



ORDER

OF

WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FOR THE YEAR 2016 – 2017

IN

CASE NO: TP – 57 / 13 - 14

IN RE THE TARIFF APPLICATION OF

DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION FOR THE YEARS

2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 UNDER SECTION

64(3)(a) READ WITH SECTION 62(1) AND SECTION 62(3)

OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

DATE: 03.03.2017



CHAPTER - 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”), a statutory body under the first proviso to section 82(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), has been authorized in terms of section 86 and section 62(1) of the Act to determine the tariff for a) supply of electricity by a generating company to a distribution licensee, b) transmission of electricity, c) wheeling of electricity and d) retail sale of electricity, as the case may be, within the State of West Bengal.
- 1.2 Damodar Valley Corporation (hereinafter referred to as DVC’ or the ‘Petitioner’), is a statutory body incorporated under the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948 and undertakes multifarious functions. In regards to the electricity, DVC undertakes generation of electricity at their plants situated in two states viz. West Bengal and Jharkhand and is therefore a generating company within the meaning of Section 2 (28) of the Electricity Act, 2003. DVC also undertakes transmission of electricity in the Damodar Valley area which falls within the territorial limits of the two states namely, West Bengal and Jharkhand. It, therefore, undertakes inter-state transmission of electricity and operates inter-state transmission system within the meaning of Section 2 (36) of the Electricity Act, 2003. DVC also undertakes the sale of electricity to West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) and Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) in its capacity generally as a generating company. This is bulk sale of electricity by a generating company to a distribution licensee within the meaning of section 62 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003. In addition to the above, DVC undertakes the retail sale and supply of electricity to the consumers in the Damodar Valley area which falls in two contiguous States, namely State of West Bengal and the State of Jharkhand.
- 1.3 DVC being a statutory body constituted under the DVC Act, 1948, is a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU). As envisaged under Section 79 (1) (a) of the



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- Electricity Act, 2003, the tariff for generation of electricity is to be decided by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). Similarly, with regards to the inter-state transmission, DVC again is regulated by CERC and tariff for composite (inter-state) generation and transmission is to be determined by the CERC in terms of Section 79(1) (c) and (d) of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- 1.4 With regards to the retail sale and supply of electricity, DVC covers the entire Damodar Valley area which falls in two contiguous States, namely the State of West Bengal and the State of Jharkhand. Thus, tariff for retail sale and supply of electricity in the Damodar Valley area is governed by the provisions of Section 62 (d) read with Section 86 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and has to be determined by the respective Electricity Regulatory Commissions in the states of West Bengal and Jharkhand.
- 1.5 West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 has come into effect from 29th April, 2011. The said Tariff Regulations, 2011 was further amended by notifying the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Amendment) Regulations, 2012 in the extra ordinary edition of The Kolkata Gazette dated 27th August, 2012 and West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 in the extra ordinary edition of The Kolkata Gazette dated 30th July, 2013.
- 1.6 In terms of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the 'Tariff Regulations'), the tariff applications for the fourth control period consisting of the years 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 under the Multi Year Tariff (MYT) framework was required to be submitted by DVC 120 days in advance of the effective date of the said control period. The effective date of the fourth control period is 1st April, 2014. DVC



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- submitted an application on 02.12.2013 to allow them at least eight (8) weeks time from 30.11.2013 for submission of their MYT application for the forth control period. The Commission, after considering the application received from some other distribution licensees, the transmission licensee and the generating company for extension of time for submission of MYT application, decided to extend the time for submission of MYT application for the fourth control period by the distribution licensees, transmission licensee and generating company upto 31.12.2013 and accordingly issued an order dated 02.12.2013 which was communicated to DVC also. DVC, however, submitted another application on 27.12.2013 for further extension of time for four (4) weeks from 31.12.2013 on the plea that it would not be possible for them to finalize the MYT application for the period 2014 – 2015 to 2016 – 2017 within 31.12.2013 due to collection of various data from the field formations and some procedural delay towards compliance of regulatory formalities. The Commission vide order dated 31.12.2013 extended the time for submission of MYT application by DVC for the fourth control period upto 15.01.2014.
- 1.7 DVC submitted their application for MYT for fourth control period on 15.01.2014 in an incomplete status. After a series of correspondences, DVC, however, submitted the requisite forms / documents on 11.04.2014 and 13.06.2014.
- 1.8 The tariff application of DVC dated 15.01.2014 along with the additional information submitted by DVC on 11.04.2014 and 13.06.2014 (collectively called as “tariff petition”) had been admitted by the Commission on 15.07.2014 and numbered as TP-57/13-14.
- 1.9 After admission of the tariff petition DVC was directed to publish the gist of the tariff petition, as approved by the Commission, in the newspapers and also in their website as specified in the Tariff Regulations. The gist was, accordingly, published simultaneously on 23.07.2014 in ‘Ananda Bazar Patrika’, ‘Bartaman’



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'Times of India' and 'Sanmarg'. The gist along with the copy of the tariff petition was also posted in the website of DVC. The published gist invited the attention of all interested parties, stake holders and the members of the public to the petition for determination of tariff of DVC for the fourth control period and requested for submission of objections, comments etc., if any, on the tariff petition to the Commission by 20.08.2014 at the latest. Opportunities were also afforded to all to inspect the tariff application and take copies thereof.

- 1.10 Maithon Alloys Limited, having office at 1/1 Camac Street, 9, AJC Bose Road, 4th floor, Kolkata 700 017, requested for extension of the due date of submission of suggestions, objections by 15 days on 14.08.2014. The Commission, however, decided to extend the date of submission of suggestions, objections and comments on the tariff petition of DVC for 2014 – 2015 to 2016 – 2017 upto 03.09.2014 and accordingly a notice was published in the newspapers in which the earlier notice was published. The notice was also uploaded in the website of DVC.
- 1.11 The suggestions, objections and comments on the aforementioned tariff petition of DVC for the fourth control period were received by the Commission from the following objectors within the stipulated time.
- West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL)
 - Nilkanth Ferro Limited
 - Impex Steel Limited
 - VSP Udyog Private Limited
 - Hira Concast Limited
 - Shree Ambay Ispat Private Limited
 - India Power Corporation Limited



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- 1.12 A writ petition was filed before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta on 25.08.2014 by Damodar Valley Power Consumer's Association and Anrs challenging the tariff petition filed by DVC to the Commission on the ground that the generation tariff of DVC for the years 2014 to 2019 was not finalized by CERC. Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta passed an order dated 03.12.2014 in W.P. No. 21413 (W) of 2014 and dismissed the writ petition.
- 1.13 The Commission thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Tariff Regulations, passed the tariff order dated 25.05.2015 in respect of DVC in case no. TP-57/13-14 for 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016 determining the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (in short 'ARR') of DVC for each year of the fourth control period comprising 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017, along with the tariffs of DVC for 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016. The objections and suggestions on the tariff petition of DVC for the fourth control period was dealt with separately in the tariff order dated 25.05.2015. The analyses and findings for determination of the aforesaid ARR and tariffs of DVC were recorded in the tariff order dated 25.05.2015 in respect of DVC for 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016. DVC on receipt of the aforesaid tariff order of 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016 submitted its gist for approval and the gist was approved by the Commission on 10.06.2015. Accordingly the gist was published in newspapers and on the website of DVC on 16.06.2015. The tariff order passed by the Commission on 25.05.2015 determining the ARR for all three years of 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 and tariffs of 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016 has, however, been challenged in the Court of Law by different stakeholders as well as DVC also but no stay order has been issued against implementation of the said order dated 25.05.2015 passed by the Commission in respect of DVC.
- 1.14 The Commission now proceeds to determine the revenue recoverable through tariff by DVC during the year 2016 – 2017 as also the tariff of DVC for 2016 – 2017 on the basis of ARR determined for 2016 – 2017 in the tariff order dated



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25.05.2015 for the year 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016 in accordance with the Tariff Regulations in subsequent chapter.



CHAPTER – 2 SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF AGGREGATE REVENUE REQUIREMENT & REVENUE RECOVERABLE THROUGH TARIFF FOR THE YEAR 2016 – 2017

- 2.1 As stated in the preceding chapter, the Commission determined the ARR of DVC separately for each of the three years of the fourth control period covering the years 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017 in the tariff order dated 25.05.2015 for 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016 based on the analyses and findings recorded in that order. Such summarized statement of ARR for 2016 – 2017 is given below:

Rs. in lakh

Item	As admitted by the Commission for 2016-17
Power Purchase Cost	64960.27
Generation cost	394910.08
Transmission and distribution cost	21923.62
Interest on Working capital	958.16
Interest on security deposit payable to West Bengal consumers	183.00
Tariff Filing Charge	29.12
Gross Total	482964.25
Less: Non-tariff income	624.17
Net ARR for sale to consumers in West Bengal	482340.08

- 2.2 The Commission has not considered any adjustment on account of APR order of any previous year as per provisions of the Tariff Regulations as no such APR order is issued by the Commission till date.



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2.3 Accordingly, the revenue recoverable by DVC through tariff and the average tariff for the consumers of DVC in the State of West Bengal for the year 2016 – 2017 will be as under:

AVERAGE TARIFF FOR THE CONSUMERS OF DVC FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017			
Sl. No.	Particulars	Unit	Amount
1	Total revenue to be recovered through tariff	Rs. in lakh	482340.08
2	Projected quanta of energy for sale to the consumers	MU	9845.47
3	Average tariff for the consumers [(3)=(1)÷(2)×10]	Paise / kWh	489.91



CHAPTER - 3 TARIFF ORDER FOR 2016 – 2017

- 3.1 In the previous chapter, the Commission has determined for DVC the revenue recoverable through tariff during 2016 – 2017 and the average tariff for the consumers of DVC in the State of West Bengal for 2016 – 2017 as well. The Commission now proceeds to determine the tariff schedule applicable to the consumers of DVC and also the associated conditions of tariff of DVC for 2016 – 2017. The Commission is passing other orders also as mentioned in subsequent paragraphs.
- 3.2 The tariff schedule as applicable to the consumers of DVC in the year 2016-17 is given at Annexure – 3A1 for LV and MV consumers and at Annexure – 3A2 for HV and EHV consumers. The said tariff structure has been designed in a manner to fulfill the objective of attaining average tariff of each class of consumers within 80% to 120% of the average cost of supply (489.91 paise / kWh as per paragraph 2.3 of this order) except for lifeline consumers. For lifeline consumers the tariff has been kept at least of about 50% of average cost of supply in line with the guidelines in paragraph 8.3 of National Tariff Policy.
- 3.3 DVC, as stated in their application, has been undertaking LT supply for very insignificant quantum of electricity to meet their own colony consumption and also to meet the lighting load at Bokaro and Waria railway stations since inception at a nominal rate. Moreover, the Commission has already given direction to DVC to build up their LT infrastructure to give electric supply to all consumers under their area of supply in West Bengal. The Commission thus considers to specify the tariff schedule for low and medium voltage consumers.
- 3.4 Details of different tariff schemes of different classes of consumers and various associated terms and conditions are specified in various regulations and in



Annexure C1 and Annexure C2 of the Tariff Regulations. Other associated conditions of the tariff for 2016-17 shall be as follows:

3.4.1 Load Factor Rebate / Surcharge:

3.4.1.1 In order to reduce the overall system T&D loss and to flatten the load curve by improving the existing system load factor of DVC, the HT industrial consumers shall receive voltage wise graded load factor rebate as per the following table:

LOAD FACTOR REBATE (Paise / kWh)

Range of Load Factor (LF)		Supply Voltage		
		Below 33 kV	33 kV	Above 33 kV
Above 65%	Up to 70%	1	2	3
Above 70%	Up to 75%	3	4	5
Above 75%	Up to 80%	5	6	7
Above 80%	Up to 85%	7	8	9
Above 85%	Up to 90%	10	12	14
Above 90%		13	16	19

3.4.1.2 The above load factor rebate shall be applicable on quantum of energy consumed in the billing period. (For example a 33 kV industrial consumer at 85% load factor shall be eligible for a rebate @ 8 paise / kWh on the total quantum of energy consumed in the billing period).

3.4.1.3 Load factor surcharge shall be levied on HV industrial and HV commercial consumers if the load factor falls below 30%. The surcharge for the load factor less than 30% but equal to or above 25% shall be 5 paise / kWh for the amount of energy by which consumption falls short of energy corresponding to a load factor of 30%. The surcharge for the load factor below 25% shall be 10 paise / kWh and shall be applicable only for the amount of energy by which the



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consumption falls short of energy corresponding to a load factor of 25% but not less than the amount of surcharge that would have been payable for load factor at 25% computed @ 5 paise / kWh. (For example, a HV industrial or commercial consumer at 28% load factor shall be liable to pay surcharge @ 5 paise / kWh on the quantum of energy to be consumed at 30% load factor minus total energy consumed in the billing period. Similarly, a HV industrial or commercial consumer at 24% load factor shall be liable to pay surcharge @ 10 paise / kWh on the quantum of energy to be consumed at 25% load factor minus total energy consumed in the billing period but not less than the amount of surcharge that would have been payable for load factor at 25% computed @ 5 paise / kWh).

3.4.1.4 The load factor rebate and load factor surcharge shall be computed in accordance with the formula and associated principles given in regulations 3.9.2, 3.9.3 and 3.9.4 of the Tariff Regulations and at the rates as mentioned in paragraphs 3.4.1.1 and 3.4.1.3 above.

3.4.2 Fixed / Demand Charge:

3.4.2.1 The fixed charge shall be applicable to different categories of consumers as per rate as shown in Annexure – 3A1 of this tariff order.

3.4.2.2 The demand charge shall be applicable to different categories of consumers as per rate as shown in Annexure – 3A1 and Annexure – 3A2 of this order on the basis of recorded demand as specified in regulation 4.3.3 of the Tariff Regulations.

3.4.2.3 When a new consumer gets connected to the system, the computation of fixed charge or demand charge for that month shall be made pro-rata for the number of days of supply in that particular month.



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3.4.3 Subject to conditions as specified in regulation 4.3.5 of the Tariff Regulations, there will be no separate minimum charge for L&MV, HV & EHV consumers, excepting the consumers, for which the minimum charges will be as follows:

Category of Consumers	Minimum Charge (In Rupees)
Domestic – LT	28.00 per month
Commercial – LT	40.00 per month

3.4.4 For a pre-paid consumer who has purchased voucher prior to issue of this order, the existing tariff will continue till such voucher is exhausted.

3.4.5 For all consumers excluding consumers having pre-paid meters, rebate shall be given @ 1% of the amount of the bill excluding meter rent, taxes, duties, levies and arrears (not being the arrears due to revision of tariff) if the payment is made within the due date.

3.4.6 In addition to the rebate under paragraph 3.4.5 above, if the payment is made within due date, then an additional rebate of 1% of the amount of the bill excluding meter rent, taxes, duties, levies and arrears (not being arrears due to revision of tariff) would be allowed to the consumers who would pay their energy bills through e-payment facility (through web by using net banking, debit card, credit card, electronic clearing scheme) as introduced by DVC. The prepaid consumers purchasing prepaid voucher through e-payment facility will get 1% rebate in voucher amount. A rebate of Rs. 5.00 will be admissible prospectively if any consumer opt for e-bill following regulation 3.1.10 of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013. These rebates are applicable after giving effect under paragraphs 3.4.5 of this order.

3.4.7 Power Factor Rebate / Surcharge:

3.4.7.1 The power factor rebate and surcharge shall be applicable for the consumers at HV and EHV to whom those were applicable during the year 2016 – 2017. The



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rate of rebate and surcharge and the methods of calculation of such rebate and surcharge are given below:

Power Factor (PF) Range in %	<i>Power Factor Rebate & Surcharge on Energy Charge in Percentage</i>							
	For Consumers under TOD Tariff						For Consumers under non-TOD Tariff	
	Normal Period		Peak Period		Off-peak Period		Rebate in %	Surcharge in %
	Rebate in %	Surcharge in %	Rebate in %	Surcharge in %	Rebate in %	Surcharge in %		
PF > 99%	8.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
PF > 98% & PF ≤ 99%	7.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
PF > 97% & PF ≤ 98%	5.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
PF > 96% & PF ≤ 97%	4.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	2.50	0.00
PF > 95% & PF ≤ 96%	3.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
PF > 94% & PF ≤ 95%	2.25	0.00	3.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50	0.00
PF > 93% & PF ≤ 94%	1.50	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
PF > 92% & PF ≤ 93%	0.75	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
PF ≥ 86% & PF ≤ 92%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PF ≥ 85% & PF < 86%	0.00	0.75	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50
PF ≥ 84% & PF < 85%	0.00	1.50	0.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
PF ≥ 83% & PF < 84%	0.00	2.25	0.00	3.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50
PF ≥ 82% & PF < 83%	0.00	3.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
PF ≥ 81% & PF < 82%	0.00	4.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	2.50
PF ≥ 80% & PF < 81%	0.00	5.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	3.00
PF < 80%	0.00	6.00	0.00	7.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	3.50

3.4.7.2 The rebate and surcharge against different time periods shall be reflected in the bill separately and shall be treated separately.

3.4.7.3 The above rates of rebate and surcharge against different time period are applicable from the month of April, 2016.

3.4.8 For short term supply, emergency supply and for supply of construction power, there shall be no rebate or surcharge for load factor and power factor.

3.4.9 Delayed payment surcharge shall be applicable as per regulation 4.14 of the Tariff Regulations.



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- 3.4.10 All existing charges relating to meter rent, meter testing, meter replacement, disconnection and reconnection etc. shall continue.
- 3.4.11 A consumer opting for pre-paid meter shall not be required to make any security deposit for the energy charge.
- 3.4.12 All statutory levies like electricity duty or any other taxes, duties etc. imposed by the State Govt. / Central Govt. or any other competent authority shall be extra and shall not be a part of the tariff determined under this tariff order.
- 3.4.13 All the rates and conditions of tariff are effective from 01.04.2016 and onwards. This will continue till further order of the Commission. Adjustments, if any, for over recovery / under recovery for the year 2016 – 2017 from the energy recipient shall be made in 8 (eight) equal monthly instalments through subsequent energy bills raised on or after 1st April, 2017.
- 3.4.14 In addition to the tariff determined under this tariff order, DVC will be further entitled to additional sums towards enhanced cost of fuel and power purchase, if any, after the date from which this tariff order takes effect. Thus DVC shall compute the energy charge rate for their own generating stations as per formula given in CERC Tariff Regulations for any change in fuel price after the date of effect of this order and shall adjust the same in the adjustment to be made as per paragraph 3.4.13. The generation cost for own generating stations and power purchase cost are subject to adjustment in accordance with the Tariff Regulations on the basis of tariff order passed / to be passed by the CERC for the respective generating units for the period 2014 – 2019.
- 3.4.15 Any variation in fixed charges for the generating units of DVC, both existing and new units and the fixed cost for transmission and distribution systems of DVC cost of which have not yet been determined by CERC for the period 2014 – 2019 shall be adjusted in future tariff as per provisions of the Tariff Regulations of the



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- Commission after determination of the same by CERC. Any variation in power purchase cost shall be adjusted in MVCA.
- 3.4.16 For any pre-paid and TOD tariff scheme, other charges shall be the charges applicable to consumers under respective category of non-TOD tariff.
- 3.4.17 An applicant for short term supplies through pre-paid meter shall have to comply with all necessary formalities for obtaining supply including payment in accordance with the Regulations made by the Commission. The same will be subject to the following conditions:
- Provision of requisite meter security deposit, to be kept with the licensee;
 - Provision of space for installing weather-proof, safe and secure terminal services apparatus to protect sophisticated meter; and
 - Availability of prepaid-meter of appropriate capacity
- 3.4.18 To avail Rate - D(1) for street lighting the supply should be metered and all the street lights under the same meter shall be illuminated with LED. For mixed type of street lights under one meter Rate – D(6) shall be applicable.
- 3.4.19 The existing time strata for TOD meter shall continue.
- 3.4.20 Any matter, which has not been explicitly mentioned in this order, shall be guided by regulations 2.9.8 and 2.9.9 of the Tariff Regulations.
- 3.5 It is open to the State Government to grant any subsidy to any consumer or any class of consumers in the tariff determined by the Commission for DVC. If at all any such subsidy under the provisions of the Act is intimated to DVC and to the Commission by the Government of West Bengal with clear indication of the consumer or class of consumers to be subsidized and the amount of the subsidy proposed to be given is paid in advance, the tariff of such consumer and / or the class of consumers shall be deemed to have been reduced accordingly as has



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- been indicated by the State Government. However, such direction of the State Government shall not be operative till the payment is made by the State Government in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations made thereunder, and the tariff as fixed by the Commission shall remain applicable. In accordance with the Tariff Regulations, the State Government is required to communicate within 15 days from the date of receipt of a tariff order, whether it shall give any subsidy to any group of consumers etc.
- 3.6 DVC shall present to the Commission a gist of this order showing salient features of tariff / tariffs within three working days from the date of receipt of this order for approval of the Commission and on receipt of the approval shall publish the approved gist in terms of regulation 2.9.6 of the Tariff Regulations within four working days from the date of receipt of the approval of the Commission.

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Sl No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme					Optional tariff Scheme											
		Consumer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Monthly consumption in KWH	Energy Charge P/kWh	Fixed Charge/ Demand Charge * in Rs/ KVA/ mon	Optional Tariff Scheme - I					Optional Tariff Scheme - II						
							Consumer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Monthly consumption in KWH	Energy Charge P/kWh	Fixed Charge/ Demand Charge * in Rs/ KVA/ mon	Consumer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Monthly consumption in KWH	Energy Charge P/kWh	Fixed Charge/ Demand Charge * in Rs/ KVA/ mon		
1.	Lifeline (Domestic)	D (LL)	Normal	All Units	238	5	Not Applicable					Not Applicable						
2	Domestic (Rural) or Domestic (Urban)	D(L)	Normal	First 34 Units	300	15	D(Lpp)	Prepaid	All Units	485	15	Not Applicable						
				Next 26 Units	345													
				Next 40 Units	460													
				Next 100 Units	500													
				Next 100 Units	520													
Above 300 Units	550																	
3.	Commercial (Rural) or Commercial (Urban) below 30 KVA	C(L)(ia)	Normal	First 60 Units	420	30	C(Lt)(ia)	Normal TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	500	30	C(Ltp)(ia)	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	490	30
				Next 40 Units	485				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	550				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	540	
				Next 50 Units	510				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	420				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	412	
				Next 150 Units	530													
				Above 300 Units	560													
4.	Irrigation	Rate C(at)	Normal TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	220	30	Rate C(atpp)	Pre-Paid TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	215	Not Applicable					
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	418				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	624						
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	132				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	129						

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5.	Commercial Plantation	Rate A(Cm-Ptpp)	Prepaid- TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	490	50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	723			
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	294			
6.	Short Term Irrigation Supply	Rate C (stppt)	Prepaid- TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	455	30	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	878			
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	298			
7.	Short Term supply for Commercial Plantation	Rate A (Cm-StPtp)	Pre-paid TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	500	50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	965			
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	325			
8.	Short-term Supply	Rate STLT	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All units	510	50	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs.	All units	561			
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	474			

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9.	Government School, Government aided School or Government Sponsored School	Rate GS(L)	Normal	On all Units	450	25	Rate GS(L)T	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs. – 17.00 hrs. & 20.00 hrs - 23.00 hrs.	All units	440	25	Not Applicable				
									17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.	All units	484						
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	427						
10.	Public utility/ Specified Institution/ Public Bodies Municipal or Non-Municipal	Rate PU(LT)	Normal	On all Units	485	30	Rate PUpp (LT)	Prepaid	On all Units	475	30	Rate PUppt (LT)	Prepaid TOD	06.00 hrs. – 17.00 hrs. & 20.00 hrs - 23.00 hrs.	All units	465	30
														17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.	All units	512	
														23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All units	432	
11.	Cottage Industry / Artisan / Weavers / Small production oriented establishment not run by electricity as motive power	Rate C(L)(ii)	Normal	All Units	470	30	Rate Cppt (L) (ii)	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs	All Units	460	30	Not Applicable				
									17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	506						
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	428						
12.	Poultry, Duckery, Horticulture, Tissue culture, Floriculture, Herbal – Medicinal – Bio-diesel Plant Farming, Food Processing Unit	Rate C(L)(iii)	Normal	All Units	480	30	Rate Cppt (L) (iii)	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All Units	470	30	Not Applicable.				
									17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	517						
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	437						

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13.	Public Water Works & Sewerage System	Rate B (II)	Normal	On all Units	470	50	Rate B (II)ppt	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs. – 17.00 hrs. & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	460	50	Not Applicable
									17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.	All Units	644		
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	302		
14.	Industry	Rate I(L)	Normal	All Units	480	50	Rate It(L)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All Units	470	50	Not Applicable
									17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	658		
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	310		
15.	Street Lighting	Rate D(1)	Normal	On all Units	459	50	Not Applicable			Not Applicable			
16.	Street Lighting with LED	Rate D(6)	Normal	On all Units	420	50	Not Applicable			Not Applicable			
17.	Private Educational Institutions and Hospitals	Rate S (L)	Normal	On all Units	489	50	Rate St (L)	Normal TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All Units	479	50	Not Applicable
									17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	527		
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	445		
18.	Emergency Supply	Rate D (2)	Prepaid-TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	On all Units	540	50	Not Applicable			Not Applicable		
				17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	On all Units	756							
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	On all Units	357							

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19.	Construction Power Supply	Rate D (3)	Prepaid-TOD	06.00 hrs. – 17.00 hrs. & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	On all Units	489	50	Not Applicable.				Not Applicable.		
				17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.	On all Units	684								
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	On all Units	323								
20.	Co-operative Group Housing Society for providing power to its members or person for providing power to its employees in a single premises	Rate D(4)	Normal	All units	479	30	Rate D(4)t	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs	All Units	469	30	Not Applicable.	
									17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	516			
									23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	All Units	436			
21.	Common Services of Industrial Estate	Rate D(5)	Prepaid - TOD	06.00 hrs. – 17.00 hrs. & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	On all Units	479	50	Not Applicable.				Not Applicable.		
				17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs.	On all Units	671								
				23.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs	On all Units	306								

Note :- * Fixed Charge will be applicable for the Consumer having Contract Demand below 50 KVA and Demand Charge will be applicable for the consumer having Contract Demand of 50 KVA and above.

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SI No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme							Optional Tariff Scheme							
		Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH	Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH	Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	
					P/kWh							P/kWh				
					Summer	Monsoon	Winter					Summer	Monsoon	Winter		
1.	Public Utility	Rate PU (H)	Normal	All Units	439	436	433	384	Rate PU (Ht)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	429	427	425	384
											17.00 hrs-20.00 hrs	All Units	509	507	504	
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	360	359	357	
2.	Industries (11 KV)	Rate I-1 (H)	Normal	All Units	445	443	441	384	Rate I (Ht)	TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	435	433	431	384
											17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	522	520	517	
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	370	368	366	
3.	Industries (33 KV)	Rate I-2 (H)	Normal	All Units	433	431	429	384	Rate I-2 (Ht)	TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	424	422	420	384.
											17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	508	506	503	
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	361	359	358	
4.	Industries (132 KV)	Rate I-3 (H)	Normal	All Units	419	417	415	384	Rate I-3 (Ht)	TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	409	407	405	384.
											17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	491	488	486	
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	348	346	344	

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SI No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme							Optional Tariff Scheme								
		Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)
						P/kWh								P/kWh			
						Summer	Monsoon	Winter						Summer	Monsoon	Winter	
5.	Industries (220 KV and above)	Rate I-4 (H)	Normal	All Units		404	402	400	384	Rate I-4 (H)	TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	394	392	390	384.	
											17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	473	470	468			
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	335	333	332			
6.	Community Irrigation/Irrigation	Rate AI (H)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	444	440	436	60	Not Applicable.								
			17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	887	879	871											
			23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	267	265	262											
7.	Commercial Plantation	Rate S (cp)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	459	456	454	384	Not Applicable.								
			17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	642	638	635											
			23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	303	301	299											
8.	Short Term Irrigation Supply	Rate S (stis)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	459	454	449	60	Not Applicable.								
			17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	629	619	609											
			23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	276	273	270											
9.	Short Term Supply for Commercial Plantation	Rate S(stcp)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	469	467	465	384	Not Applicable.								
			17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	656	654	651											
			23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	282	280	279											

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SI No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme							Optional Tariff Scheme						
		Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH	Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH	Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)
					P/kWh							P/kWh			
					Summer	Monsoon	Winter					Summer	Monsoon	Winter	
10.	Commercial	Rate C (H)	Normal	All Units	454	451	448	384	Rate C (Ht)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	444	439	434	384
										17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	533	527	521		
										23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	377	373	369		
11.	Domestic	Rate D (H)	Normal	All Units	479	476	473	60	Rate D (Ht)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	469	463	457	60
										17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	516	509	503		
										23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	436	431	425		
12.	Public Water Works & Sewerage	Rate PWW (H)	Normal	All Units	434	430	426	384	Rate PWW(Ht)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs All Units	424	419	414	384
										17.00 hrs-20.00 hrs All Units	594	587	580		
										23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	280	276	273		
13.	Sports Complex & Auditorium run by Govt./ local bodies for cultural affairs	Rate S (c)	Normal	All Units	479	469	459	60	Not Applicable						
14.	Cold storage or Dairy with Chilling Plant	Rate S (pi)	Normal	All Units	444	439	434	384	Rate S (pit)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs All Units	434	428	422	384
										17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs All Units	521	514	506		
										23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs All Units	369	364	359		

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SI No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme							Optional Tariff Scheme								
		Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)
						P/kWh								P/kWh			
						Summer	Monsoon	Winter						Summer	Monsoon	Winter	
15.	Emergency Supply	Rate E (em)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	538	536	534	384	Not Applicable							
				17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	753	750	748									
				23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	356	354	353									
16.	Construction Power Supply	Rate E (con)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	486	484	482	384	Not Applicable							
				17.00 hrs-20.00 hrs	All Units	680	677	675									
				23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	449	447	445									
17.	Co-operative Group Housing Society for providing power to its members or person for providing power to its employees in a single premises	Rate S (co)	Normal	All Units	All Units	474	470	466	60	Rate S (cot)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	464	459	454	60
												17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	510	505	499	
												23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	475	469	464	

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SI No	Type of Consumer	Applicable Tariff Scheme							Optional Tariff Scheme								
		Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)	Customer category	Name of the Tariff Scheme	Consumption per month in KWH		Energy Charge			Demand Charge (Rs./KVA/month)
						P/kWh								P/kWh			
						Summer	Monsoon	Winter						Summer	Monsoon	Winter	
18.	Common Services of Industrial Estate	Rate – E (ict)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs & 20.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs	All Units	427	424	421	384	Not Applicable							
				17.00 hrs-20.00 hrs	All Units	512	594	589									
				23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	363	280	278									
19.	Traction	Rate T	Normal	All Units		420	418	415	384	Not Applicable							
20.	Short-term Supply	Rate S (ST)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	528	526	524	384	Not Applicable							
				17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	650	647	644									
				23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	307	305	303									
21.	Private Educational Institutions	Rate E (ei)	Normal	All Units		444	441	438	384	Rate E(ei)	Normal - TOD	06.00 hrs-17.00 hrs	All Units	434	428	422	384
											17.00 hrs-23.00 hrs	All Units	477	470	464		
											23.00 hrs-06.00 hrs	All Units	444	438	432		



CHAPTER – 4 DIRECTIVES

- 4.1 The Commission has given some direction in different paragraphs in Chapter-4 of the order dated 25.05.2015 while determining the ARR for all the three years under the controlled period in respect of DVC. DVC shall comply with those directions. The Commission also gave directions under chapter 8 of the tariff order dated 25.05.2015 for 2014-2015 and 2015 – 2016 in respect of DVC. The Commission also gave directions from time to time for compliance with by DVC. Some of those directions which will also continue for the year 2016 – 2017 are given below. DVC shall comply with those directions.
- 4.2 DVC shall note that as already MVCA has been introduced the amount that may be claimed in FPPCA at the end of any year is not expected to be higher than the summated value of following factors:
- i) impact due to rounding off as per note (f) under the sub- paragraph (e) of paragraph (A) of Schedule - 7B of the Tariff Regulations against the applicable MVCA for the month of February and March of that year,
 - ii) impact due to non-recovery of any additional fuel cost of March of any year over and above what is recovered on the basis of MVCA as calculated from data of February due to the fact that MVCA calculated on the basis of data of March is become applicable for next financial year only, and
 - iii) impact due to application of disallowance of cost as per FPPCA formula at FPPCA determination stage.

Thus in such case if recoverable amount under FPPCA of any year is found to be higher than the above referred summated value, then such excess amount will be dealt as per direction already issued by the Commission vide its order in case no. SM-10/14-15 dated 18.07.2014. In this context it is also to be noted that such



excess amount represent the amount that would have been collected through MVCA and thus not raising of such bill may result into distorted merit order dispatch in the system. In fact, by virtue of this type of practice there is high possibility of vitiating the environment of merit order dispatch in the whole supply chain in West Bengal power sector and thereby affecting the economic load dispatch in the systems. As a result ultimate sufferer will be the retail consumers of West Bengal. In view of the above discussions, no carrying cost will be allowed by the Commission in case of creation of such excess amount as regulatory asset through FPPCA. Whenever such excess amount is released in number of installments then also it will not be entitled to any carrying cost. However, this direction shall not be construed as an approval of such delayed claim of excess fuel cost through FPPCA instead of MVCA and such matter will be dealt as per direction already issued by the Commission vide its order in case no. SM-10/14-15 dated 18.07.2014.

- 4.3 While declaring MVCA for any month, DVC shall follow the following directions:
- a) Irrespective of change in MVCA in any month from the previous month, the detailed calculation sheet of MVCA prepared for the purpose of determination of MVCA for that month as per regulation 5.8.9 of the Tariff Regulations shall be submitted to the Commission within seven days of notification of the MVCA or in case of no notification within thirty days after the end of the month under consideration for MVCA. Such calculation sheet shall also specifically mention the received fuel bill which has not been considered or partly considered in the said MVCA in pursuance to note (g) under subparagraph (e) of paragraph A of Schedule – 7B of the Tariff Regulations. DVC shall also upload such calculation sheet in their web-site for each month and shall maintain the same in the website till publication of the worksheet for the next month.



- b) DVC will publish the notification of change of MVCA in terms of 4th paragraph of regulation 5.8.9 of Tariff Regulations in such daily newspapers which are widely circulated in West Bengal. Any deviation in this regard will be seriously viewed.
- 4.4 While submitting the Fuel and Power Purchase Cost Adjustment (FPPCA) application for any year DVC shall give a list of power purchase bill which has not been claimed under MVCA calculation along with the provisions of the Tariff Regulations under which such claim has not been done. A further reconciliation statement shall be given to establish that DVC has followed the direction of paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the tariff order dated 25.05.2015.
- In case of non submission of the above documents/ information the application of APR will not be admitted.
- 4.5 While computing the renewable and cogeneration purchase obligations, the energy generated from Solar roof-top photovoltaic power plants shall be considered by any distribution licensee both on consumption side and as input energy from renewable sources towards fulfillment of renewable and cogeneration purchase obligations in terms of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the relevant Regulations. The licensee is required to furnish suitable details in this respect.
- 4.6 DVC shall have to submit the followings through affidavit:
- a) That no expenditure has been claimed by DVC through the APR petition on employee or infrastructure or any other support or O&M activity pertaining to any other business of DVC not in relation to their licensed business.



- b) The list of cases related to Tariff and Annual Performance Review (APR) filed or applied for filing in Court of Law but the notices have not yet been served to the Commission.

In case of non submission of the above documents/ information the application of APR will not be admitted.

- 4.7 In case of expenditure at a level higher than the admitted amount under any uncontrollable factor in this tariff order on account of fixed charges, while submitting APR application of any ensuing year DVC has to justify such higher expenditure in detail with supporting document and evidence on the basis of which the Commission will take its decision during truing up exercise and it may be noted that without sufficient justification the excess expenditure may not be admitted in the APR fully or partly.
- 4.8 In order to control retail tariff of the consumers of DVC, DVC is to consider for arranging purchase of power from different source(s) (including from exchanges) other than the existing sources having supply pattern and cost involvement/economics more favourable for consumers of DVC. Also, DVC shall reduce its dependency on costlier thermal sources in order to contain the rise in retail price of the consumers in future in a better way.
- 4.9 Commission hereby directs that for interruption benefit calculation for HV & EHV consumer henceforth DVC shall calculate such benefit on the basis of interruption recorded in the outgoing feeder meter at the sub-station end. However, in case of non-supply of electricity due to outages arising out of any problem at the down-stream of the substation such outage as available from non-supply of power recorded in the MRI records of the consumer meter shall also be considered subject to condition that such outage is reported to the DVC and shall



be counted for the period from time of reporting and restoration of the outage by DVC.

- 4.10 The Commission is statutorily duty bound to promote generation of electricity from following sources of energy:
- i Co-generation of electricity from renewable sources.
 - ii Co-generation of electricity from fossil fuel sources.
 - iii Co-generation of electricity from hybrid sources of fossil fuel / conventional sources and renewable sources.
 - iv Electricity generation from renewable sources.

In order to promote above mentioned type of generation of electricity by applying regulations 8.3 and 8.4 of the Tariff Regulations and regulations 19.1 and 19.2 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy) Regulations, 2013, the Commission decided that from the APR of the ensuing year 2016 – 2017 a deduction of 5% from Return on Equity will be done if DVC fails to comply with the Renewable Purchase Obligation as per West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy) Regulations, 2013 or any of its subsequent amendment. In this context, the Commission also directs that henceforth DVC shall advertise on important national media inviting the interested parties of supplying renewable and cogeneration electricity on every four months for next two years instead of one time in a year in pursuance to the regulation 3.5 of the said Regulations.

- 4.11 The Commission through order dated 25.05.2015 directed DVC to furnish a report regarding their readiness to supply all consumers under their area of



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- supply within the date specified in the order. DVC is further directed to comply with that directive failing which the Commission shall take appropriate action as per provisions of the Act and Regulations framed thereunder.
- 4.12 DVC shall come up with their investment proposal, as per provision of the Tariff Regulations, required to build up infrastructure to give electric supply to all consumers including low and medium voltage consumers under their area of supply.
- 4.13 Failure in compliance of any of the above directions within 31st March, 2017 will attract a substantial penalty to be decided and adjusted in their ROE during Annual Performance Review (APR).

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DATE: 03.03.2017