

Stakeholder Name	Comment
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL)</b></p>	<p>9 (24) Banking of electricity takes a vital role to manage the seasonal Demand diversity of any distribution utility of its command area. Such cash flow less transaction between the distribution utilities also has a great importance to manage their Power Purchase Portfolio on economic principle. So, from commercial as well as operational point of view ,Banking of electricity has been taking a significant role in power distribution business. Moreover , in the national scenario the regional demand disparity due to geographical diversity of the country is majorly managed through such interregional banking arrangement by keeping uniformity of seasonal plant load factor of the State &amp; Central Sector generators with whom Distribution utilities have Long /Medium term PPA. To implement such Banking Transaction the following activities are required (i) Meticulous market study at national level throughout the year for identification of the counterparty . (ii) Continuous interaction with the different DISCOMs for fixing terms &amp; conditions as till date neither any standard guideline nor any national bidding platform like DEEP is present for Energy Banking purpose . (iii) Arrangement of Contract Performance Guarantee (CPG). (iv) Necessary scheduling arrangement through interaction with the concerned RLDCs. So, for the above activities a separate infrastructure with quality manpower having experience of this sector has to be installed additionally by the DISCOMs to materialise Energy Banking by their own effort with some additional financial burden to maintain the same. But, because of having such above said infrastructure, Traders have been playing a vital role to facilitate Banking arrangement to the DISCOMs in accordance with their supply /demand requirement &amp; till date DISCOMs are also very much satisfied by their support in this regard. Hence, sudden withdrawal of such transaction right from the Traders' scope of activity will no doubt create a tremendous impact in distribution operation of DISCOMs. So, in light of the above it is hereby proposed to allow Traders for such Energy Banking Transaction with the stipulation of trading margin range between 0 &amp; 2paise per unit.</p>