

MINUTES OF THE 31st STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 30th January, 2023
(Through Video Conferencing)

The Commission has convened the 31st meeting of SAC on 30.01.2023 through video conferencing. List of SAC members who participated in aforesaid meeting is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Opening remark by Secretary

Secretary of the Commission in his opening remark welcomed the members of State Advisory Committee and apprised them about the objectives of State Advisory Committee by making a brief presentation on the agenda items. Director (RE), MPERC presented key features of Retail Supply Tariff order FY 2022-23. Subsequently, the Secretary requested the members to provide their suggestions on agenda items with key focus on ARR & Retail supply tariff petition for FY 2023-24 (P.No.84) filed by M.P. Power Management Co. Ltd. jointly with the Distribution Companies of the State.

Key suggestions given by the SAC Members are summarised below:

Industry & Commerce

- For HT consumers the billing cycle should be as per Calendar month.
- Transition to KWH to KVAH billing will increase burden on Industrial Consumers.
- The provision of “Minimum Charges” in tariff orders is inconsistent with section 45 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- Repair and Maintenance charges should be allowed in line with previous methodology.
- Reduced tariff in SEZ area is causing burden on other consumers of the state.
- Given the fact that State of Madhya Pradesh is power surplus, the utilities can earn profit by selling surplus power in market instead of backing down as proposed by them.
- In place of banking with other States if power Exchange/ power market is used for sale/purchase, the revenue of Discom can increase significantly.

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- The cross-subsidy surcharge should not exceed 20% of Average cost of supply.
- As regard additional surcharge for open access consumers, continuous stranded capacity on account of open access should be demonstrated by Discom. Also, a part of demand charges recovered by Discom from Open Access consumers be also adjusted in additional surcharge.

Agriculture

Instead of virtual meeting, off-line meeting of SAC may be convened by the Commission in future.

Labour

- Slab change as proposed in Domestic Light & Fan category will increase bill of small domestic consumers.
- Domestic L&F category consumers should be benefitted more through cross-subsidy.

Academic and Research bodies

- In order to encourage online transactions the existing rebate for Domestic. Light & Fan consumers may be continued.

Hon'ble Chairman, MPERC thanked all members of SAC for their valuable suggestions. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

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Annexure-I

S.No.	Name	Address	Category
1	Shri Mahendra P. Khante	Vice President (E&I), Vardhman Fabrics, Vill. Pillikarar, Talpura, Rehti Road, Teh. Budhni, District-Sehore (M.P.) – 466445	Industry
2	Shri K.K. Tiwari	Madhya Pradesh Bijli Karmchhari Mahasangh, Pardeshipura, Indore (M.P.) – 452011	Labour
3	Shri Rakesh Kumar Gaur	Gram Kulhada (Dolriya), District – Hoshangabad – 461116	Agriculture
4	Shri Jogendra Behra attend meeting on behalf of Shri S.N. Goyal	Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) , Corporate office: Plot no. – C-001/A/1, 9 th floor, Max Towers, Sector 16B, Noida, (UP)–201301	Commerce
5	Dr. Prabin Kumar Panigrahi	Professor, Information Systems Area, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Prabandh Shikhar, Rau-Pithampur Road, Indore (M.P.) – 453556	Academic
6	Prof. (Dr.) Ghayur Alam	Senior Professor, National Law Institute University, Kerwa Dam Road, Bhopal – 462044	Academic
7	Smt. Smita Saxena	Chairperson, Asha Smita Foundation, C-199, New Minal Residency, District Bhopal(M.P) - 462023	NGO
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9	Shri D.L Meena	Chief Electrical Engineer , West Central Railway, Jabalpur- 482001	Transport