

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 436/TT/2014

Coram:

**Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member
Dr. M.K. Iyer, Member**

**Date of Hearing : 14.03.2016
Date of Order : 21.03.2016**

In the matter of:

Determination of transmission tariff of 400 kV D/C Sagardighi-Behrampur Transmission Line and associated bays at Sagardighi TPS (WBPDCL) and Behrampur Sub-station (POWERGRID) under Transmission System for "Eastern Strengthening Scheme-X" in Eastern Region for the 2014-19 tariff period under Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014 and Regulation 86 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999.

And in the matter of:

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
'SAUDAMINI', Plot No-2,
Sector-29, Gurgaon -122 001 (Haryana).

.....**Petitioner**

Versus

1. Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd
Vidyut Bhawan, Bailey Road
Patna- 800001
2. West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited
Bidyut Bhawan, Bidhan Nagar,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091
3. Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd.
Shahid Nagar,
Bhubaneswar- 751007
4. Jharkhand State Electricity Board
Doranda, Ranchi-834002



5. Damodar Valley Corporation
DVC Tower, Maniktala
Civic Centre, VIP Road,
Kolkata-700054
6. Power Department
Govt of Sikkim,
Gangtok-737101

....Respondents

The following were present:-

For Petitioner: Shri S.S. Raju, PGCIL
 Shri Rakesh Prasad, PGCIL
 Shri Jasbir Singh, PGCIL
 Shri Aryaman Saxena, PGCIL
 Shri M.M. Mondal, PGCIL

For Respondent: None.

ORDER

The present petition has been filed by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. ("the petitioner") for determination of tariff for 400 kV D/C Sagardighi-Behrampur T/L and associated bays at Sagardighi TPS (WBPDCCL) and Behrampur Substation (POWERGRID) under Transmission System for "Eastern Strengthening Scheme-X" in Eastern Region under Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as "the 2014 Tariff Regulations") for the period from 26.12.2014 to 31.3.2019.

2. The respondents are distribution licensees or electricity departments or power procurement companies of States, who are procuring transmission service from the petitioner, mainly beneficiaries of Eastern Region.



3. The brief facts of the case are as follows:-

(a) The investment approval for the project was accorded by Board of Directors of the petitioner company vide memorandum no. C/CP/ERSS-X dated 23.12.2013 at an estimated cost of ₹14394 lakh, including IDC of ₹763 lakh.

(b) The scope of the instant project includes 400 kV D/C line from Sagardighi (TPS) (West Bengal) to Baharampur with high capacity HTLS conductor.

(c) The date of the commercial operation of the instant transmission asset was 26.12.2014. The petitioner has submitted RLDC certificate in support of the claim of commercial operation in accordance with the 2014 tariff Regulations.

(d) The petitioner has claimed the revised transmission charges as under:-

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Depreciation	132.69	595.24	649.77	649.77	649.77
Interest on Loan	158.59	680.68	696.53	637.84	579.16
Return on Equity	147.84	672.78	740.17	740.17	740.17
Interest on Working Capital	13.93	59.70	63.36	62.52	61.69
O&M Expenses	69.20	268.65	277.57	286.80	296.29
Total	522.25	2277.05	2427.40	2377.10	2327.08

(e) The details submitted by the petitioner in support of its claim for interest on working capital are given hereunder:-



(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Maintenance Spares	21.67	22.39	23.13	23.90	24.69
O & M Expenses	39.00	40.30	41.64	43.02	44.44
Receivables	327.07	379.51	404.57	396.18	387.85
Total	387.74	442.20	469.34	463.10	456.98
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	13.93	59.70	63.36	62.52	61.69

4. The AFC for the instant asset was allowed under Regulation 7(7) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations for inclusion in the PoC charges vide order dated 23.12.2014. The petitioner has submitted additional information vide affidavits dated 13.2.2015, 9.9.2015, 16.09.2015 and 11.3.2016. The petitioner has submitted the revised tariff forms vide affidavit dated 11.03.2015 along with the Auditor's Certificate dated 7.9.2015 and the same has been considered for the purpose of computation of tariff.

5. The petitioner has served the petition to the respondents and notice of this application has been published in the newspapers in accordance with Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 ("the Act"). No comments have been received from the public in response to the notices published by the petitioner under Section 64 of the Act. The hearing in this matter was held on 14.3.2016. None of the respondents have filed their reply. Having heard the representatives of the petitioner and perused the material on record, we proceed to dispose of the petition.



Date of Commercial Operation (COD)

6. The petitioner has claimed the date of the commercial operation of the instant transmission asset as 26.12.2014. Regulation 4(3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:-

“4. Date of Commercial Operation: The date of commercial operation of a generating station or unit or block thereof or a transmission system or element thereof shall be determined as under:

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(3) Date of commercial operation in relation to a transmission system shall mean the date declared by the transmission licensee from 0000 hour of which an element of the transmission system is in regular service after successful trial operation for transmitting electricity and communication signal from sending end to receiving end:

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7. The petitioner has submitted RLDC certificate, vide affidavit dated 9.9.2015, issued by ERLDC, POSOCO vide letter dated 23.4.2015 in support of the claim of commercial operation in accordance with Regulation 5(2) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations indicating completion of successful trial operation. Accordingly, the commercial operation date of the transmission asset has been considered as 26.12.2014 and the tariff is worked out from 26.12.2014 to 31.3.2019.

Capital Cost

8. In the revised tariff forms, the petitioner has claimed capital cost of ₹8781.34 lakh as on COD including IDC and IEDC of ₹96.96 lakh and ₹164.46



lakh and additional capitalization of ₹1592.17 lakh and ₹2147.29 lakh for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

9. Regulation 9 (1) and (2) and 10 (1) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations specify as follows:-

“9. Capital Cost: (1) The Capital cost as determined by the Commission after prudence check in accordance with this regulation shall form the basis of determination of tariff for existing and new projects.

(2) The Capital Cost of a new project shall include the following:

- a) the expenditure incurred or projected to be incurred up to the date of commercial operation of the project;
- b) Interest during construction and financing charges, on the loans (i) being equal to 70% of the funds deployed, in the event of the actual equity in excess of 30% of the funds deployed, by treating the excess equity as normative loan, or (ii) being equal to the actual amount of loan in the event of the actual equity less than 30% of the funds deployed;
- c) Increase in cost in contract packages as approved by the Commission;
- d) Interest during construction and incidental expenditure during construction as computed in accordance with Regulation 11 of these regulations;
- e) capitalised Initial spares subject to the ceiling rates specified in Regulation 13 of these regulations;
- f) expenditure on account of additional capitalization and de-capitalisation determined in accordance with Regulation 14 of these regulations;
- g) adjustment of revenue due to sale of infirm power in excess of fuel cost prior to the COD as specified under Regulation 18 of these regulations; and
- h) adjustment of any revenue earned by the transmission licensee by using the assets before COD.”

“10. Prudence Check of Capital Expenditure: The following principles shall be adopted for prudence check of capital cost of the existing or new projects:

(1) In case of the thermal generating station and the transmission system, prudence check of capital cost may be carried out taking into consideration the benchmark norms specified/to be specified by the Commission from time to time: Provided that in cases where benchmark norms have not been specified, prudence check may include scrutiny of the capital expenditure, financing plan, interest during construction, incidental expenditure during construction for its reasonableness, use of efficient technology, cost over-run and time over-run, competitive bidding for procurement and such other matters as may be considered appropriate by the Commission for determination of tariff.”



10. The petitioner, vide affidavit dated 11.3.2016, has submitted the revised tariff forms. The petitioner has submitted that the entire IEDC amount was discharged upto COD is ₹96.96 lakh. However, out of the IDC amount of ₹164.46 lakh, only ₹28.78 lakh has been discharged upto COD and balance ₹2.95 lakh and ₹132.73 lakh has been projected to be discharged during 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. We have considered the capital cost of after adjusting the total discharged IDC for determination of tariff for the 2014-19 tariff period given as here under:-

(₹ in lakh)

	Upto COD	2014-15	2015-16
Capital Expenditure	8616.88*	1592.17	2147.29
IDC Discharged	28.78	2.95	132.73
Capital Cost Allowed	8645.66	1595.12	2280.02

*including IEDC discharged upto COD (8519.92+96.96)

Initial Spares

11. The petitioner, vide Auditor`s certificate dated 7.9.2015, has claimed initial spares of ₹191.26 lakh pertaining to sub-station and ₹84.55 lakh pertaining to transmission line corresponding to capital cost of ₹3379.11 lakh and ₹8455.26 lakh (excluding IDC, IEDC, Land cost and cost of civil works) as on the cut-off date 31.03.2017. The petitioner has not submitted the computation of the initial spares in Form-13. We have considered the figures provided in the Auditor`s Certificate. The total initial spares claimed by the petitioner are within the limits prescribed under Regulation 13 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations and therefore allowed.



12. As per the investment approval, the commissioning schedule of the project is 24 months from the date of investment approval. The investment approval was accorded on 23.12.2013 and hence the schedule date of commercial operation was 23.12.2015. The date of the commercial operation of the instant transmission asset was 26.12.2014 and hence there is no time over-run.

Additional Capital Expenditure

11. The petitioner has proposed additional capitalization of ₹1595.12 lakh and ₹2280.02 lakh for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively towards balance and retention payment under Regulation 14(1)(i) of 2014 Tariff Regulations. The accrual IDC of ₹2.95 lakh and ₹132.73 lakh has been considered as additional capitalization for 2014-15 and 2015-16. It is observed that total estimated completion cost of ₹12520.80 lakh including the additional capital expenditure is within the approved apportioned cost of ₹14395.55 lakh. Accordingly, additional capitalization of ₹1595.12 lakh and ₹2280.02 lakh is allowed under Regulation 14(1)(i) of 2014 Tariff Regulations.

(₹ in lakh)

Cost as per revised Investment Approval is ₹14395.55 lakh							
Admitted capital cost as on 26.12.2014	Additional capitalisation projected					Total additional capitalisation	Total capital cost as on 31.3.2019
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
8645.66	1595.12	2280.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	3875.14	12520.80



Debt:Equity Ratio

12. Regulation 19 (1) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations specifies as under:-

“19. Debt-Equity Ratio: (1) For a project declared under commercial operation on or after 1.4.2014, the debt-equity ratio would be considered as 70:30 as on COD. If the equity actually deployed is more than 30% of the capital cost, equity in excess of 30% shall be treated as normative loan:

Provided that:

- i. where equity actually deployed is less than 30% of the capital cost, actual equity shall be considered for determination of tariff:
- ii. the equity invested in foreign currency shall be designated in Indian rupees on the date of each investment:
- iii. any grant obtained for the execution of the project shall not be considered as a part of capital structure for the purpose of debt : equity ratio.”

13. The petitioner has considered debt:equity ratio as 70:30 as on COD. We have considered debt:equity ratio of 70:30 as on COD and for additional capitalization during 2014-15 and 2015-16. The details of the debt:equity as on the date of COD, i.e 2.2.2015 and 31.3.2019 considered for the purpose of tariff computation for the 2014-19 tariff period is as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

Asset	As on COD- 26.12.2014		Additional capitalization during 2014-19		As on 31.3.2019	
	Amount	(%)	Amount	(%)	Amount	(%)
Debt	6051.96	70.00	2712.60	70.00	8764.56	70.00
Equity	2593.70	30.00	1162.54	30.00	3756.24	30.00
Total	8645.66	100.00	3875.14	100.00	12520.80	100.00

Interest on Loan (“IOL”)

14. Clause (5) & (6) of Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides as under:-

“(5) The rate of interest shall be the weighted average rate of interest calculated on the basis of the actual loan portfolio after providing appropriate accounting adjustment for interest capitalized:



Provided that if there is no actual loan for a particular year but normative loan is still outstanding, the last available weighted average rate of interest shall be considered:

Provided further that if the generating station or the transmission system, as the case may be, does not have actual loan, then the weighted average rate of interest of the generating company or the transmission licensee as a whole shall be considered.

(6) The interest on loan shall be calculated on the normative average loan of the year by applying the weighted average rate of interest.”

15. We have considered the weighted average rate of IOL on the basis of rate prevailing as on 1.4.2014. Further, the petitioner has prayed to allow it to bill and adjust impact on interest on loan due to change in interest rate on account of floating rate of interest applicable during 2014-19 period, if any from the respondents. The petitioner has also prayed that they will approach the Commission for suitable revision in the norms of O&M Expenses for claiming the impact of such increase. The IOL has been worked out in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The petitioner’s prayer to bill and adjust the impact on interest on loan due to change in interest rate on account of floating rate of interest applicable during 2014-19 period from the respondents will be considered at the time of truing up. The details of weighted average rate of interest are placed at **Annexure-I** and the IOL has been worked out as follows:-

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross loan opening	6051.96	7168.55	8764.56	8764.56	8764.56
Cumulative Repayment upto previous year	0.00	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90
Net Loan-Opening	6051.96	7037.41	8038.18	7388.42	6738.66



Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Additions during the year	1116.58	1596.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	131.14	595.24	649.76	649.76	649.76
Net Loan-Closing	7037.41	8038.18	7388.42	6738.66	6088.90
Average Loan	6544.68	7537.79	7713.30	7063.54	6413.78
Rate of Interest (%)	9.1066	9.0321	9.0321	9.0321	9.0321
Interest	156.76	680.82	696.68	637.99	579.30

Return on Equity (“ROE”)

16. Clause (1) & (2) of Regulation 24 and Clause (2) of Regulation 25(2) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations specify as under:-

“24. Return on Equity: (1) Return on equity shall be computed in rupee terms, on the equity base determined in accordance with regulation 19.

(2) Return on equity shall be computed at the base rate of 15.50% for thermal generating stations, transmission system including communication system and run of the river hydro generating station, and at the base rate of 16.50% for the storage type hydro generating stations including pumped storage hydro generating stations and run of river generating station with pondage:

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“25. Tax on Return on Equity:

(2) Rate of return on equity shall be rounded off to three decimal places and shall be computed as per the formula given below:

Rate of pre-tax return on equity = Base rate / (1-t)

Where “t” is the effective tax rate in accordance with Clause (1) of this regulation and shall be calculated at the beginning of every financial year based on the estimated profit and tax to be paid estimated in line with the provisions of the relevant Finance Act applicable for that financial year to the company on pro-rata basis by excluding the income of non-generation or non-transmission business, as the case may be, and the corresponding tax thereon. In case of generating company or transmission licensee paying Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT), “t” shall be considered as MAT rate including surcharge and cess.”



17. The petitioner has claimed ROE at the rate of 20.961% after grossing up the ROE of 15.5% with MAT rate as per the above said Regulation. The petitioner has further submitted that the grossed up ROE is subject to truing up based on the actual tax paid along with any additional tax or interest, duly adjusted for any refund of tax including the interest received from IT authorities, pertaining to the tariff period 2014-19 on actual gross income of any financial year. Any under-recovery or over-recovery of grossed up ROE after truing up shall be recovered or refunded to the beneficiaries on year to year basis.

18. The petitioner has further submitted that adjustment due to any additional tax demand including interest duly adjusted for any refund of the tax including interest received from IT authorities shall be recoverable/adjustable after completion of income tax assessment of the financial year.

19. We have considered the submissions made by the petitioner. Regulation 24 read with Regulation 25 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides for grossing up of return on equity with the effective tax rate for the purpose of return on equity. It further provides that in case the generating company or transmission licensee is paying Minimum Alternative Tax (MAT), the MAT rate including surcharge and cess will be considered for the grossing up of return on equity. The petitioner has submitted that MAT rate is applicable to the petitioner's company. Accordingly, the MAT rate applicable during 2013-14 has been considered for the purpose of return on equity, which shall be trued up with



actual tax rate in accordance with Regulation 25 (3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The ROE allowed for the instant transmission asset is given below:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Opening Equity	2593.70	3072.23	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Additional Capitalization	478.54	684.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	3072.23	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Average Equity	2832.97	3414.24	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (%)	15.500	15.500	15.500	15.500	15.500
Tax rate for the year (%)	20.961	21.342	21.342	21.342	21.342
Rate of Return on Equity (Pre Tax) (%)	19.610	19.705	19.705	19.705	19.705
Return on Equity (Pre Tax)	146.12	672.79	740.18	740.18	740.18

Depreciation

20. Clause (2), (5) and (6) of Regulation 27 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provide as follows:-

"27. Depreciation:

(2) The value base for the purpose of depreciation shall be the capital cost of the asset admitted by the Commission. In case of multiple units of a generating station or multiple elements of transmission system, weighted average life for the generating station of the transmission system shall be applied. Depreciation shall be chargeable from the first year of commercial operation. In case of commercial operation of the asset for part of the year, depreciation shall be charged on pro rata basis"

"(5) Depreciation shall be calculated annually based on Straight Line Method and at rates specified in **Appendix-II** to these regulations for the assets of the generating station and transmission system:

Provided that the remaining depreciable value as on 31st March of the year closing after a period of 12 years from the effective date of commercial operation of the station shall be spread over the balance useful life of the assets.

(6) In case of the existing projects, the balance depreciable value as on 1.4.2014 shall be worked out by deducting the cumulative depreciation as admitted by the Commission upto 31.3.2014 from the gross depreciable value of the assets."



21. Clause (67) of Regulation 3 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations defines useful life as follows:-

“(67) ‘Useful life’ in relation to a unit of a generating station and transmission system from the COD shall mean the following, namely:

- (a) Coal/Lignite based thermal generating station 25 years
- (b) Gas/Liquid fuel based thermal generating station 25 years
- (c) AC and DC sub-station 25 years
- (d) Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) 25 years
- (d) Hydro generating station including pumped Storage hydro generating stations 35 years
- (e) Transmission line (including HVAC & HVDC) 35 years
- (f) Communication system 15 years”

22. The petitioner has claimed depreciation considering capital expenditure of ₹8781.34 lakh as on 26.12.2014 with additional capitalization of ₹1592.17 lakh and ₹2147.29 lakh for the 2014-19 tariff period.

23. We have computed depreciation considering capital expenditure of ₹8645.66 lakh as on 26.12.2014 and additional capitalization of ₹1595.12 lakh and ₹2280.02 lakh for 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively. The weighted average useful life of the asset has been considered as 33 years in accordance with the above regulation. The details of the depreciation allowed are given hereunder:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Opening Gross Block	8645.66	10240.78	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Additional Capitalisation	1595.12	2280.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	10240.78	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Average Gross Block	9443.22	11380.79	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Freehold Land (Av. Cost)	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.28	5.23	5.19	5.19	5.19
Depreciable Value	8498.90	10960.52	12114.73	11088.72	11088.72
Balance useful life of asset	33	32	31	30	29
Elapsed life	-	1	2	3	4



Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Remaining Depreciable Value	8498.90	10960.52	12114.73	11088.72	11088.72
Depreciation during year	131.14	595.24	649.76	649.76	649.76
Depreciation upto previous year	0.00	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90
Cumulative depreciation	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90	2675.66

Operation & Maintenance Expenses (“O&M Expenses”)

24. The instant petition covers one 400 kV bay. Regulation 29(4)(a) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations specifies the following norms for O&M Expenses for four 400 kV bays, 25.56 km 400 kV Double Circuit AC transmission Line and 400 kV bays 0.6 km 400 kV Multi Circuit AC transmission Line

Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Norm (₹ lakh/bay)					
400 kV	60.30	62.30	64.37	66.51	68.71
Norm (₹ lakh/km)					
D/C Twin/Triple Conductor	0.707	0.731	0.755	0.780	0.806
Norm (₹ lakh/km)					
Multi Ckt Twin & Triple Conductor	1.240	1.282	1.324	1.368	1.413

25. The petitioner has claimed O&M Expenses as specified in sub-clause (a) of clause (4) of Regulation 29 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The details of O&M Expenses allowed are given hereunder:-

(₹ in lakh)

O&M Expenses				
2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
68.39	268.65	277.57	286.80	296.29



26. The petitioner has submitted that norms for O&M Expenses for the tariff period 2014-19 have been arrived on the basis of normalized actual O&M Expenses during the period 2008-13. The petitioner has further submitted that the wage revision of the employees of the petitioner is due during the 2014-19 tariff period and actual impact of wage hike, which will be effective at a future date, has not been factored in fixation of the normative O&M rate specified for the tariff period 2014-19. The petitioner has prayed to be allowed to approach the Commission for suitable revision in the norms of O&M Expenses for claiming the impact of such increase.

27. The O&M Expenses have been worked out as per the norms of O&M Expenses specified in the 2014 Tariff Regulations. As regards impact of wage revision, any application filed by the petitioner in this regard will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the 2014 Tariff Regulations.

Interest on Working Capital (“IWC”)

28. As per 2014 Tariff Regulations the components of the working capital and the interest thereon are discussed hereinafter:-

(i) Receivables: As per Regulation 28(1) (c) (i) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations, receivables will be equivalent to two months average billing calculated on target availability level. The petitioner has claimed the receivables on the basis of 2 months transmission charges claimed in the



petition. In the tariff being allowed, receivables have been worked out on the basis of 2 months transmission charges.

(ii) Maintenance Spares: Regulation 28 (1) (c) (ii) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides for maintenance spares @ 15% per annum of the O&M Expenses from 1.4.2014. The petitioner has claimed maintenance spares for the instant asset and value of maintenance spares has accordingly been worked out as 15% of O&M Expenses.

(iii) O & M Expenses: Regulation 28 (1) (c) (iii) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides for operation and maintenance expenses for one month to be included in the working capital. The petitioner has claimed O & M Expenses for the instant asset and value of O & M Expenses has accordingly been worked out by considering 1 month O&M Expenses.

(iv) Rate of interest on working capital: Rate of interest on working capital shall be on normative basis and shall be considered as the bank rate as on 1.4.2014 or as on 1st April of the year during the tariff period 2014-15 to 2018-19 in which the transmission system including communication system or element thereof, as the case may be, is declared under commercial operation, whichever is later. Further, the Bank Rate' means the base rate of interest as specified by the State Bank of India from time to time or any replacement thereof for the time being in effect plus 350 basis points. The rate of interest on working capital considered is 13.50% (SBI Base Rate of 10% plus 350 basis points).



29. The interest on working capital allowed is shown in the table below:-

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Maintenance Spares	21.67	22.38	23.12	23.89	24.68
O & M expenses	39.00	40.30	41.64	43.02	44.44
Receivables	327.09	379.53	404.59	396.21	387.87
Total	387.75	442.21	469.35	463.12	457.00
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	13.77	59.70	63.36	62.52	61.69

Annual Transmission Charges

30. The detailed computation of the various components of the annual fixed charges for the transmission asset for the tariff period 2014-19 is summarised below:-

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Depreciation					
Opening Gross Block	8645.66	10240.78	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Additional Capitalisation	1595.12	2280.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	10240.78	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Average Gross Block	9443.22	11380.79	12520.80	12520.80	12520.80
Freehold Land (Av. Cost)	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.28%	5.23%	5.19%	5.19%	5.19%
Depreciable Value	8498.90	10960.52	12114.73	11088.72	11088.72
Balance useful life of the asset	33.00	32.00	31.00	30.00	29.00
Elapsed life	0.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00
Remaining Depreciable Value	8498.90	10960.52	12114.73	11088.72	11088.72
Depreciation during the year	131.14	595.24	649.76	649.76	649.76
Depreciation upto previous year	0.00	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90
Cumulative depreciation	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90	2675.66



Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Interest on Loan					
Gross Normative Loan	6051.96	7168.55	8764.56	8764.56	8764.56
Cumulative Repayment upto Previous Year	0.00	131.14	726.38	1376.14	2025.90
Net Loan-Opening	6051.96	7037.41	8038.18	7388.42	6738.66
Additions	1116.58	1596.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	131.14	595.24	649.76	649.76	649.76
Net Loan-Closing	7037.41	8038.18	7388.42	6738.66	6088.90
Average Loan	6544.68	7537.79	7713.30	7063.54	6413.78
Weighted Average Rate of Interest on Loan (%)	9.1066%	9.0321%	9.0321%	9.0321%	9.0321%
Interest on Loan	156.76	680.82	696.68	637.99	579.30
Return on Equity					
Opening Equity	2593.70	3072.23	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Additions	478.54	684.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	3072.23	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Average Equity	2832.97	3414.24	3756.24	3756.24	3756.24
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (%)	15.500%	15.500%	15.500%	15.500%	15.500%
MAT rate for the respective year (%)	20.961%	21.342%	21.342%	21.342%	21.342%
Rate of Return on Equity (%)	19.610%	19.705%	19.705%	19.705%	19.705%
Return on Equity	146.12	672.79	740.18	740.18	740.18
Interest on Working Capital					
O & M expenses	21.66	22.38	23.12	23.89	24.68
Maintenance Spares	39.00	40.30	41.64	43.02	44.44
Receivables	327.09	379.53	404.59	396.21	387.87
Total	387.75	442.21	469.35	463.12	457.00
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%	13.50%
Interest on Working Capital	13.77	59.70	63.36	62.52	61.69
Annual Transmission Charges					
Depreciation	131.14	595.24	649.76	649.76	649.76
Interest on Loan	156.76	680.82	696.68	637.99	579.30
Return on Equity	146.12	672.79	740.18	740.18	740.18
Interest on Working Capital	13.77	59.70	63.36	62.52	61.69
O & M Expenses	68.39	268.65	277.57	286.80	296.29



Particulars	2014-15 (pro-rata)	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total	516.17	2277.20	2427.56	2377.25	2327.23

Filing Fee and Publication Expenses

31. The petitioner has sought reimbursement of fee paid by it for filing the petition and publication expenses, in terms of Regulation 52 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The petitioner shall be entitled for reimbursement of the filing fees and publication expenses in connection with the present petition, directly from the beneficiaries on pro-rata basis in accordance with clause (1) of Regulation 52 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations.

Licence Fee and RLDC Fees and Charges

32. The petitioner has requested to allow the petitioner to bill and recover License fee and RLDC fees and charges, separately from the respondents. The petitioner shall be entitled for reimbursement of licence fee and RLDC fees and charges in accordance with Clause (2) (b) and (2)(a), respectively, of Regulation 52 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations.

Service Tax

33. The petitioner has sought to recover Service Tax on Transmission Charges separately from the respondents, if at any time service tax on



transmission is withdrawn from negative list in future. We are of the view that the petitioner's prayer of Service Tax is premature.

Sharing of Transmission Charges

34. The billing, collection and disbursement of the transmission charges approved shall be governed by the provisions of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2010, as amended from time to time, as provided in Regulation 43 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations.

35. This order disposes of Petition No. 436/TT/2014.

Sd/-
(Dr. M. K. Iyer)
Member

Sd/-
(A.S. Bakshi)
Member



ANNEXURE-I**DETAILS OF LOAN BASED ON ACTUAL LOAN PORTFOLIO 2014-19**

Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2014	Additions during the tariff period	Total
				(₹ in lakh)
SBI (2014-15)-DOCO loan -	10.25	420.00	0.00	420.00
BOND XLVI -DOCO loan 1 -	9.30	4702.46	0.00	4702.46
Bond XLVIII-DOCO loan 2-	8.20	676.00	0.00	676.00
BOND XLIX-ADDCAP FOR 2014-2015 Add cap loan-	8.15	0.00	1116.58	1116.58
BOND XLIX-DOCO loan 3-	8.15	253.50	0.00	253.50
Total		6051.96	1116.58	7168.54

CALCULATION OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN FOR TARIFF PERIOD 2014-19

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Opening Loan	6051.96	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54
Cumulative Repayment of loan upto previous year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Loan Opening	6051.96	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54
Additions during the year	1116.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Loan Closing	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54
Average Loan	6610.25	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54	7168.54
Rate of Interest	9.1066	9.0321	9.0321	9.0321	9.0321
Interest	601.97	647.47	647.47	647.47	647.47

