of the website within 7 days of publication of the Public Notice.

It is pertinent to mention that the Commission, in wake of prevailing waves of COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and due to the subsequent requirement of social distancing for prevention of spread of the disease, proposes to hold the Public Hearing in June through video conferencing.

The details of the same will be provided subsequently on the Commission's website www.uperc.org. The Petitioner shall take all necessary steps to ensure the necessary arrangements for smooth functioning of the same in accordance with the guidelines / instructions issued in this regard by the Commission from time to time.

The Commission reserves the right to seek any further information / clarifications as deemed necessary during the processing of this Petition.

(Vinod Kumar Srivastava)

(Kaushal Kishore Sharma)

(Raj Pratap Singh)

Member (Law)

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Chairman

Place: Lucknow

Date: 275+ April, 2022

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