CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 499/TT/2014

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

Date of Hearing : 02.12.2015 Date of Order : 07.01.2016

In the matter of:

Truing up of transmission tariff for 2009-14 tariff period and determination of transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff period for (a) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (HVDC portion) (Notional COD: 1.3.2003,and (b) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (AC portion) (Notional COD: 1.6.2003) under Transmission System associated with Talcher-II project in Southern Region under Regulation 86 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009, and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014.

And in the matter of:

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Registered office: B-9, Qutab Institutional Area,

Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi. 110 016Petitioner

Versus

- Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. Kaveri Bhavan, Bangalore-560 009
- 2. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. (APTRANSCO), Vidyut Soudha, Hyderabad- 500082
- Kerala State Electricity Board Vaidyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram- 695 004



- Tami Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. NPKRR Maaligai, 800, Anna Salai Chennai- 600 002
- Electricity Department
 Govt. Of Pondicherry, Pondicherry- 605 001
- Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APEPDCL), Seethmmadhara, Vishakhapatnam
- 7. Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APSPDCL), Tirupati- 517 501
- Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APCPDCL), Corporate Office, Hyderabad- 500 063
- Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APNPDCL), Opp. NIT Petrol Pump
- Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited Corporate Office, K.R Circle, Bangalore- 560 001, Karnataka
- 11. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM) Station Road, Gulbarga, Karnataka
- 12. Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM) Navanagar, PB Road, Hubli, Karnataka
- MESCOM Corporate Office Paradigm Plaza, AB Shetty Circle, Mangalore- 575 001
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- 15. Electricity Department
 Government of Goa, Vidyuti Bhawan, Panaji,
 Goa- 403001Respondents

The following were present:



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For Respondent: Shri S. Vallinayagam, TANGEDCO

Shri R.Jaya Prakash, TANGEDCO

ORDER

The present petition has been preferred by Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. ('the petitioner'), a transmission licensee, for truing up of capital expenditure and tariff for (a) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (HVDC portion) (Notional COD: 1.3.2003),and (b) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (AC portion) (Notional COD: 1.6.2003) under Transmission System associated with Talcher-II project in Southern Region under Regulation 6 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as "the 2009 Tariff Regulations") based on actual expenditure for the period 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2014, and for determination of tariff under Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as "the 2014 Tariff Regulations") for the period from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2019.

- 2. The respondents are distribution licensees or power procurement companies of the State, who are procuring transmission service from the petitioner, mainly beneficiaries of Southern Region.
- 3. The petitioner has served the petition to the respondents and notice of this application has been published in the newspaper 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 02.12.2015. Respondent No.4 i.e., Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd (TANGEDCO), sought one week's time to file reply to the petition which was allowed by the Commission to file their reply by 10.12.2015 and directed the petitioner to submit the rejoinder to the reply filed by Respondent No.4 on affidavit with copy to the respondents by 16.12.2015 with the directive that in case no information is filed within the due date, the matter shall be considered based on the available records. Reply has been filed by Respondent No. 4, vide affidavit dated 18.12.2015 and subsequently the petitioner has filed rejoinder vide affidavit dated 1.1.2016. The concerns expressed by the respondents have been addressed in the respective paras of this order. The petitioner was directed to submit the additional information through letter dated 27.11.2015. The petitioner has submitted the additional information. Having heard the representatives of the petitioner and the respondents and perused the material on record; we proceed to dispose of the petition.

- 4. The brief facts of the case are as follows:
 - a) The investment approval for construction of the transmission system was accorded by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, vide letter dated 9.2.2000 at an estimated cost of ₹ 386561.00 lakh (2nd quarter price level), including IDC of ₹ 39107.00 lakh.
 - b) The transmission assets covered under the instant petition were progressively commissioned during 1.12.2002 to 1.6.2003. These assets have been clubbed by the petitioner as per the procedure prescribed by the Commission for the tariff determination in tariff order dated 29.9.2011 in 188/TT/2011 into (a) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (HVDC portion) (Notional COD: 1.3.2003)-Combined Assets-I, and (b) Combined elements of Talcher and Kolar (AC portion) (Notional COD: 1.6.2003)-Combined Assets-II. Details of Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II with COD are shown below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Assets	COD	Notional COD
	Combined Assets-I		
	500 kV HVDC line along with HVDC		
1	terminal stations (Pole-I) at Talcher and	1.12.2002	
	Kolar		1.3.2003
2	HVDC terminal station at Talcher and Kolar 1.3.2003		
	with Pole- II		
	Combined Assets-I		
	400 kV Hosur-Salem S/C line and 1x315		
3	MVA Auto Transformer-I at Hosur along with	1.12.2002	
3	the associated bay at Hosur and bay	1.12.2002	
	extension at Salem		1.6.2003
	1x315 MVA Auto transformer-II at Hosur		
4	along with associated 400 kV bays and	1.2.2003	
	complete 220kv bays/yard at Hosur		

Sr. No.	Name of the Assets	COD	Notional COD
	400 kV AC Kolar-Arakkonam-Madras line along with bays at Kolar and Sriperumbudur		
5	(Madras) and LILO of 400 kV Cuddapah-	1.12.2002	
	Banglore S/C line along with associated bays at Kolar		
	400 kV Kolar-Hoody D/C line along with		
	associated bays extensions (Kolar-I and		
	Kolar-II) at Hoody substation, Hoody-I and	4.0.0000	
6	Hoody-II bays at Kolar substation and 4x167 MVA Auto transformer along with	1.2.2003	
	associated bays on 400 & 220 kV side and		
	complete 220 kV substation at Kolar		
7	400 KV D/C Kolar-Hosur line along with	1.4.2003	
,	associated bays at Kolar and Hosur	1.4.2003	
	400 KV S/C Salem-Udumalpet line along		
8	with associated bay extensions at Salem	1.6.2003	
	and Udumalpet		

- c) The Commission, vide its order dated 29.9.2011, allowed provisional tariff in respect of Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II for the tariff period 2009-14, subject to adjustment as per proviso to Clause (3) of Regulation 5 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations.
- d) The Commission, in its order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/2011, has determined the tariff for the tariff period 2009-14 based on admitted capital cost of ₹261006.13 lakh and ₹39779.11 lakh as on 31.3.2009 for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II respectively. The net decapitalization of ₹136.84 lakh was considered during 2009-14 in accordance with the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The tariff allowed for the tariff period 2009-14 is as under:

(₹ in lakh)

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Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-I					
Depreciation	13744.53	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92
Interest on Loan	8075.56	7143.58	6244.61	5413.78	4597.09
Return on Equity	8793.58	8789.99	8789.99	8789.99	8789.99
Interest on working	789.17	778.25	768.67	761.03	754.14
capital					
O&M expenses	3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08
Total	34423.81	33646.66	32921.24	32276.20	31655.22
Combined Assets-I	I				
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79
Interest on Loan	1808.59	1602.98	1396.78	1189.53	985.42
Return on Equity	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88
Interest on working	189.48	189.67	190.12	190.8	191.83
capital					
O&M expenses	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43

- e) The MAT rate applicable during 2008-09 was considered to arrive at the rate of return on equity for the tariff period 2009-14, which is required to be adjusted as per the actual MAT rate applicable for the respective year at the time of truing up of tariff for 2009-14 tariff period.
- f) The instant petition was filed on 26.11.2014 for true up of tariff for 2009-14 tariff period based on actual capital expenditure incurred and for determination of transmission tariff for the tariff period 2014-19.

TRUING UP OF ANNUAL FIXED CHARGES FOR TARIFF PERIOD 2009-14

5. The truing up of tariff for the tariff period 2009-14 has been determined as discussed below:-

Capital Cost

- 6. The petitioner has claimed admitted capital cost of ₹261006.13 lakh for Combined Assets-I and ₹39779.11 lakh for Combined Assets-II as on 31.3.2009 for the purpose of tariff. In addition to this, the petitioner has claimed additional capitalisation for Combined Asset-I of ₹12.25 lakh and de-capitalisation of ₹149.09 lakh for Combined Asset-I during 2009-14 tariff period on account of balance and retention payments and Excise Duty refund as deemed export benefits.
- 7. Last proviso to Clause (2) of Regulation 7 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides that:

"Provided also that in case of the existing projects, the capital cost admitted by the Commission prior to 1.4.2009 duly trued up by excluding un-discharged liability, if any, as on 1.4.2009 and the additional capital expenditure projected to be incurred for the respective year of the tariff period 2009-14, as may be admitted by the Commission, shall form the basis for determination of tariff".

8. The capital cost admitted for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II as on 31.3.2009 have been considered as the opening capital cost as on 1.4.2009 for determination of tariff in accordance with Regulation 7 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The admitted capital cost considered as on 1.4.2009 for Combined Assets-I is ₹261006.13 lakh and for Combined Assets-II is ₹39779.11 lakh, to work out the trued up tariff for the tariff period 2009-14.

Additional Capital Expenditure

- 9. The petitioner has claimed additional capitalisation of ₹12.25 lakh and decapitalisation of ₹149.09 lakh for Combined Asset-I, on account of balance and retention payments and de-capitalisation on account of excise duty refund as deemed export benefits during 2009-10 against the additional capitalisation of ₹12.25 lakh and de-capitalisation of ₹149.06 lakh approved vide order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011, under Clause (2)(v) of Regulation 9 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The petitioner was directed to confirm that all the balance/retention payments under this petition have been claimed or some payments are still to be claimed in future. In response, the petitioner confirmed that all the balance/retention payments under this petition have been paid and no further balance/retention payments are to be claimed.
- 10. The petitioner has not claimed any additional capitalisation during the tariff period 2009-14 for Combined Assets-II. No additional capital expenditure has been considered for the tariff period 2009-14.
- 11. Clause 2(v) of Regulation 9 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:-
 - "(2) The capital expenditure incurred on the following counts after the cut-off date may, in its discretion, be admitted by the Commission, subject to prudence check:

. . .

(v) In case of transmission system any additional expenditure on items such as relays, control and instrumentation, computer system, power line carrier communication, DC batteries, replacement of switchyard equipment due to increase of fault level, emergency restoration system, insulators cleaning infrastructure, replacement of damaged equipment not covered by insurance and



any other expenditure which has become necessary for successful and efficient operation of transmission system:

. . .

Provided that in respect sub-clauses (iv) and (v) above, any expenditure on acquiring the minor items or the assets like tools and tackles, furniture, air-conditioners, voltage stabilizers, refrigerators, coolers, fans, washing machines, heat convectors, mattresses, carpets etc. brought after the cut-off date shall not be considered for additional capitalization for determination of tariff w.e.f. 1.4.2009."

12. The total capital cost of the transmission asset including additional capitalisation/de-capitalisation incurred during the tariff period 2009-14 which is within the overall estimated cost of ₹386561 lakh given in the investment approval. The total capital cost is within the overall estimated cost, additional capitalisation is on account of balance and retention payments and based on actual capital expenditure incurred, and excise duty refund as deemed export benefits which has already been approved by the Commission in its order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011. The net actual additional capital expenditure of (-)₹136.84 lakh as certified by the Auditor has been considered to work out the trued up tariff for 2009-14 tariff period in accordance with Clause 2(v) of Regulation 9 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The summary of capital cost including additional capitalization is shown in the table below:-

Cost as per Investment Approval:- ₹386561 lakh								
Asset Name	Notional COD	Admitted Cost on 31.03.2009	Admitted Add- cap/De-cap for 2009-14		Cost as on			
		31.03.2003	Add-cap	De-Cap	31-3-2014			
Combined								
Assets I	1.3.2003	2,61,006.13	12.25	149.09	2,60,869.29			
Combined								
Assets II	1.6.2003	39,779.11	0.00	0.00	39,779.11			



Cost as per Investment Approval:- ₹386561 lakh							
Asset Name	Notional COD	Admitted Cost on 31.03.2009	cap/De	ed Add- -cap for 9-14	Cost as on 31-3-2014		
Total		3,00,785.24	12.25	149.09	3,00,648.40		

Debt: Equity

13. Clause 2 of Regulation 12 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides that:

"In case of the generating station and the transmission system declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2009, debt:equity ratio allowed by the Commission for determination of tariff for the period ending 31.3.2009 shall be considered."

14. The petitioner has claimed trued up Annual Fixed Charge based on debt:equity ratio as on 31.3.2009 for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II as 80.72:19.28 and 78.99:21.01, respectively, as considered by the Commission in its order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011. The transmission assets covered in the instant petition were commissioned prior to 1.4.2009. The admitted debt:equity ratio for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II are80.72:19.28 and 78.99:21.01, respectively, as on 31.3.2009, which have been considered as opening debt:equity ratio as on 1.4.2009 for the purpose of truing up of the approved tariff for the tariff period 2009-14, as given under:-

Funding	Admitted as on 31.3.2009			
	Amount (₹ in lakh) (%)			
Combined Assets-I				
Debt	210681.94	80.72		
Equity	50324.19	19.28		
Total	261006.13	100.00		

Funding	Admitted as on 31.3.2009		
Combined Assets-II			
Debt	31422.14	78.99	
Equity	8356.97	21.01	
Total	39779.11	100.00	

15. The debt:equity ratio of 70:30 has been considered for the purpose of additional capital expenditure claimed for 2009-10. Debt:equity ratio is allowed in accordance with Clause 2 of Regulation 12 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The overall debt:equity admitted as on 31.03.2014 including additional capitalization for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II are as under:-

Funding	Admitted as on 31.3.2014				
	Amount (₹ in lakh) (%)				
Combined Assets-I					
Debt	210586.15	80.72			
Equity	50283.14	19.28			
Total	260869.29	100.00			
Combined Assets-II					
Debt	31422.14	78.99			
Equity	8356.97	21.01			
Total	39779.11	100.00			

Interest on Loan ("IOL')

16. Regulation 16 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides the methodology for working out weighted average rate of interest on loan. The Commission in its earlier order dated 8.6.2011 in Petition No. 238/2010 has held that:-

[&]quot;...in case of floating rate of interest, any change in the rates of interest during the tariff period will be considered at the time of true up".

- 17. The petitioner has submitted the weighted average rate of interest on loan based on its actual loan portfolio and rate of interest.
- 18. We have considered the submissions of the petitioner and accordingly calculated the IOL based on actual interest rate submitted by the petitioner, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. The details of weighted average rate of interest are placed at **Annexure-I** and the IOL has been worked out and approved as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14		
Combined Assets-I							
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	8075.56	7143.58	6244.61	5413.78	4597.09		
As claimed by petitioner	8040.33	7185.82	6511.51	5667.85	4814.57		
Allowed after True Up	8040.34	7185.86	6511.53	5667.81	4814.68		
Combined Assets-II							
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	1808.59	1602.98	1396.78	1189.53	985.42		
As claimed by petitioner	1798.12	1617.04	1469.40	1251.45	1031.18		
Allowed after True Up	1798.09	1617.03	1469.39	1251.46	1031.18		

Return on Equity ("ROE")

- 19. Clause (3), (4) and (5) of the Regulation 15 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provide that:
 - "(3) The rate of return on equity shall be computed by grossing up the base rate with the Minimum Alternate/Corporate Income Tax Rate for the year2008-09, as per the Income Tax Act, 1961, as applicable to the concerned generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be.
 - (4) Rate of return on equity shall be rounded off to three decimal points and be computed as per the formula given below:



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

Where "t" is the applicable tax rate in accordance with clause (3) of this regulation.

(5) The generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case maybe, shall recover the shortfall or refund the excess Annual Fixed Charge on account of Return on Equity due to change in applicable Minimum Alternate/Corporate Income Tax Rate as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 (as amended from time to time) of the respective financial year directly without making any application before the Commission:

Provided further that Annual Fixed Charge with respect to the tax rate applicable to the generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, in line with the provisions of the relevant Finance Acts of the respective year during the tariff period shall be trued up in accordance with Regulation 6 of these regulations."

20. The petitioner has submitted that MAT rate of 11.330% applicable for 2008-09 was considered in the order dated 15.3.2011. However, for truing up purpose, the computation of ROE for the tariff period 2009-14 has been done on the basis of actual MAT rate applicable during 2009-14. The petitioner has submitted the variation in the MAT rate during 2009-14 as per the Finance Act of the relevant year for the purpose of grossing up of ROE, as below:-

Particulars	MAT Rate (%)	Grossed up RoE (Base rate/(1-t)) (%)
2009-10	16.995	18.674
2010-11	19.931	19.358
2011-12	20.008	19.377
2012-13	20.008	19.377
2013-14	20.961	19.610

21. Accordingly, trued up ROE is worked out by considering actual MAT rate for grossing up of ROE for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II as shown in the table below:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
Combined Assets-I						
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	8793.58	8789.99	8789.99	8789.99	8789.99	
As claimed by petitioner	9393.71	9733.82	9743.37	9743.37	9860.53	
Allowed after true up	9393.71	9733.81	9743.36	9743.36	9860.52	
Combined Assets-II						
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88	1460.88	
As claimed by petitioner	1560.58	1617.74	1619.33	1619.33	1638.80	
Allowed after true up	1560.58	1617.74	1619.33	1619.33	1638.80	

The variation in the return on equity allowed in the instant order with reference to the order dated 12.3.2013 is due to change in the applicable MAT rate for the purpose of grossing up of base rate of return on equity.

Depreciation

22. Clause (42) of Regulation 3 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations defines useful life as follows:-

"'useful life' in relation to a unit of a generating station and transmission system from the COD shall mean the following, namely:-

(c) AC and DC sub-station

25 years

(d) Hydro generating station

35 years

(e) Transmission line

35 years"

- 23. Further, Clause (4) of Regulation 17 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:-
 - "17. Depreciation:

. . .



(4) Depreciation shall be calculated annually based on Straight Line Method and at rates specified in Appendix-III 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 date of commercial operation shall be spread over the balance useful life of the assets."

- 24. Regulation 17 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides the methodology to workout the depreciation. The Commission, in its order dated 12.3.2013, has worked out the depreciation in accordance with Regulation 17 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations.
- 25. As per Regulation 17 (4) of the 2009 Tariff Regulations, useful life for transmission line, sub-station and PLCC is 35 years, 25 years, and 15 years, respectively. In the present case, weighted average life of Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II are 29 years and 32 years, respectively.
- 26. The Commission in its order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011 has stated that:-

"in case of de-capitalization on account of excise duty refund, there is no actual physical removal of any asset, but mere cost reduction in book value of the assets. As the excise duty was actually deployed and serviced in the tariff until it was actually refunded in 2009-10, the same should not be removed from the cumulative depreciation as this will lead to excess claim of depreciation by the petitioner and the depreciation claim would exceed the maximum of 90% as permissible in the 2009 Tariff Regulations. As such the amount of refund of excise duty has been removed from the original cost of the asset in 2009-10 and cumulative depreciation amount pertaining to the custom duty refund has not been removed."

27. Accordingly, the depreciation for the tariff period 2009-14 for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II have been worked out in accordance with

Regulation 17 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations based on admitted capital expenditure and additional capitalisation as under:-

(₹ in lakh)

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Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14		
Combined Assets-I							
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	13744.53	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92		
As claimed by petitioner	13744.53	13740.91	13740.91	13740.91	13740.91		
Allowed after trued up	13744.53	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92		
Combined Assets-II							
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79		
As claimed by petitioner	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79		
Allowed after trued up	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79		

Operation & Maintenance Expenses ("O&M Expenses")

28. The petitioner has computed O&M Expenses for the Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II mentioned in the petition, in accordance with the O&M norms in Regulation 19(g) of the 2009 Tariff Regulations. Accordingly, the O&M Expenses have been worked out as given below:-

Combined Assets-I									
Pa	rticulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
	400kV Talcher kolar HVDC Line	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16			
Actual line length (km)	132Kv & below Earth electrode line (Talcher End)	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5			
	132Kv & below Earth electrode line (Kolar End)	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61			
Actual (No. of bays)	500kV Talcher kolar HVDC Bi- pole sub-station	1	1	1	1	1			

	Combined Assets-I						
Particulars		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
	Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	0.940	0.994	1.051	1.111	1.174	
Norms as per Regulation	Single Circuit (Bundled Conductor with four sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	0.537	0.568	0.600	0.635	0.671	
	500kV Talcher kolar HVDC Bi- pole sub-station (₹lakh)	1699.00	1796.00	1899.00	2008.00	2122.00	
Total		3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08	

	Combined Assets-II						
P	articulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	
Actual line	400 kV S/C twin conductor, T/L	476.36	476.36	476.36	476.36	476.36	
length (km) 400 kV D/C twin conductor T/L	83.91	83.91	83.91	83.91	83.91		
	400 kV D/C quad conductor T/L	51.07	51.07	51.07	51.07	51.07	
Actual (No.	400 kV bays	17	17	17	17	17	
of bays)	220 kV bays	11	11	11	11	11	
Norms as	Single Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor) (₹lakh/km)	0.358	0.378	0.400	0.423	0.447	
per Regulation	Double Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor) (₹lakh/km)	0.627	0.663	0.701	0.741	0.783	



	Combined Assets-II							
Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14			
Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	0.940	0.994	1.051	1.111	1.174			
400 kV Substation (₹lakh/bay)	52.40	55.40	58.57	61.92	65.46			
220 kV Substation (₹lakh/bay)	36.68	38.78	41.00	43.34	45.82			
Total	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43			

29. The O&M Expenses claimed by the petitioner for the tariff period 2009-14 are same as that approved in the tariff order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011. Accordingly, the O&M Expenses claimed by the petitioner, allowed and trued up are the same, and are as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-I					
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08
As claimed by petitioner	3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08
Allowed after trued up	3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08
Combined Assets-II					
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43
As claimed by petitioner	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43
Allowed after trued up	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43

Interest on working capital ("IWC")

30. Sub-clause (c) of Clause (1) of Regulation 18 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides the components of the working capital for the transmission

system and Clause (3) of Regulation 18 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations provides for the rate of interest on working capital.

- 31. The petitioner has submitted that the rate of interest on working capital has been considered as 12.25% as per Clause (3) of Regulation 18 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations and the components of working capital are also considered in accordance with Sub-clause (c) of Clause (1) of Regulation 18 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations.
- 32. The Commission vide order dated 12.3.2013 in Petition No. 188/TT/2011 approved rate of interest on working capital as 12.25% applicable for 2008-09. In accordance with Clause (3) of Regulation 18 of the 2009 Tariff Regulations, rate of interest on working capital shall be on normative basis and in case of transmission assets declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2009, shall be equal to short-term Prime Lending Rate as applicable as on 1.4.2009. State Bank of India short-term Prime Lending Rate on 1.4.2009 was 12.25%. Therefore, interest rate of 12.25% has been considered to work-out the interest on working capital in the instant case.
- 33. The IWC trued up for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II are as under:-

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14				
Combined Assets-I									
Maintenance Spares	453.15	479.09	506.56	535.57	565.96				
O & M Expenses	251.75	266.16	281.42	297.54	314.42				



Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Receivables	5833.42	5775.55	5694.49	5584.79	5495.03
Total	6538.31	6520.80	6482.47	6417.91	6375.42
Rate of Interest (%)	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25
Interest	800.94	798.80	794.10	786.19	780.99
Combined Asse	ets-II				
Maintenance	234.81	248.23	262.46	277.47	293.31
Spares					
O & M	130.45	137.90	145.81	154.15	162.95
Expenses					
Receivables	1196.71	1191.27	1183.03	1163.46	1147.78
Total	1561.97	1577.40	1591.30	1595.08	1604.05
Rate of Interest (%)	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25
Interest	191.34	193.23	194.93	195.40	196.50

34. The IWC claimed by the petitioner, allowed and trued up are as shown in the table below:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-I					
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	789.17	778.25	768.67	761.03	754.14
As claimed by petitioner	800.94	798.80	794.10	786.19	780.99
Allowed after true up	800.94	798.80	794.10	786.19	780.99
Combined Assets-II					
Approved vide order dated 12.3.2013	189.48	189.67	190.12	190.80	191.83
As claimed by petitioner	191.34	193.23	194.93	195.40	196.50
Allowed after true up	191.34	193.23	194.93	195.40	196.50

35. The IWC has increased on account of increase in receivables due to variation in ROE on account of applicable MAT rate during the 2009-14 tariff period.

ANNUAL FIXED CHARGES FOR 2009-14 TARIFF PERIOD

36. The detailed computation of the various components of the trued up annual fixed charges for the transmission asset for the tariff period 2009-14is summarised below:

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Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-I					
Gross Block					
Opening Gross block	261006.13	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29
Addition during 2009- 14 due to Additional Capitalisation	-136.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29
Average Gross Block	260937.71	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29	260869.29
Depreciation					
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.267	5.267	5.267	5.267	5.267
Depreciable Value	234436.41	234374.83	234374.83	234374.83	234374.83
Elapsed Life (Beginning of the year)	6	7	8	9	10
Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets	23	22	21	20	19
Remaining	1,35,226.2	1,21,420.1	1,07,679.1	93,938.28	80,197.36
Depreciable Value	2	1	9		
Depreciation	13744.53	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92
Cumulative Depreciation	112954.72	126695.64	140436.56	154177.47	167918.39
Interest on Loan					
Gross Normative Loan	210681.94	210586.15	210586.15	210586.15	210586.15
Cumulative Repayment upto COD/ Previous Year	99210.19	112954.72	126695.64	140436.56	154177.47
Net Loan-Opening	111471.75	97631.43	83890.51	70149.60	56408.68
Addition due to Additional Capitalisation	-95.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	13744.53	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92
Net Loan-Closing	97631.43	83890.51	70149.60	56408.68	42667.76

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Average Loan	104551.59	90760.97	77020.06	63279.14	49538.22
Weighted Average	7.6903	7.9173	8.4543	8.9568	9.7191
Rate of Interest on					
Loan (%)					
Interest	8040.34	7185.86	6511.53	5667.81	4814.68
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Return on Equity					
Opening Equity	50324.19	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14
Addition due to	-41.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional					
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Closing Equity	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14
Average Equity	50303.66	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14	50283.14
Return on Equity (Base Rate)(%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
MAT rate for	16.995	19.931	20.008	20.008	20.961
respective year(%)	10.993	19.931	20.000	20.008	20.901
Rate of Return on	18.674	19.358	19.377	19.377	19.610
Equity (Pre Tax)(%)		. 0.000	101011	10.01.	
Return on Equity (Pre	9393.71	9733.81	9743.36	9743.36	9860.52
Tax)					
Interest on Working					
Capital					
Maintenance Spares	453.15	479.09	506.56	535.57	565.96
O & M expenses	251.75	266.16	281.42	297.54	314.42
Receivables	5833.42	5775.55	5694.49	5584.79	5495.03
Total	6538.31	6520.80	6482.47	6417.91	6375.42
Interest Rate (%)	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25
Interest	800.94	798.80	794.10	786.19	780.99
Annual					
Transmission					
Charges	12744 52	12740.02	12740.02	12740.02	12740.02
Depreciation	13744.53	13740.92 7185.86	13740.92	13740.92	13740.92
Interest on Loan	8040.34		6511.53	5667.81	4814.68
Return on Equity	9393.71	9733.81	9743.36	9743.36	9860.52
Interest on Working Capital	800.94	798.80	794.10	786.19	780.99
O & M Expenses	3020.97	3193.93	3377.05	3570.48	3773.08
Total	35000.50	34653.32	34166.96	33508.77	32970.19
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Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-II					
Gross Block					



Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-II	2000 10	2010 11	2011 12	2012 10	201011
Opening Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Addition during 2009-14 due to Additional Capitalisation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Average Gross Block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Depreciation					
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.191	5.191	5.191	5.191	5.191
Depreciable Value	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92
Elapsed Life (Beginning of the year)	5	6	7	8	9
Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets	27	26	25	24	23
Remaining Depreciable Value	23,632.31	21,567.5 2	19,502.7 3	17,437.9 4	15373.15
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79
Cumulative Depreciation	13789.40	15854.19	17918.98	19983.77	22048.56
Interest on Loan					
Gross Normative Loan	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14
Cumulative Repayment upto COD/ Previous Year	11724.62	13789.41	15854.20	17918.99	19983.78
Net Loan-Opening	19697.52	17632.73	15567.94	13503.15	11438.36
Addition due to Additional Capitalisation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79
Net Loan-Closing	17632.73	15567.94	13503.15	11438.36	9373.57
Average Loan	18665.13	16600.34	14535.55	12470.76	10405.97
Weighted Average Rate of Interest on Loan (%)	9.6334	9.7410	10.1089	10.0351	9.9095
Interest	1798.09	1617.03	1469.39	1251.46	1031.18
Return on Equity					
Opening Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Addition due to Additional Capitalisation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Average Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Return on Equity (Base Rate)(%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
MAT rate for respective year(%)	16.995	19.931	20.008	20.008	20.961



Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Combined Assets-II					
Rate of Return on Equity	18.674	19.358	19.377	19.377	19.610
(Pre Tax)(%)					
Return on Equity (Pre	1560.58	1617.74	1619.33	1619.33	1638.80
Tax)					
Interest on Working Capit	al				
Maintenance Spares	234.81	248.23	262.46	277.47	293.31
O & M expenses	130.45	137.90	145.81	154.15	162.95
Receivables	1196.71	1191.27	1183.03	1163.46	1147.78
Total	1561.97	1577.40	1591.30	1595.08	1604.05
Interest Rate (%)	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25
Interest	191.34	193.23	194.93	195.40	196.50
Annual Transmission Cha	rges				
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79	2064.79
Interest on Loan	1798.09	1617.03	1469.39	1251.46	1031.18
Return on Equity	1560.58	1617.74	1619.33	1619.33	1638.80
Interest on Working	191.34				
Capital		193.23	194.93	195.40	196.50
O & M Expenses	1565.43	1654.84	1749.73	1849.79	1955.43
Total	7180.23	7147.63	7098.17	6980.77	6886.70

DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL TRANSMISSION CHARGES FOR 2014-19

37. The petitioner has claimed the transmission charges as under:

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19					
Combined Assets-I										
Depreciation	13740.91	3108.08	3115.71	3115.7	3115.72					
Interest on Loan	3641.31	2697.68	2212.05	1826.65	1500.08					
Return on Equity	9860.53	9868.5	9876.47	9876.47	9876.47					
Interest on Working Capital	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.55	516.92					
O & M Expenses	2666.5	2813.79	2971.38	3139.85	3318.67					
Total	30683.63	19004.28	18689.73	18473.22	18327.86					
Combined Assets-II										
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.93	458.94					
Interest on Loan	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.16	401.47					
Return on Equity	1638.8	1638.8	1638.8	1638.8	1638.8					
Interest on Working Capital	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	170.56					



O & M Expenses	1,795.42	1,855.29	1,916.95	1,980.43	2,046.19
Total	6518.70	6355.59	4628.32	4638.06	4715.96

38. The details submitted by the petitioner in support of its claim for interest on working capital are given hereunder:

(₹ in lakh)

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Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Combined Assets-I					
Maintenance Spares	399.98	422.07	445.71	470.98	497.80
O & M Expenses	222.21	234.48	247.62	261.65	276.56
Receivables	5113.94	3167.38	3114.96	3078.87	3054.64
Total	5736.12	3823.93	3808.28	3811.50	3829.00
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.55	516.92
Combined Assets-II					
Maintenance Spares	269.31	278.29	287.54	297.06	306.93
O & M Expenses	149.62	154.61	159.75	165.04	170.52
Receivables	1086.45	1059.26	771.39	773.01	785.99
Total	1505.38	1492.16	1218.67	1235.11	1263.44
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	170.56

Capital Cost

- 39. Clause (1) and (3) of Regulation 9 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provide as follows:-
 - "(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."
 - " (3) The Capital cost of an existing project shall include the following:
 - (a) the capital cost admitted by the Commission prior to 1.4.2014 duly trued up by excluding liability, if any, as on 1.4.2014;
 - (b) additional capitalization and de-capitalization for the respective year of tariff as determined in accordance with Regulation 14; and
 - (c) expenditure on account of renovation and modernisation as admitted by this Commission in accordance with Regulation 15."



- 40. The petitioner has claimed the capital expenditure of ₹260869.29 lakh and ₹39779.11 lakh for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II, respectively, as on 31.3.2014. Further, the petitioner has proposed additional capitalisation of ₹270.95 lakh on account of procurement of additional man-lifts for Talcher and Kolar HVDC stations during 2015-16 for Combined Assets-I while no additional capitalisation has been proposed for Combined Assets-II during the tariff period 2014-19.
- 41. The trued up capital cost of ₹260869.29 lakh for Combined Assets-I and ₹39779.11 lakh for Combined Assets-II as on 31.3.2014 has been considered as opening capital cost as on 1.4.2014 to work out the tariff for tariff period 2014-19.

Additional Capital Expenditure

- 42. The petitioner has claimed additional capitalisation of ₹270.95 lakh on account of procurement of additional man-lifts for Talcher and Kolar HVDC stations during 2015-16 under Clause (1) of Regulation 14 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations for Combined Assets-I.
- 43. Respondent No. 4, vide affidavit dated 18.12.2015, submitted that the cut off date of Combined Asset-I is 31.3.2006 and any additional capital expenditure claimed beyond the cut off date is to be treated only as per Regulation 14(2). Further, the Respondent No.4 submitted that the expenditure proposed is related to O&M activities and the petitioner have to meet out the expenditure out of O&M provided under Regulation 29(3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. In response, the petitioner vide affidavit dated 1.1.2016 submitted that it was typographical error

to mentioned the clause as 14(1) of 2014 Tariff Regulation instead of 14(3)(ix) of 2014 Tariff Regulation, for claiming additional capitalisation of ₹270.95 lakh.

- 44. No additional capitalisation has been proposed for Combined Assets-II.
- 45. The petitioner was directed to furnish justification for claimed additional capitalization for Combined Assets-I with details and basis of estimation. In this regard, the petitioner submitted that additional capitalization of ₹270.95 lakh for Combined Assets-I have been claimed for procurement of additional man-lifts for Talcher HVDC Substation, approved in 36th meeting of Standing Committee on Power System Planning of Southern Region held on 4.9.2013 and ratification of the same in the 23rd SRPC meeting held on 26.10.2013. Further, the petitioner submitted that estimates are based on the guotations received from the supplier.
- 46. Clause (3)(ix) of Regulation 14 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:-
 - "...(3) The capital expenditure, in respect of existing generating station or the transmission system including communication system, incurred or projected to be incurred on the following counts after the cut-off date, may be admitted by the Commission, subject to prudence check:
 - (ix) In case of transmission system, any additional expenditure on items such as relays, control and instrumentation, computer system, power line carrier communication, DC batteries, replacement due to obsolesce of technology, replacement of switchyard equipment due to increase of fault level, tower strengthening, communication equipment, emergency restoration system, insulators cleaning infrastructure, replacement of porcelain insulator with polymer insulators, replacement of damaged equipment not covered by insurance and any other expenditure which has become necessary for successful and efficient operation of transmission system; and"

47. As the additional capitalisation claimed by the petitioner during the tariff period 2014-19 is against procurement of additional man-lifts for Talcher HVDC Substation and the same has been approved in SRPC meeting, the Commission provisionally approves the additional capitalisation of ₹270.95 lakh proposed by the petitioner, which will be trued up based on actual capitalisation. The summary of total capital cost including additional capitalisation considered for the determination of tariff is given below:-

(₹ in lakh)

		Pro	ojected A	dditional	Tatal	Total		
Particulars	Admitted capital cost as on 31.3.2014	2014 -15	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18	2018- 19	Total addition al capitali sation	capital cost including additional capitalisa tion
Combined Assets-I	260869.29	0.00	270.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.95	261140.24
Combined Assets-II	39779.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39779.11

Debt: Equity Ratio

- 48. Clause 3 and 4 of Regulation 19 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations provide as under:-
 - "(3) In case of the generating station and the transmission system declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2014, debt:equity ratio allowed by the Commission for determination of tariff for the period ending 31.3.2014 shall be considered.
 - (4) In case of the generating station and the transmission system including communication system declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2014, but where debt: equity ratio has not been determined by the Commission for determination of tariff for the period ending 31.3.2014, the Commission shall approve the debt:equity ratio based on actual information provided by the generating company or the transmission licensee as the case may be."

49. The admitted debt:equity ratio of 80.72:19.28 for Combined Assets-I and 78.99:21.01 for Combined Assets-II for the tariff period ending 31.3.2014 has been considered as opening debt:equity ratio as on 1.4.2014 for determination of tariff for the period 2014-19. The admitted debt:equity ratio as on 1.4.2014 for the purpose of determination of tariff is as follows:-

Funding	Amount (₹ in lakh)	(%)							
Combined Ass	Combined Assets-I								
Debt	210586.15	80.72							
Equity	50283.14	19.28							
Total	260869.29	100.00							
Combined Ass	sets-II								
Debt	31422.14	78.99							
Equity	8356.97	21.01							
Total	39779.11	100.00							

50. The normative debt:equity ratio of 70:30 has been considered for additional capitalisation proposed during the tariff period 2014-19.

Interest on Loan ("IOL")

- 51. Clause (5) & (6) of Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations are reproduced 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."



- 52. The Respondent No.4 vide affidavit dated 18.12.2015 requested the Commission to restrict the rate of interest on loans to the actual for the year 2013-14 and to direct the petitioner to furnish the steps taken for reducing the cost of loan. In response, the petitioner vide affidavit dated 1.1.2016 submitted that rate of interest for the individual loans deployed for 2014-15 is being considered as that of the rate as on 31.03.2014 and the same is subjected to be revised as per actual at the time of true-up for 2014-19.
- 53. The weighted average rate of IOL has been considered based on the actual loan portfolio, interest on actual loan prevailing as on 1.4.2014 and average loan amount by considering repayment and additions. As there is no actual loan portfolio in 2018-19, weighted average rate of IOL for 2017-18, i.e., 8.63% has been considered in 2018-19 as per aforementioned Clause (5) of Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The details of interest rate of individual loan and weighted average rate of interest are placed at **Annexure-II**. The summary of weighted average rate of interest is given in the following table:

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Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Combined Assets-I					
Average Loan	35797.30	27467.63	24450.57	21334.86	18219.16
Interest	3641.37	2697.76	2212.23	1827.31	1504.35
Rate of Interest (%)	10.1722	9.8216	9.0478	8.5649	8.2570
Combined Assets-II					
Average Loan	8341.18	6276.39	5014.52	4555.58	4096.64
Interest	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.14	353.54
Rate of Interest (%)	9.7833	9.4843	8.9562	8.6299	8.6299

54. The IOL has been worked out by considering normative loan and weighted average rate of interest in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations as follows:-

(₹ in lakh)

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Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Combined Assets-I					
Gross loan opening	210586.15	210586.15	210775.82	210775.82	210775.82
Cumulative Repayment upto COD/previous year	167918.39	181659.31	184767.39	187883.10	190998.81
Net Loan-Opening	42667.76	28926.84	26008.42	22892.72	19777.01
Additions during the year	0.00	189.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Net Loan-Closing	28926.84	26008.42	22892.72	19777.01	16661.31
Average Loan	35797.30	27467.63	24450.57	21334.86	18219.16
Rate of Interest (%)	10.1722	9.8216	9.0478	8.5649	8.2570
Interest on Loan	3641.37	2697.76	2212.23	1827.31	1504.35
Combined Assets-II					
Gross loan opening	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14
Cumulative Repayment upto COD/previous year	22048.57	24113.36	26178.15	26637.09	27096.03
Net Loan-Opening	9373.57	7308.78	5243.99	4785.05	4326.11
Additions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94
Net Loan-Closing	7308.78	5243.99	4785.05	4326.11	3867.17
Average Loan	8341.18	6276.39	5014.52	4555.58	4096.64
Rate of Interest (%)	9.7833	9.4843	8.9562	8.6299	8.6299
Interest on Loan	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.14	353.54

Return on Equity ("ROE")

55. Clause (1) and (2) of Regulation 24 and Clause (2) of Regulation 25 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....

"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."

- 56. The petitioner has computed ROE at the rate of 19.610% after grossing up the ROE with MAT rate for 2013-14 as per the above 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 underrecovery or over-recovery of grossed up ROE after truing up shall be recovered or refunded to the beneficiaries on year to year basis.
- 57. 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.

58. 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, MAT rate applicable during 2013-14 has been considered for the purpose of allowing return on equity, which shall be trued up with actual tax rate in accordance with Regulation 25 (3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. Accordingly, ROE is worked out as given below:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19					
Combined Assets-I	Combined Assets-I									
Opening Equity	50283.14	50283.14	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42					
Addition due to Additional Capitalization	0.00	81.29	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Closing Equity	50283.14	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42					
Average Equity	50283.14	50323.78	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42					
Return on Equity Base Rate (%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50					
MAT Rate for the year (%)	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961					
Rate of Return on Equity (Pre-Tax) (%)	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610					
Return on Equity										
(Pre-Tax)	9860.52	9868.49	9876.46	9876.46	9876.46					
Combined Assets-II										
Opening Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97					
Addition due to Additional Capitalization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Closing Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97					
Average Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97					
Return on Equity Base Rate (%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50					
MAT Rate for the year (%)	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961					

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Rate of Return on					
Equity(Pre-Tax) (%	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610
Return on Equity					
(Pre-Tax)	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80

Depreciation

59. 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."
- 60. The petitioner has computed depreciation considering capital expenditure of ₹260869.29 lakh for Combined Assets-I and ₹39779.11 lakh for Combined Assets-II as on 31.3.2014.
- 61. We have considered the submission made by the petitioner with reference to depreciation. Depreciation is allowed as provided under Regulation 27 of the

2014 Tariff Regulations. The details of the depreciation allowed are given hereunder:-

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 Combined Assets-					(< 11	i ianii)
Opening Gross block 260869.29 260869.29 261140.24	Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Additions during the year due to projected additional capitalization Closing Gross block Rate of Depreciation (%) Depreciable Value Elapsed Life of the assets at beginning of the year Weighted Balance Useful Opening Gross block Additions during the year due to projected additional capitalization Closing Gross block Opening Gross block Ope	Combined Assets-I					
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Rate of Depreciation (%) 5.267 1.191 1.193 1.193 1.193 Depreciable Value 234374.83 234496.76 234618.69 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 15 14 23619.88 23755.99 23779.11 39779.11 39779	due to projected additional	0.00	270.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciable Value 234374.83 234496.76 234618.69 15 15 Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets at beginning of the year 18 17 16 15 14 15 Remaining Depreciable Value 66456.44 52837.45 49851.29 46735.59 43619.88 Depreciation 13740.92 3108.09 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 39779.11	Closing Gross block	260869.29	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24
Table Tabl	Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.267	1.191	1.193	1.193	1.193
at beginning of the year 11 12 13 14 15 Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets 18 17 16 15 14 Remaining Depreciable Value 66456.44 52837.45 49851.29 46735.59 43619.88 Depreciation 13740.92 3108.09 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 Combined Assets-II 0pening Gross block 39779.11	Depreciable Value	234374.83	234496.76	234618.69	234618.69	234618.69
Remaining Depreciable Value	•	11	12	13	14	15
Value 52637.45 49651.29 46735.39 43619.66 Depreciation 13740.92 3108.09 3115.71 3115.71 3115.71 Combined Assets-II Opening Gross block 39779.11 39779		18	17	16	15	14
Combined Assets-II Jag 20		66456.44	52837.45	49851.29	46735.59	43619.88
Opening Gross block 39779.11 11 154	Depreciation	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Additions during the year due to projected additional capitalization 0.00 0	Combined Assets-II					
due to projected additional capitalization 0.00 1.154 1.15	Opening Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Rate of Depreciation (%) 5.191 5.191 1.154 1.154 1.154 Depreciable Value 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 35356.92 14 14 12 13 14 14 14 14 14 15 14 15 16 15 16 15 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 17 17 17 17 18 18 18 18 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 17 18 18 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 17 18 18 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 17	due to projected additional	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciable Value 35356.92 <td>Closing Gross block</td> <td>39779.11</td> <td>39779.11</td> <td>39779.11</td> <td>39779.11</td> <td>39779.11</td>	Closing Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Elapsed Life of the assets at beginning of the year Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets Remaining Depreciable Value 10 11 12 13 14 21 20 19 18 18 8719.84 8260.90	Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.191	5.191	1.154	1.154	1.154
at beginning of the year Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets Remaining Depreciable Value 10 11 12 13 14 21 20 19 18 18 260.90	Depreciable Value	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92
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Depreciation 2064.79 2064.79 458.94 458.94 458.94		13308.36	11243.57	9178.78	8719.84	8260.90
	Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94

Operation & Maintenance Expenses ("O&M Expenses")

62. The petitioner has computed normative O&M Expenses as per sub-clause (a) of Clause (3) of Regulation 29 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. Accordingly, the petitioner's entitlement to O&M Expenses for Combined Assets-I and Combined Assets-II has been worked out as given hereunder:-



(₹ in lakh)

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		Combined	Assets-I			
Pa	rticulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	400kV Talcher kolar HVDC Line	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16	1369.16
Actual line length (km)	132kV& below Earth electrode line (Talcher End)	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
	132kV& below Earth electrode line (Kolar End)	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61	31.61
Actual (No. of bays)	500kVTalcher kolar HVDC Bi- pole sub-station	1	1	1	1	1
	Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	1.062	1.097	1.133	1.171	1.210
Norms as per Regulation	Single Circuit (Bundled Conductor with four sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	0.606	0.627	0.647	0.669	0.691
	500kV Talcher kolar HVDC Bi- pole sub-station (₹lakh)	1173	1271	1378	1493	1617
Total	Total		2813.79	2971.38	3139.84	3318.67

Combined Assets-II										
Particulars		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19				
Actual line	400 kV S/C twin conductor, T/L	476.36	476.36	476.36	476.36	476.36				
length (km)	400 kV D/C twin conductor T/L	83.91	83.91	83.91	83.91	83.91				
	400 kV D/C quad conductor T/L	51.07	51.07	51.07	51.07	51.07				
Actual (No. of bays)	400kV bays	17	17	17	17	17				



	Combined Assets-II							
Pa	rticulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
	220kV bays	11	11	11	11	11		
	Single Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor) (₹lakh/km)	0.404	0.418	0.432	0.446	0.461		
	Double Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor) (₹lakh/km)	0.707	0.731	0.755	0.780	0.806		
Norms as per Regulation	Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub- conductors) (₹lakh/km)	1.062	1.097	1.133	1.171	1.210		
	400 kV Substation (₹lakh/bay)	60.30	62.30	64.37	66.51	68.71		
	220 kV Substation (₹lakh/bay)	42.21	43.61	45.06	46.55	48.10		
Total		1795.42	1855.29	1916.95	1980.43	2046.19		

63. The petitioner has submitted that 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 Company is due during 2014-19 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. In this regards, Respondent No.4 requested the Commission to

disallow the claim of the petitioner to include the impact of wage revision in the O&M Expenses as the norms determined by the Commission is in accordance with the guidance issued by the Central Electricity Authority and other authorities and already on higher side. Further, Respondent No.4 requested the Commission to disallow the petitioner to approach the Commission through review petition in this regards. In response the petitioner vide affidavit dated 1.1.2016 submitted that being a Central Public Sector Unit (CPSU), the scheme of wage revision is binding on the petitioner. However, the actual impact of wage hike (due w.e.f. 1.1.2017) has not been factored in fixation of normative O&M norms for tariff period 2014-19. Further, the petitioner submitted that in line with Regulation 19(f) (ii) of the 2009 Tariff Regulations, norms for O&M expenses for the year 2009-10 were derived considering the impact of wage hike of the employees under PSUs.

- 64. 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, we would like to clarify that any application filed by the petitioner in this regard will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the 2014 Tariff Regulations.
- 65. The details of O&M Expenses allowed are given hereunder:-

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Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Combined Assets-I	2666.50	2813.79	2971.38	3139.84	3318.67
Combined Assets-II	1795.42	1855.29	1916.95	1980.43	2046.19



Interest on Working Capital ("IWC")

66. Clause 1 (c) of Regulation 28 and Clause 5 of Regulation 3 of the 2014

Tariff Regulations specify as follows:-

"28. Interest on Working Capital

- (c)(i) Receivables equivalent to two months of fixed cost;
- (ii) Maintenance spares @ 15% of operation and maintenance expenses specified in regulation 29; and
- (iii) Operation and maintenance expenses for one month"
- "(5) '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;"
- 67. The petitioner has submitted that it has computed IWC for the tariff period 2014-19 considering the SBI Base Rate as on 1.4.2014 plus 350 basis points. The rate of interest on working capital considered for the purpose of computation of tariff is 13.50%.
- 68. The interest on working capital is worked out in accordance with Regulation 28 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The rate of interest on working capital considered is 13.50% (SBI Base Rate of 10% plus 350 basis points). The interest on working capital as determined is shown in the table below:-

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19					
Combined Assets-I										
Maintenance Spares	399.98	422.07	445.71	470.98	497.80					
O & M expenses	222.21	234.48	247.62	261.65	276.56					
Receivables	5113.95	3167.39	3114.98	3078.98	3055.37					
Total	5736.13	3823.95	3808.31	3811.61	3829.73					
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50					
Interest	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.57	517.01					
Combined Assets-II										
Maintenance Spares	269.31	278.29	287.54	297.06	306.93					
O & M expenses	149.62	154.61	159.75	165.04	170.52					
Receivables	1086.45	1059.27	771.39	773.01	777.82					



Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Total	1505.38	1492.17	1218.67	1235.11	1255.27
Rate of Interest (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	169.46

Annual Transmission Charges

69. The Annual Transmission Charges allowed for the transmission asset is given hereunder:-

(₹ in lakh)

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Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Combined Assets-I					
Depreciation	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Interest on Loan	3641.37	2697.76	2212.23	1827.31	1504.35
Return on Equity	9860.52	9868.49	9876.46	9876.46	9876.46
Interest on Working					
Capital	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.57	517.01
O & M Expenses	2666.50	2813.79	2971.38	3139.84	3318.67
Total	30683.69	19004.36	18689.91	18473.89	18332.21
Combined Assets-II		<u>.</u>			
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94
Interest on Loan	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.14	353.54
Return on Equity	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80
Interest on Working					
Capital	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	169.46
O & M Expenses	1795.42	1855.29	1916.95	1980.43	2046.19
Total	6518.69	6355.59	4628.32	4638.05	4666.93

70. The detailed computation of various components of annual fixed charges for the tariff period 2014-19 is summarized below:-

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Combined Assets-I									
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19				
Gross Block									
Opening Gross block	260869.29	260869.29	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24				
Additional Capitalization during 2014-19	0.00	270.95	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Closing Gross block	260869.29	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24				



	Co	mbined Asse	ts-I		
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Average Gross block	260869.29	261004.77	261140.24	261140.24	261140.24
Depreciation					
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.267	1.191	1.193	1.193	1.193
Depreciable Value	234374.83	234496.76	234618.69	234618.69	234618.69
Elapsed Life of the assets at beginning of the year	11	12	13	14	15
Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets	18	17	16	15	14
Remaining Depreciable Value	66456.44	52837.45	49851.29	46735.59	43619.88
Depreciation	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Cumulative Depreciation	181659.31	184767.39	187883.10	190998.81	194114.51
Interest on Loan					
Gross Normative Loan	210586.15	210586.15	210775.82	210775.82	210775.82
Cumulative Repayment upto COD/Previous Year	167918.39	181659.31	184767.39	187883.10	190998.81
Net Loan-Opening	42667.76	28926.84	26008.42	22892.72	19777.01
Addition due to Additional Capitalization	0.00	189.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Net Loan-Closing	28926.84	26008.42	22892.72	19777.01	16661.31
Average Loan	35797.30	27467.63	24450.57	21334.86	18219.16
Weighted Average Rate of Interest on Loan (%)	10.1722	9.8216	9.0478	8.5649	8.2570
Interest	3641.37	2697.76	2212.23	1827.31	1504.35
Return on Equity					
Opening Equity	50283.14	50283.14	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42
Additions	0.00	81.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	50283.14	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42
Average Equity	50283.14	50323.78	50364.42	50364.42	50364.42
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
MAT Rate for the year 2013-14 (%)	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961



	Соі	mbined Asse	ts-I		
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Rate of Return on Equity (Pre Tax) (%)	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610
Return on Equity (Pre Tax)	9860.52	9868.49	9876.46	9876.46	9876.46
Interest on Working Capital					
Maintenance Spares	399.98	422.07	445.71	470.98	497.80
O & M expenses	222.21	234.48	247.62	261.65	276.56
Receivables	5113.95	3167.39	3114.98	3078.98	3055.37
Total	5,736.13	3,823.95	3,808.31	3,811.61	3,829.73
Interest Rate (%)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Interest	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.57	517.01
Annual Transmission Charges					
Depreciation	13740.92	3108.09	3115.71	3115.71	3115.71
Interest on Loan	3641.37	2697.76	2212.23	1827.31	1504.35
Return on Equity	9860.52	9868.49	9876.46	9876.46	9876.46
Interest on Working Capital	774.38	516.23	514.12	514.57	517.01
O & M Expenses	2666.50	2813.79	2971.38	3139.84	3318.67
Total	30683.69	19004.36	18689.91	18473.89	18332.21

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	Combined	Assets-II			
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Block					
Opening Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Additional Capitalization during 2014-19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Average Gross block	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11	39779.11
Depreciation					
Rate of Depreciation (%)	5.191	5.191	1.154	1.154	1.154
Depreciable Value	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92	35356.92
Elapsed Life of the assets at beginning of the year	10	11	12	13	14



	Combined	Assets-II			
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Weighted Balance Useful life of the assets	22	21	20	19	18
Remaining Depreciable Value	13308.36	11243.57	9178.78	8719.84	8260.90
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94
Cumulative Depreciation	24113.35	26178.14	26637.08	27096.02	27554.96
Interest on Loan					
Gross Normative Loan	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14	31422.14
Cumulative Repayment upto Previous Year	22048.57	24113.36	26178.15	26637.09	27096.03
Net Loan-Opening	9373.57	7308.78	5243.99	4785.05	4326.11
Addition due to Additional Capitalization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94
Net Loan-Closing	7308.78	5243.99	4785.05	4326.11	3867.17
Average Loan	8341.18	6276.39	5014.52	4555.58	4096.64
Weighted Average Rate of Interest on Loan (%)	9.7883	9.4843	8.9562	8.6299	8.6299
Interest	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.14	353.54
Return on Equity					
Opening Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Additions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Average Equity	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97	8356.97
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (%)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
MAT Rate for the year 2013-14 (%)	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961	20.961
Rate of Return on Equity (Pre Tax) (%)	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610	19.610
Return on Equity (Pre Tax) (%)	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80
Interest on Working Capital					
Maintenance Spares	269.31	278.29	287.54	297.06	306.93
O & M expenses	149.62	154.61	159.75	165.04	170.52
Receivables	1086.45	1059.27	771.39	773.01	777.82
Total	1,505.38	1,492.17	1,218.67	1,235.11	1,255.27
Interest Rate	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50



Combined Assets-II							
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		
Interest	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	169.46		
Annual Transmission Charges							
Depreciation	2064.79	2064.79	458.94	458.94	458.94		
Interest on Loan	816.46	595.27	449.11	393.14	353.54		
Return on Equity	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80	1638.80		
Interest on Working Capital	203.23	201.44	164.52	166.74	169.46		
O & M Expenses	1795.42	1855.29	1916.95	1980.43	2046.19		
Total	6518.69	6355.59	4628.32	4638.05	4666.93		

Filing Fee and Publication Expenses

71. 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

72. The petitioner has requested to allow the petitioner to bill and recover licence 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.

Foreign Exchange Rate Variation

- 73. The petitioner has sought recovery of FERV on foreign loans deployed as provided in Clause 50 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The generating companies and transmission licensees are allowed to recover the cost of hedging corresponding to the normative foreign debt on year to year basis as expense, and extra rupee liability corresponding to such foreign exchange is not allowed against the hedged foreign debt. To the extent the generating companies and transmission licensees have not hedged the foreign exchange exposure in their best judgements; extra rupee liability arising out of such foreign exchange rate variation has been allowed as a pass through, provided that such non-exposure is not attributable to the generating company or the transmission licensee or its supplier or contractors.
- 74. As per Clause 51 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations, the petitioner is entitled to recovery of cost of hedging or foreign exchange rate variation directly from long term transmission customers/DICs, without making any application before the Commission.

Service Tax

75. 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 is premature.

Deferred Tax Liability

76. The petitioner has sought recovery of deferred tax liability before 1.4.2009 from the beneficiaries or long term consumers/ DICs as and when materialized under Regulation 49 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. In this regards, Respondent No.4 vide affidavit dated 18.12.2015 requested the Commission to disallow the claim of the petitioner for recovering the deferred tax liability prior to 1.4.2009 from the beneficiaries as the claim is unreasonable. The Commission agrees with the petitioner that deferred tax liability shall be dealt as per Regulations 49 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations, as amended and accordingly, the petitioner is entitled to recover the deferred tax liability upto 31.3.2009 whenever the same materializes, directly from the beneficiaries or long term transmission customers /DICs.

Sharing of Transmission Charges

- 77. 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.
- 78. This order disposes of Petition No. 499/TT/2014.

Sd/- Sd/-

(Dr. M. K. Iyer) (A.S. Bakshi)
Member Member

<u>DETAILS OF LOAN BASED ON ACTUAL LOAN PORTFOLIO FOR COMBINED ASSETS-I</u>

				(₹ in iakn)
Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2009	Additions during the tariff period	Total
BOND IX COD-1.3.2003	12.25	17043.00	0.00	17043.00
BOND X COD-1.3.2003	10.90	34425.00	0.00	34425.00
BOND XI Option 1 COD-1.3.2003	9.80	23673.00	0.00	23673.00
BOND XII COD-1.3.2003	9.70	1912.00	0.00	1912.00
BOND XIII option I COD-1.3.2003	8.63	13015.00	0.00	13015.00
BOND XIII Option II	7.85	50.00	0.00	50.00
BOND XVIII-Add Cap for 2005-06 drawal on 9.3.2006	8.15	317.00	0.00	317.00
BOND XXII -Add Cap for 2007-08 drawal on 1.4.2007	8.68	50.00	0.00	50.00
OBC - COD-1.3.2003	9.60	10899.00	0.00	10899.00
PNB-II - COD-1.3.2003	8.89	12169.00	0.00	12169.00
KFW Commercial (Floating)COD 1.12.2002	1.70	2465.24	0.00	2465.24
KFW Commercial (Floating)COD 1.3.2003	1.70	882.76	0.00	882.76
KFW Commercial (Fixed) COD 1.12.2012	5.54	9259.46	0.00	9259.46
KFW Commercial (Fixed)COD 1.3.2003	5.54	3315.65	0.00	3315.65
KFW ECA Commercial (Fixed)COD 1.12.2002	3.84	48288.78	0.00	48288.78
KFW ECA Commercial (Fixed)COD 1.3.2003	3.84	17291.29	0.00	17291.29
KFW ECA Commercial (Floating)COD 1.12.2002	0.86	8051.90	0.00	8051.90
KFW ECA Commercial (Floating)COD 1.3.2003	0.86	2883.31	0.00	2883.31
Total Loan		205991.39	0.00	205991.39

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN FOR COMBINED ASSETS-I DURING 2009-14 TARIFF PERIOD

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Gross Opening Loan	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39
Cumulative Repayment of loan upto previous year	97026.05	115970.10	134918.32	153866.54	172814.76
Net Loan Opening	108965.34	90021.29	71073.07	52124.85	33176.63
Additions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	18944.05	18948.22	18948.22	18948.22	12641.83
Net Loan Closing	90021.29	71073.07	52124.85	33176.63	20534.80
Average Loan	99493.32	80547.18	61598.96	42650.74	26855.72
Weighted Average Rate of Interest(%)	7.69	7.92	8.45	8.96	9.72
Interest	7651.35	6377.20	5207.78	3820.16	2610.14

<u>DETAILS OF LOAN BASED ON ACTUAL LOAN PORTFOLIO FOR COMBINED ASSETS-II</u>

				(* 111 101111)
Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2009	Additions during the tariff period	Total
BOND IX-DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	12.25	2711.00	0.00	2711.00
BOND X -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	10.90	5156.00	0.00	5156.00
BOND XI Option-I-DOCO Drawal on				
1.6.2003	9.80	3765.00	0.00	3765.00
BOND XII-DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	9.70	4919.00	0.00	4919.00
BOND XIII Option-I-DOCO Drawal on				
1.6.2003	8.63	6985.00	0.00	6985.00
OBC -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	9.60	2565.00	0.00	2565.00
PNB-II -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	8.89	3988.00	0.00	3988.00
Total Loan		30089.00	0.00	30089.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN FOR COMBINED ASSETS-II DURING 2009-14 TARIFF PERIOD

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Gross Opening Loan	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00
Cumulative Repayment of loan upto previous year	11146.27	13698.87	16251.47	18804.07	21356.67
Net Loan Opening	18942.73	16390.13	13837.53	11284.93	8732.33
Additions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	2552.60	2552.60	2552.60	2552.60	2281.50
Net Loan Closing	16390.13	13837.53	11284.93	8732.33	6450.83
Average Loan	17666.43	15113.83	12561.23	10008.63	7591.58
Weighted Average Rate of Interest (%)	9.63	9.74	10.11	10.04	9.91
Interest	1701.88	1472.23	1269.81	1004.38	752.29

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<u>DETAILS OF LOAN BASED ON ACTUAL LOAN PORTFOLIO FOR COMBINED</u> <u>ASSETS-I</u>

Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2014	Additions during the tariff period	Total
BOND IX COD-1.3.2003	12.25	17043.00	0.00	17043.00
BOND X COD-1.3.2003	10.90	34425.00	0.00	34425.00
BOND XI Option 1 COD-1.3.2003	9.80	23673.00	0.00	23673.00
BOND XII COD-1.3.2003	9.70	1912.00	0.00	1912.00
BOND XIII option I COD-1.3.2003	8.63	13015.00	0.00	13015.00
BOND XIII Option II	7.85	50.00	0.00	50.00
BOND XVIII-Add Cap for 2005-06 drawal on 9.3.2006	8.15	317.00	0.00	317.00
BOND XXII -Add Cap for 2007-08 drawal on 1.4.2007	8.68	50.00	0.00	50.00
OBC - COD-1.3.2003	12.35	10899.00	0.00	10899.00
PNB-II - COD-1.3.2003	11.60	12169.00	0.00	12169.00
KFW Commercial (Floating)COD 1.12.2002	1.33	2465.24	0.00	2465.24
KFW Commercial (Floating)COD 1.3.2003	1.33	882.76	0.00	882.76

Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2014	Additions during the tariff period	Total
KFW Commercial (Fixed) COD 1.12.2012	5.54	9259.46	0.00	9259.46
KFW Commercial (Fixed)COD 1.3.2003	5.54	3315.65	0.00	3315.65
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KFW ECA Commercial (Fixed)COD 1.3.2003	3.84	17291.29	0.00	17291.29
KFW ECA Commercial (Floating)COD 1.12.2002	0.49	8051.90	0.00	8051.90
KFW ECA Commercial (Floating)COD 1.3.2003	0.49	2883.31	0.00	2883.31
Total Loan		205991.39	0.00	205991.39

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN FOR COMBINED ASSETS-I **DURING 2014-19 TARIFF PERIOD**

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Opening Loan	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39	205991.39
Cumulative Repayment of loan upto previous year	185456.59	193494.86	201533.13	204780.32	205895.49
Net Loan Opening	20534.80	12496.53	4458.26	1211.07	95.90
Additions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	8038.27	8038.27	3247.19	1115.17	30.59
Net Loan Closing	12496.53	4458.26	1211.07	95.90	65.31
Average Loan	16515.67	8477.40	2834.67	653.49	80.60
Weighted Average Rate of Interest(%)	10.17	9.82	9.05	8.56	8.26
Interest	1680.00	832.62	256.47	55.97	6.66



<u>DETAILS OF LOAN BASED ON ACTUAL LOAN PORTFOLIO FOR COMBINED ASSETS-II</u>

(₹ in lakh)

				(* 111 101111)
Particulars	Interest Rate (%)	Loan deployed as on 1.4.2014	Additions during the tariff period	Total
BOND IX-DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	12.25	2711.00	0.00	2711.00
BOND X -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	10.90	5156.00	0.00	5156.00
BOND XI Option-I-DOCO Drawal on				
1.6.2003	9.80	3765.00	0.00	3765.00
BOND XII-DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	9.70	4919.00	0.00	4919.00
BOND XIII Option-I-DOCO Drawal on				
1.6.2003	8.63	6985.00	0.00	6985.00
OBC -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	12.35	2565.00	0.00	2565.00
PNB-II -DOCO Drawal on 1.6.2003	11.60	3988.00	0.00	3988.00
Total Loan		30089.00	0.00	30089.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST ON LOAN FOR COMBINED ASSETS-IIDURING 2014-19 TARIFF PERIOD

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Opening Loan	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00	30089.00
Cumulative Repayment of loan upto previous year	23638.17	25919.67	28201.17	29506.92	30089.00
Net Loan Opening	6450.83	4169.33	1887.83	582.08	0.00
Additions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	2281.50	2281.50	1305.75	582.08	0.00
Net Loan Closing	4169.33	1887.83	582.08	0.00	0.00
Average Loan	5310.08	3028.58	1234.96	291.04	0.00
Weighted Average Rate of Interest (%)	9.79	9.48	8.96	8.63	8.63
Interest	519.77	287.24	110.60	25.12	0.00