

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 506/TT/2020

Coram:

**Shri P. K. Pujari, Chairperson
Shri I. S. Jha, Member
Shri Pravas Kumar Singh, Member**

Date of Order: 12.09.2021

In the matter of:

Approval under Regulation 86 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 and revision of transmission tariff of the 2004-09 and 2009-14 tariff periods, truing up of transmission tariff of the 2014-19 tariff period under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014 and determination of transmission tariff of the 2019-24 tariff period under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 for the Combined Asset comprising of Asset-1: 80 MVAR bus reactor along with Nellore 400 kV bay extension; Asset-2: 315 MVA ICT with Cuddapah 400 kV bay extension; Asset-3: 315 MVA ICT with Gooty Extension and IInd 3X167 MVA auto transformer at Kolar and switching arrangement for reactor at Somanahalli; Asset-4: 315 MVA ICT with Gazuwaka Sub-station bay extension; Asset-5: 315 MVA ICT with Munirabad Sub-station bay extension and Asset 6: 315 MVA ICT with Khammam Sub-station bay extension under System Strengthening Scheme-V in Southern Region.

And in the matter of:

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
"SAUDAMINI", Plot No-2,
Sector-29, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana).

.....Petitioner

Versus

1. Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited,
Kaveri Bhawan, Bangalore-560009.
2. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited,
Vidyut Soudha, Hyderabad-500082.
3. Kerala State Electricity Board,
Vaidyuthi Bhavanam
Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram-695004.

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4. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
NPKRR Maaligai, 800, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600002.
5. Electricity Department,
Govt of Pondicherry,
Pondicherry-605001.
6. Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,
P&T Colony, Seethmmadhara, Vishakhapatanam,
Andhra Pradesh.
7. Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,
Srinivasasa Kalyana Mandapam Backside,
Tiruchanoor Road, Kesavayana Gunta,
Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, Tirupati-517501.
8. Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,
Corporate Office, Mint Compound,
Hyderabad -500063 (Telangana).
9. Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,
Opp. NIT Petrol Pump,
Chaitanyapuri, Kazipet,
Warangal-506004 (Telangana).
10. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Corporate Office, K.R. Circle,
Bangalore-560001.
11. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Station Main Road, Gulbarga,
Karnataka.
12. Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited,
Navanagar, PB Road,
Hubli, Karnataka.
13. MESCOM Corporate Office,
Paradigm Plaza, AB Shetty Circle,
Mangalore-575001 (Karnataka).
14. Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited,
927, LJ Avenue, Ground Floor, New Kantharaj URS Road
Saraswatipuram, Mysore-570009 (Karnataka).



15. Electricity Department,
Government of Goa,
Vidyuti Bhawan, Panaji,
Goa-403001

16. Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited,
Vidhyut Sudha, Khairatabad,
Hyderabad-500082.

17. Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation,
NPKRR Maaligai, 800, Anna Salai,
Chennai-600002.

.....Respondent(s)

For Petitioner : Shri S. S. Raju, PGCIL
Shri D. K. Biswal, PGCIL
Shri A. K. Verma, PGCIL
Shri V. P. Rastogi, PGCIL

For Respondents : None

ORDER

The Petitioner, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a deemed transmission licensee, has filed the instant petition for revision of transmission tariff of the 2004-09 and 2009-14 tariff periods, truing up of the capital expenditure for the period from 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2019 under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as “the 2014 Tariff Regulations”) and for determination of tariff for the period from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2024 under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as “the 2019 Tariff Regulations”) in respect of the following transmission assets forming part of the Combined Asset under System Strengthening Scheme-V in Southern Region (hereinafter referred to as “the transmission system”):

Asset-1: 80 MVAR bus reactor along with Nellore 400 kV bay extension;

Asset-2: 315 MVA ICT with Cuddapah 400 kV bay extension;



Asset-3: 315 MVA ICT with Gooty Extension and IInd 3X167 MVA auto transformer at Kolar and switching arrangement for reactor at Somanahalli;

Asset-4: 315 MVA ICT with Gazuwaka Sub-station bay extension;

Asset-5: 315 MVA ICT with Munirabad Sub-station bay extension; and

Asset-6: 315 MVA ICT with Khammam Sub-station bay extension.

2. The Petitioner has made following prayers in this petition:

- “1) *Approve the revised Transmission Tariff for 2004-09 block and transmission tariff for 2009-14 block for the assets covered under this petition, as per para 8 above.*
- 2) *Approve the trued up Transmission Tariff for 2014-19 block and transmission tariff for 2019-24 block for the assets covered under this petition, as per para 9 and 10 above.*
- 3)
 - a. *Allow the petitioner to recover the shortfall or refund the excess Annual Fixed Charges, 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 as provided in Tariff Regulation 2014 and Tariff regulations 2019 as per para 9 and 10 above for respective block.*
 - b. *Further it is submitted that deferred tax liability before 01.04.2009 shall be recoverable from the beneficiaries or long term customers / DIC as the case may be, as and when the same is materialized as per regulation 49 of 2014 and regulation 67 of 2019 tariff regulation. The petitioner may be allow to recover the deferred tax liability materialised directly without making any application before the commission as provided in the regulation.*
- 4) *Approve the reimbursement of expenditure by the beneficiaries towards petition filing fee, and expenditure on publishing of notices in newspapers in terms of Regulation 70(1) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019, and other expenditure (if any) in relation to the filing of petition.*
- 5) *Allow the petitioner to bill and recover Licensee fee and RLDC fees and charges, separately from the respondents in terms of Regulation 70 (3) and (4) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019.*
- 6) *Allow the petitioner to bill and adjust impact on Interest on Loan due to change in Interest rate on account of floating rate of interest applicable during 2019-24 period, if any, from the respondents.*
- 7) *Allow the petitioner to file a separate petition before Hon'ble Commission for claiming the overall security expenses and consequential IOWC on that security expenses as mentioned at para 10.5 above.*



- 8) Allow the petitioner to claim the capital spares at the end of tariff block as per actual.
- 9) *Allow the Petitioner to bill and recover GST on Transmission Charges separately from the respondents, if GST on transmission is levied at any rate in future. Further, any taxes including GST and duties including cess etc. imposed by any statutory/Govt./municipal authorities shall be allowed to be recovered from the beneficiaries.*

and pass such other relief as Hon'ble Commission deems fit and appropriate under the circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice"

3. **Backdrop of the case**

a) The Investment Approval (I.A.) for the transmission system was accorded by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Petitioner company vide Memorandum Ref: C/CP/S44-00 dated 13.7.2004 at an estimated cost of ₹9212.00 lakh, which included IDC of ₹482.00 lakh (based on 4th Quarter, 2003 price level). The approval of the Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) of the transmission system was accorded by BOD of the Petitioner company vide Memorandum Ref: C/CP/RCE SR-V dated 21.10.2008 at an estimated cost of ₹13180.00 lakh, which included IDC of ₹268.00 lakh (based on 4th Quarter, 2007 price level).

b) The scope of work covered under the transmission system is as follows:

Sub-stations:

- i. Augmentation of transformation capacity at existing Cuddapah, Khammam, Gazuwaka, Munirabad and Gooty 400/220 kV sub-station by 1X315 MVA, 400/220 kV transformer;
- ii. Augmentation of transformation capacity at existing Kolar 400/220 kV sub-station by 3X167 MVA, single phase, 400/220 kV transformer;
- iii. Provision of 1X80 MVAR bus reactor at Nellore 400 kV switching station; and
- iv. Provision of breaker and associated equipment for making 50 MVAR line reactor on Kolar-Somnahally at Somnahally end as switchable line reactor.

c) The dates of commercial operation (COD) of Asset-1, Asset-2, Asset-3, Asset-4, Asset-5 and Asset-6 were 1.7.2007, 1.8.2007, 1.9.2007, 1.10.2007,



1.11.2007 and 1.2.2008 respectively. The provisional transmission charges of the transmission assets from their respective COD to 31.3.2009 was allowed by the Commission vide order dated 13.3.2008 in Petition No. 7/2008.

d) The final transmission tariff of the transmission assets from their respective COD to 31.3.2009 after accounting for Additional Capital Expenditure (ACE) during 2007-08 was allowed vide order dated 16.3.2009 in Petition No. 125/2008 and the same was revised due to ACE incurred from 1.4.2008 to 31.3.2009 vide order dated 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 331/2009.

e) The transmission assets were combined with notional COD as 1.2.2008. The transmission tariff of the Combined Asset for the period from 1.4.2009 to 31.3.2014 after accounting for projected ACE during 2009-10 was allowed vide order dated 11.2.2011 in Petition No. 266/2010. The transmission tariff of the 2009-14 tariff period was trued-up and transmission tariff for the 2014-19 tariff period was determined vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014.

f) The Petitioner has sought revision of transmission tariff allowed for the 2004-09 tariff period on account of change in Interest on Loan (IoL) and Interest on Working Capital (IWC) to the extent of revision in IoL and in Maintenance Spares in terms of the judgments of the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) dated 22.1.2007 in Appeal No. 81 of 2005 and batch matters and 13.6.2007 in Appeal No.139 of 2006 and batch matters respectively; consequential revision of transmission tariff allowed for the 2009-14 tariff period; truing up of tariff of the 2014-19 tariff period; and determination of transmission tariff of the 2019-24 tariff period for the transmission assets.

g) APTEL in judgment dated 22.1.2007 in Appeal No. 81 of 2005 and batch matters pertaining to generating stations of NTPC had considered 4 (four) issues. The issues considered by APTEL and its decisions are as given in the table as follows:

Sl. No.	Issue	APTEL's decision/direction
1	Whether APTEL can enquire into the validity of Regulations framed by the Commission	Challenge to the validity of Regulations framed by the Commission falls outside the purview of APTEL



2	Computation of IoL	In view of the order of APTEL dated 14.11.2016 in Appeal Nos. 94 and 96 of 2005 and order dated 24.1.2007 passed in Appeal Nos. 81 to 87, 89 to 93 of 2005, computation of loan has to be based on loan repayment on normative basis. The Commission is required to recalculate the loan outstanding as on 31.3.2004 based on loan repayment on normative basis
3(a)	O&M Expenses: Inadequate provision of employee costs as part of O&M Expenses due to variation in salary and wages	Commission's view upheld
3(b)	O&M Expenses: Non-inclusion of incentives and ex-gratia payment to employees	Commission's view upheld
4	Cost of spares for calculation of working capital	Commission's view upheld

h) APTEL in judgment dated 13.6.2007 in Appeal No. 139 of 2006 and batch matters pertaining to generating stations of NTPC had considered 9 (nine) issues. The issues considered and the decisions of APTEL are given in the table as follows:

Sl. No.	Issue	APTEL's decision/direction
I	Computation of outstanding loan at the beginning of the tariff period i.e. 1.4.2004	The Commission is required to recalculate the loan outstanding as on 31.3.2004 based on loan repayment on normative basis.
II	Consequence of refinance of loan	The Commission to consider the issue afresh
III	Treating depreciation available as deemed repayment of loan	The Commission to make a fresh computation of outstanding loan
IV	Admissibility of depreciation up to 90%	The Commission to consider the issue afresh
V	Cost of Maintenance Spares	The Commission to consider the issue afresh
VI	Impact of de-capitalisation of the assets on cumulative repayment of loan	The cumulative repayment of the loan proportionate to the assets de-capitalized required to be reduced. The Commission to act accordingly
VII	Non-consideration of normative transit loss for coal import	The Commission to consider afresh the transit losses for coal imported from coal mines other than the dedicated ones
VIII	Foreign Exchange Rate Variation (FERV)	FERV has been kept as pass through to ensure that any liability or gain, if any, arising on account of any variation in foreign exchange rates is passed on to



		the beneficiary as held in order dated 4.10.2006 in Appeals Nos.135 to 140 of 2005. The Commission to act accordingly
IX	Computation of IoL in Singrauli Station	Net loan closing at the end of a year is reflected as net loan opening on the first day of the next year. The Commission shall re-compute the interest accordingly

- i) The Commission and certain interested parties preferred Civil Appeals against APTEL's judgments before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2007. The Appeals were admitted and initially stay was granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Subsequently, on an assurance by NTPC that the issues under Appeal would not be pressed for implementation during the pendency of the Appeals, the stay was vacated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- j) Based on APTEL's judgments dated 22.1.2007 and 13.6.2007, the Petitioner had sought re-determination of tariff of its transmission assets for the 2001-04 and 2004-09 tariff periods in Petition No. 121/2007. The Commission after taking into consideration the pendency of Appeals before the Hon'ble Supreme Court adjourned the said petition *sine die* and directed that the same be revived after the disposal of the Civil Appeals by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- k) The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide judgment dated 10.4.2018, dismissed the said Civil Appeals filed against APTEL's said judgments. Thus, the judgments of APTEL have attained finality.
- l) Consequent to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 10.4.2018 in NTPC matters, Petition No. 121/2007 was listed for hearing on 8.1.2019. The Commission vide order dated 18.1.2019 in Petition No. 121/2007, directed the Petitioner to submit its claim separately for the assets at the time of filing of truing up of the petitions for the 2014-19 tariff period.
- m) The instant petition was heard on 22.6.2021 and in view of APTEL's judgments dated 22.1.2007 and 13.6.2007 and the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 10.4.2018, tariff is being revised. Period-wise transmission tariff is being re-worked based on the Tariff Regulations applicable for the respective tariff periods and suitable assumptions have been made at certain places and applied, which are indicated.



4. The Respondents are distribution licensees, power departments and transmission licensees, who are procuring transmission services from the Petitioner, mainly beneficiaries of Southern Region.

5. The Petitioner has served the petition on the Respondents and notice regarding filing of this petition has also been published in the newspapers in accordance with Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003. No comments or suggestions have been received from the general public in response to the aforesaid notices published in the newspapers. None of the Respondents have filed their reply in the matter.

Re: Interest on Loan

6. APTEL while dealing with the issue of computation of IoL, in judgment dated 22.1.2007 observed that IoL for the period from 1.4.1998 to 31.3.2001 shall be computed only on normative loan repayment as per judgment dated 14.11.2006 in Appeal Nos. 94 and 96 of 2005. APTEL vide judgment dated 14.11.2006 had set aside the Commission's methodology of computation of loan on the actual repayment basis or normative repayment whichever is higher and held that the Commission is required to adopt normative debt repayment methodology for working out IoL liability for the period from 1.4.1998 to 31.3.2001. In view of the above, the interest allowed for the 2004-09 tariff period is revised on the basis of the normative debt repayment methodology.

Re: Additional Capital Expenditure

7. APTEL vide judgment dated 13.6.2007 in Appeal No. 139 of 2006 and others held that ACE after COD should also be considered for computation of maintenance spares. In view of the above, the maintenance spares to be considered for computation of working capital for the 2004-09 period are also required to be revised taking into consideration ACE after COD.



Re: Depreciation

8. As regards depreciation, APTEL vide judgement dated 13.6.2007 in Appeal No. 139 of 2006 observed that depreciation is an expense and it cannot be deployed for deemed repayment of loan and accordingly directed the Commission to compute the outstanding loan afresh. In view of the above directions of APTEL, the outstanding loan allowed for the transmission assets for the 2004-09 period is revised in the instant order.

9. The revision of transmission tariff allowed for the 2004-09 tariff period necessitates the revision of transmission tariff allowed for the 2009-14 tariff period, which is also being done in the present order. The implementation of the directions of APTEL in case of the Petitioner was kept pending awaiting the outcome of the Civil Appeals filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and keeping in view the interest of the consumers, we are of the view that the beneficiaries should not be burdened with the carrying cost for the difference in the tariff allowed earlier and allowed in the instant order for the 2004-09 and 2009-14 tariff periods. Therefore, we direct that the Petitioner will neither claim nor pay any carrying cost from or to the beneficiaries for the difference, if any, in the tariff allowed earlier and the tariff being allowed in the instant order. Further, the said difference in tariff shall be recovered/ paid over a period of six months from the date of issue of this order.

10. The hearing in this matter was held on 22.6.2021 through video conference and the order was reserved.

11. This order is issued considering the submissions of the Petitioner in the petition vide affidavit dated 17.9.2019 and the Petitioner's affidavit dated 30.3.2021 filed in



compliance of the technical validation letter. Having heard the representatives of the Petitioner and after perusal of the materials on record, we proceed to dispose of the petition.

Revision of transmission charges allowed for the 2004-09 and 2009-14 Tariff Periods

2004-09 Period

12. The Commission vide order dated 16.3.2009 and 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 125/2008 and Petition No. 331/2009 respectively had allowed the transmission charges for the transmission assets for the 2004-09 tariff period as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-I		Asset-II		Asset-III	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	25.18	37.35	32.72	55.40	84.34	156.03
IoL	43.88	63.34	59.36	96.52	138.72	270.07
Return on Equity	29.38	43.57	38.17	64.63	98.00	181.34
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.64	5.22	5.11	8.26	13.61	24.96
O&M Expenses	23.72	32.90	42.17	65.80	129.16	230.30
Total	125.80	182.37	177.54	290.61	463.83	862.71

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-IV		Asset-V		Asset-VI	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	22.97	53.55	26.35	70.14	7.55	48.39
IoL	37.01	91.71	42.15	120.85	12.58	84.48
Return on Equity	26.78	62.43	30.74	81.82	8.81	56.45
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.53	7.90	4.60	11.98	1.19	7.59
O&M Expenses	31.63	65.80	52.72	131.60	10.54	680
Total	121.92	281.38	156.55	416.38	40.68	262.72

13. The Petitioner has claimed the revised transmission charges for the transmission assets for the 2004-09 tariff period in the instant petition as follows:



(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-I		Asset-II		Asset-III	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	25.18	37.35	32.72	55.40	84.34	156.03
IoL	44.75	67.39	60.38	102.23	140.78	285.32
Return on Equity	29.38	43.57	38.17	64.63	98.00	181.34
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.69	5.49	5.19	8.72	13.69	25.88
O&M Expenses	23.72	32.90	42.17	65.80	129.16	230.30
Total	126.72	186.70	178.63	296.78	465.97	878.87

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-IV		Asset-V		Asset-VI	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	22.97	53.55	26.35	70.14	7.55	48.39
IoL	37.49	96.35	42.62	126.56	12.64	87.41
Return on Equity	26.78	62.43	30.74	81.82	8.81	56.45
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.61	8.45	4.64	12.49	1.20	7.84
O&M Expenses	31.63	65.80	52.72	131.60	10.54	65.80
Total	122.48	286.58	157.07	422.61	40.74	265.89

14. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner. The transmission tariff is allowed for the transmission assets on the basis of the following:

- a) Admitted capital cost and ACE approved during 2004-09 period which are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Admitted Capital Cost (as on COD/1.4.2004)	ACE (2004-09)	Admitted Capital Cost (as on 31.3.2009)
Asset-I	903.16	209.64	1,112.80
Asset-II	1,296.02	351.22	1,647.24
Asset-III	3947.23	644.42	4,587.33
Asset-IV	1,173.76	422.69	1,596.45
Asset-V	1,696.70	383.67	2,080.37
Asset-VI	1258.29	171.70	1429.99



- b) Weighted Average Rate of Interest (WAROI) on actual loan, Weighted Average Rate of Depreciation (WAROD), Rate of IWC and O&M Expenses as adopted from orders dated 16.3.2009 in Petition No. 125/2008 and order dated 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 331/2009;
- c) With respect to calculation of IoL, moratorium period was availed by the Petitioner for the transmission assets during the 2004-09 tariff period and no actual repayment of loan was made. Earlier, the Commission vide order dated 16.3.2009 and 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 125/2008 and Petition No. 331/2009 respectively had considered depreciation provided during 2004-09 tariff period as loan repayment. Therefore, depreciation during the 2004-09 tariff period has been considered as loan repayment in accordance with Regulation 56(i)(f) of the 2004 Tariff Regulations, which is as follows:

“56 (i) Interest on Loan Capital

(f) In case any moratorium period is availed of by the transmission licensee, depreciation provided for in the tariff during the years of moratorium shall be treated as repayment during those years and interest on loan capital shall be calculated accordingly;”

- d) Maintenance Spares component of IWC adjusted with respect to ACE incurred during the 2004-09 tariff period.

15. In view of the above, the revised transmission charges allowed for the transmission assets for the 2004-09 tariff period is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-I		Asset-II		Asset-III	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	25.18	37.35	32.72	55.40	84.34	156.03
IoL	43.88	63.34	59.36	96.52	138.72	270.34
Return on Equity	29.38	43.57	38.17	64.63	98.00	181.34
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.69	5.39	5.22	8.57	13.64	25.45
O&M Expenses	23.72	32.90	42.17	65.80	129.16	230.30
Total	125.85	182.55	177.65	290.92	463.86	863.46



(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-IV		Asset-V		Asset-VI	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Depreciation	22.97	53.55	26.35	70.14	7.55	48.39
IoL	37.01	91.71	42.15	120.85	12.58	84.48
Return on Equity	26.78	62.42	30.74	81.82	8.81	56.46
Advance against Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IWC	3.60	8.31	4.63	12.30	1.19	7.70
O&M Expenses	31.63	65.80	52.72	131.60	10.54	65.80
Total	121.98	281.79	156.58	416.71	40.67	262.83

16. The Annual Fixed Charges (AFC) allowed for the 2004-09 tariff period vide order dated 16.3.2009 and 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 125/2008 and Petition No. 331/2009 respectively, revised AFC claimed in the instant petition and revised AFC allowed in the instant order is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-I		Asset-II		Asset-III	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Allowed vide order dated 16.3.2009 and 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 125/2008 and Petition No. 331/2009 respectively	125.80	182.37	177.54	290.61	463.83	862.71
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	126.72	186.70	178.63	296.78	465.97	878.87
Approved in the instant order	125.85	182.55	177.65	290.92	463.86	863.46

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	Asset-IV		Asset-V		Asset-VI	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
Allowed vide order dated 16.3.2009 and 18.3.2010 in Petition No. 125/2008 and Petition No. 331/2009 respectively	121.92	281.38	156.55	416.38	40.68	262.72



Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	122.48	286.58	157.07	422.61	40.74	265.89
Approved in the instant order	121.98	281.79	156.58	416.71	40.67	262.83

2009-14 Tariff Period

17. The Commission vide order dated 11.2.2011 in Petition No. 266/2010 had allowed the transmission tariff for the Combined Asset for the 2009-14 tariff period which was trued-up vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014. The trued-up tariff allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 is as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Depreciation	662.51	670.48	674.78	675.78	675.78
IoL	728.84	676.53	619.36	557.72	494.81
Return on Equity	702.58	737.11	742.55	743.66	752.62
IWC	82.96	85.00	86.39	87.66	89.19
O&M Expenses	786.00	831.00	878.56	928.76	981.88
Total	2962.89	3000.13	3001.65	2993.58	2994.29

18. The Petitioner has claimed the revised transmission charges for the Combined Asset for the 2009-14 period in this petition as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Depreciation	662.51	670.48	674.78	675.78	675.78
IoL	786.54	734.22	677.07	615.43	552.52
Return on Equity	702.58	737.11	742.55	743.66	752.62
IWC	84.16	86.12	87.60	88.87	90.40
O&M Expenses	786.00	831.00	878.56	928.76	981.88
Total	3021.79	3059.02	3060.56	3052.50	3053.20

19. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner. The revised transmission tariff is allowed for the Combined Asset on the basis of the following:

- The admitted capital cost as on 1.4.2009 of ₹12454.18 lakh; and
- WAROI on actual loan and WAROD adopted from order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014.



20. In view of the above, the revised transmission charges allowed for the Combined Asset for the 2009-14 tariff period are as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Depreciation	662.51	670.48	674.78	675.78	675.78
IoL	728.82	676.51	619.34	557.70	494.80
Return on Equity	702.60	737.13	742.57	743.68	752.64
IWC	82.96	85.01	86.40	87.67	89.20
O&M Expenses	786.00	831.00	878.56	928.76	981.88
Total	2962.88	3000.12	3001.66	2993.58	2994.29

21. AFC allowed for the 2009-14 tariff period vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, the revised AFC claimed in the instant petition and AFC allowed in the instant order are as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
AFC allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	2962.89	3000.13	3001.65	2993.58	2994.29
AFC claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	3021.79	3059.02	3060.56	3052.50	3053.20
Approved after true-up in this order	2962.88	3000.12	3001.66	2993.58	2994.29

Truing Up of Annual Fixed Charges for the 2014-19 Tariff Period

22. The details of the trued-up transmission charges claimed by the Petitioner in respect of the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period is as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Depreciation	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
IoL	489.64	426.76	363.88	301.00	238.11
Return on Equity	753.18	756.64	756.25	756.25	758.29
IWC	94.13	94.42	94.68	95.00	95.43
O&M Expenses	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68
Total	2917.23	2888.10	2856.15	2825.61	2798.29

23. The details of the trued-up IWC claimed by the Petitioner in respect of the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period is as follows:



(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
O&M Expenses	75.38	77.88	80.46	83.13	85.89
Maintenance Spares	135.68	140.18	144.83	149.64	154.60
Receivables	486.21	481.35	476.02	470.94	466.38
Total Working Capital	697.27	699.41	701.31	703.71	706.87
Rate of Interest (in %)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
IWC	94.13	94.42	94.68	95.00	95.43

Capital Cost

24. The capital cost of the Combined Asset has been calculated in accordance with Regulation 9(3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The Commission vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014 had allowed capital cost as on 31.3.2014 of ₹12794.06 lakh for the Combined Asset and the same has been claimed by the Petitioner on 1.4.2014 for truing up tariff for the 2014-19 tariff period. The Petitioner has not claimed any ACE during the 2014-19 tariff period in this petition.

Debt-Equity Ratio

25. The debt-equity ratio has been allowed in accordance with Regulation 19(3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. As per Regulation 19(3) of the 2014 Tariff Regulations, the debt-equity ratio allowed by the Commission for determination of transmission tariff for the period ending on 31.3.2014 shall be considered. Accordingly, the details of the debt-equity ratio as on 1.4.2014 and 31.3.2019 of the Combined Asset is as follows:

Funding	Capital Cost as on 1.4.2014 (₹ in lakh)	(in %)	Capital Cost as on 31.3.2019 (₹ in lakh)	(in %)
Debt	8956.22	70.00	8956.22	70.00
Equity	3837.84	30.00	3837.84	30.00
Total	12794.06	100.00	12794.06	100.00

Depreciation

26. The Gross Block during the 2014-19 tariff period has been depreciated at WAROD. WAROD at Annexure-I has been worked out after taking into account the



depreciation rates of assets as specified in the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The trued-up depreciation for the 2014-19 tariff period for the Combined Asset is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Opening Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
ACE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Average Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Freehold Land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rate of Depreciation (in %)	5.28%	5.28%	5.28%	5.28%	5.28%
Balance useful life of the asset beginning of the year (Year)	0	0	0	0	0
Lapsed life at the beginning of the year (Year)	0	0	0	0	0
Aggregate Depreciable Value	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65
Depreciation during the year	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
Cumulative Depreciation at the end of the year	4655.06	5330.84	6006.63	6682.41	7358.19
Remaining Depreciable Value at the end of the year	6859.59	6183.81	5508.03	4832.24	4156.46

27. The details of depreciation allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and trued-up depreciation in the instant order are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
Approved after true-up in this order	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78

Interest on Loan

28. The Petitioner has claimed the weighted average rate of IoL based on its actual loan portfolio and rate of interest. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner and accordingly IoL has been calculated based on actual interest rate



submitted by the Petitioner in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The trued-up IoL allowed in respect of the Combined Asset is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Normative Loan	8,956.22	8,956.22	8,956.22	8,956.22	8,956.22
Cumulative Repayments up to Previous Year	3,979.28	4,655.06	5,330.84	6,006.63	6,682.41
Net Loan-Opening	4,976.94	4,301.16	3,625.38	2,949.59	2,273.81
Additions due to ACE	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment during the year	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
Net Loan-Closing	4,301.16	3,625.38	2,949.59	2,273.81	1,598.03
Average Loan	4,639.05	3,963.27	3,287.49	2,611.70	1,935.92
Weighted Average Rate of IoL (in %)	9.3106	9.3115	9.3126	9.3141	9.3164
IoL	431.92	369.04	306.15	243.26	180.36

29. The details of IoL allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and trued-up in the instant order is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	431.93	369.04	306.16	243.26	180.36
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	489.64	426.76	363.88	301.00	238.11
Approved after true-up in this order	431.92	369.04	306.15	243.26	180.36

Return on Equity (RoE)

30. The Petitioner has claimed RoE for the Combined Asset in terms of Regulations 24 and 25 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations. The Petitioner has submitted that it is liable to pay income tax at Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) rates and has claimed effective tax rates for the 2014-19 tariff period as follows:



Year	Claimed effective tax rate (in %)	Grossed-up RoE (in %) [(Base Rate)/(1-t)]
2014-15	21.018	19.625
2015-16	21.382	19.716
2016-17	21.338	19.705
2017-18	21.337	19.704
2018-19	21.549	19.758

31. The Commission in order dated 27.4.2020 in Petition No. 274/TT/2019 has arrived at the effective tax rate for the Petitioner based on the notified MAT rates and the same is as follows:

Year	Notified MAT rates (in %) (inclusive of surcharge & cess)	Effective tax (in %)
2014-15	20.961	20.961
2015-16	21.342	21.342
2016-17	21.342	21.342
2017-18	21.342	21.342
2018-19	21.549	21.549

32. The MAT rates considered in order dated 27.4.2020 for the purpose of grossing up of rate of RoE for truing up of the tariff of the 2014-19 tariff period, in terms of the provisions of the 2014 Tariff Regulations, is considered in the instant case which is as follows:

Year	Notified MAT rates (in %) (inclusive of surcharge & cess)	Base rate of RoE (in %)	Grossed-up RoE [(Base Rate)/(1-t)] (in %)
2014-15	20.961	15.50	19.610
2015-16	21.342	15.50	19.705
2016-17	21.342	15.50	19.705
2017-18	21.342	15.50	19.705
2018-19	21.549	15.50	19.758

33. RoE is trued-up is allowed on the basis of MAT rate applicable in the respective years for the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period is as follows:



(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Opening Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Additions due to ACE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Average Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (in %)	15.500	15.500	15.500	15.500	15.500
MAT Rate for respective year (in %)	20.961	21.342	21.342	21.342	21.549
Rate of Return on Equity (in %)	19.610	19.705	19.705	19.705	19.758
Return on Equity	752.60	756.25	756.25	756.25	758.28

34. The details of RoE allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and trued-up in the instant order are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	752.62	752.62	752.62	752.62	752.62
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	753.18	756.64	756.25	756.25	758.29
Approved after true-up in this order	752.60	756.25	756.25	756.25	758.28

Operation & Maintenance Expenses (O&M Expenses)

35. The total O&M Expenses claimed by the Petitioner for the Combined Asset are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)				
2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68

36. The O&M Expenses as per the norms specified under the 2014 Tariff Regulations and are as follows:



(₹ in lakh)					
O&M Expenses	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Sub-station					
200 kV bays at (a) Munirabad ICT-I Bay, (b) Munirabad SEB Feeder Bay I and II, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (g) Kolar:ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar:SEB Feeder I & II					
Number of bays	10	10	10	10	10
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	42.21	43.61	45.06	46.55	48.1
400 kV bays at (a) Somanhalli, (b) Munirabad:ICT-I Bay, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Bus reactor bay at Nellore, (g) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar: ICT-II Bay,					
Number of bays	8	8	8	8	8
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	60.30	62.30	64.37	66.51	68.71
Total O&M Expenses (₹ in lakh)	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68

37. The details of O&M Expenses allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and trued-up in the instant order is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68
Approved after true-up in this order	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68

Interest on Working Capital

38. IWC has been worked out as per the methodology provided in Regulation 28 of the 2014 Tariff Regulations and the trued-up IWC approved for the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
O&M Expenses (O&M Expenses for 1 month)	75.38	77.88	80.46	83.13	85.89
Maintenance Spares (15% of O&M Expenses)	135.68	140.18	144.83	149.64	154.60
Receivables (equivalent to 2 months of AFC)	476.27	471.44	466.18	461.09	456.53
Total Working Capital	687.32	689.49	691.48	693.86	697.03
Rate of Interest (in %)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
IWC	92.79	93.08	93.35	93.67	94.10



39. The details of IWC allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and trued-up in the instant order are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	92.78	92.99	93.26	93.58	93.96
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	94.13	94.42	94.68	95.00	95.43
Approved after true-up in this order	92.79	93.08	93.35	93.67	94.10

Approved Annual Fixed Charges for the 2014-19 Tariff Period

40. The trued-up AFC approved for the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Depreciation	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
IoL	431.92	369.04	306.15	243.26	180.36
Return on Equity	752.60	756.25	756.25	756.25	758.28
IWC	92.79	93.08	93.35	93.67	94.10
O&M Expenses	904.50	934.50	965.56	997.58	1030.68
Total	2857.60	2828.65	2797.09	2766.54	2739.20

41. Accordingly, the Annual Transmission Charges allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014, claimed by the Petitioner in the instant petition and approved after truing up in the instant order is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Allowed vide order dated 8.12.2015 in Petition No. 368/TT/2014	2857.62	2824.94	2793.38	2762.83	2733.41
Claimed by the Petitioner in the instant Petition	2917.23	2888.10	2856.15	2825.61	2798.29
Approved after true-up in this order	2857.60	2828.65	2797.09	2766.54	2739.20



Determination of Annual Fixed Charges for the 2019-24 Period

42. The Petitioner has claimed the following transmission charges for the 2019-24 tariff period:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Depreciation	675.78	267.74	267.74	267.74	267.75
IoL	175.22	131.35	106.57	81.56	55.33
Return on Equity	758.29	758.29	758.29	758.29	758.29
IWC	74.73	69.84	71.30	72.87	74.26
O&M Expenses	1159.41	1200.95	1243.05	1287.59	1330.99
Total	2843.43	2428.17	2446.95	2468.05	2486.62

43. The details of IWC claimed by the Petitioner for the 2019-24 period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
O&M Expenses	96.62	100.08	103.59	107.30	110.92
Maintenance Spares	173.91	180.14	186.46	193.14	199.65
Receivables	349.60	299.36	301.68	304.28	305.73
Total Working Capital	620.13	579.58	591.73	604.72	616.30
Rate of Interest (in %)	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05
IWC	74.73	69.84	71.30	72.87	74.26

Capital Cost

44. Regulation 19 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:

“19. Capital Cost: (1) *The Capital cost of the generating station or the transmission system, as the case may be, as determined by the Commission after prudence check in accordance with these regulations shall form the basis for 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) *Any gain or loss on account of foreign exchange risk variation pertaining to the loan amount availed during the construction period;*
- (d) *Interest during construction and incidental expenditure during construction as computed in accordance with these regulations;*



- (e) Capitalised initial spares subject to the ceiling rates in accordance with these regulations;*
- (f) Expenditure on account of additional capitalization and de-capitalisation determined in accordance with these regulations;*
- (g) Adjustment of revenue due to sale of infirm power in excess of fuel cost prior to the date of commercial operation as specified under Regulation 7 of these regulations;*
- (h) Adjustment of revenue earned by the transmission licensee by using the assets before the date of commercial operation;*
- (i) Capital expenditure on account of ash disposal and utilization including handling and transportation facility;*
- (j) Capital expenditure incurred towards railway infrastructure and its augmentation for transportation of coal upto the receiving end of the generating station but does not include the transportation cost and any other appurtenant cost paid to the railway;*
- (k) Capital expenditure on account of biomass handling equipment and facilities, for co-firing;*
- (l) Capital expenditure on account of emission control system necessary to meet the revised emission standards and sewage treatment plant;*
- (m) Expenditure on account of fulfilment of any conditions for obtaining environment clearance for the project;*
- (n) Expenditure on account of change in law and force majeure events; and*
- (o) Capital cost incurred or projected to be incurred by a thermal generating station, on account of implementation of the norms under Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme of Government of India shall be considered by the Commission subject to sharing of benefits accrued under the PAT scheme with the beneficiaries.*

(3) The Capital cost of an existing project shall include the following:

- (a) Capital cost admitted by the Commission prior to 1.4.2019 duly trued up by excluding liability, if any, as on 1.4.2019;*
- (b) Additional capitalization and de-capitalization for the respective year of tariff as determined in accordance with these regulations;*
- (c) Capital expenditure on account of ash disposal and utilization including handling and transportation facility;*
- (d) Capital expenditure on account of ash disposal and utilization including handling and transportation facility;*
- (e) Capital expenditure incurred towards railway infrastructure and its augmentation for transportation of coal up to the receiving end of generating station but does not include the transportation cost and any other appurtenant cost paid to the railway; and*
- (f) Capital cost incurred or projected to be incurred by a thermal generating station, on account of implementation of the norms under Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme of Government of India shall be considered by the Commission subject to sharing of benefits accrued under the PAT scheme with the beneficiaries.*

(4) The Capital Cost in case of existing or new hydro generating station shall also include:

- (a) cost of approved rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) plan of the project in conformity with National R&R Policy and R&R package as approved; and*



(b) cost of the developer's 10% contribution towards Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) project in the affected area.

(5) The following shall be excluded from the Capital Cost of the existing and new projects:

(a) The assets forming part of the project, but not in use, as declared in the tariff petition;

(b) De-capitalised Assets after the date of commercial operation on account of replacement or removal on account of obsolescence or shifting from one project to another project:

Provided that in case replacement of transmission asset is recommended by Regional Power Committee, such asset shall be decapitalised only after its redeployment;

Provided further that unless shifting of an asset from one project to another is of permanent nature, there shall be no de-capitalization of the concerned assets.

(c) In case of hydro generating stations, any expenditure incurred or committed to be incurred by a project developer for getting the project site allotted by the State Government by following a transparent process;

(d) Proportionate cost of land of the existing project which is being used for generating power from generating station based on renewable energy; and

(e) Any grant received from the Central or State Government or any statutory body or authority for the execution of the project which does not carry any liability of repayment.”

45. The Petitioner has claimed capital cost of ₹12794.06 lakh as on 31.3.2019 for the Combined Asset. The same has been worked by the Commission as on 31.3.2019 and considered as the opening capital cost as on 1.4.2019 for determination of tariff in accordance with Regulation 19 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations.

46. The Petitioner has not projected any ACE during the 2019-24 tariff period for the Combined Asset. Accordingly, the capital cost considered for the 2019-24 tariff period is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Capital Cost (as on 1.4.2019)	ACE (2019-24)	Capital Cost (as on 31.3.2024)
12794.06	0.00	12794.06



Debt-Equity Ratio

47. Regulation 18 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:

“18. Debt-Equity Ratio: (1) For new projects, the debt-equity ratio of 70:30 as on date of commercial operation shall be considered. 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.

Explanation-The premium, if any, raised by the generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, while issuing share capital and investment of internal resources created out of its free reserve, for the funding of the project, shall be reckoned as paid up capital for the purpose of computing return on equity, only if such premium amount and internal resources are actually utilised for meeting the capital expenditure of the generating station or the transmission system.

(2) The generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, shall submit the resolution of the Board of the company or approval of the competent authority in other cases regarding infusion of funds from internal resources in support of the utilization made or proposed to be made to meet the capital expenditure of the generating station or the transmission system including communication system, as the case may be.

(3) In case of the generating station and the transmission system including communication system declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2019, debt: equity ratio allowed by the Commission for determination of tariff for the period ending 31.3.2019 shall be considered:

Provided that in case of a generating station or a transmission system including communication system which has completed its useful life as on or after 1.4.2019, if the equity actually deployed as on 1.4.2019 is more than 30% of the Capital Cost, equity in excess of 30% shall not be taken into account for tariff computation;

Provided further that in case of projects owned by Damodar Valley Corporation, the debt: equity ratio shall be governed as per sub-clause (ii) of clause (2) of Regulation 72 of these regulations.

(4) In case of the generating station and the transmission system including communication system declared under commercial operation prior to 1.4.2019, but where debt: equity ratio has not been determined by the Commission for determination of tariff for the period ending 31.3.2019, the Commission shall approve the debt: equity ratio in accordance with clause (1) of this Regulation.

(5) Any expenditure incurred or projected to be incurred on or after 1.4.2019 as may be admitted by the Commission as ACE for determination of tariff, and renovation and



modernisation expenditure for life extension shall be serviced in the manner specified in clause (1) of this Regulation.”

48. The debt and equity considered for the purpose of computation of tariff for the 2019-24 tariff period is as follows:

Funding	Capital Cost as on 1.4.2019 (₹ in lakh)	(in %)	Capital Cost as on 31.3.2024 (₹ in lakh)	(in %)
Debt	8956.22	70.00	8956.22	70.00
Equity	3837.84	30.00	3837.84	30.00
Total	12794.06	100.00	12794.06	100.00

Depreciation

49. Regulation 33 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:

“33. Depreciation: (1) Depreciation shall be computed from the date of commercial operation of a generating station or unit thereof or a transmission project or element thereof including communication project. In case of the tariff of all the units of a generating station or all elements of a transmission project including communication project for which a single tariff needs to be determined, the depreciation shall be computed from the effective date of commercial operation of the generating station or the transmission project taking into consideration the depreciation of individual units:

Provided that effective date of commercial operation shall be worked out by considering the actual date of commercial operation and installed capacity of all the units of the generating station or capital cost of all elements of the transmission project, for which single tariff needs to be determined.

(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 a transmission project, weighted average life for the generating station of the transmission project 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.

(3) The salvage value of the asset shall be considered as 10% and depreciation shall be allowed up to maximum of 90% of the capital cost of the asset:

Provided that the salvage value for IT equipment and software shall be considered as NIL and 100% value of the assets shall be considered depreciable;

Provided further that in case of hydro generating stations, the salvage value shall be as provided in the agreement, if any, signed by the developers with the State Government for development of the generating station:

Provided also that the capital cost of the assets of the hydro generating station for the purpose of computation of depreciated value shall correspond to the percentage of sale of electricity under long-term power purchase agreement at regulated tariff:



Provided also that any depreciation disallowed on account of lower availability of the generating station or unit or transmission system as the case may be, shall not be allowed to be recovered at a later stage during the useful life or the extended life.

(4) Land other than the land held under lease and the land for reservoir in case of hydro generating station shall not be a depreciable asset and its cost shall be excluded from the capital cost while computing depreciable value of the asset.

(5) Depreciation shall be calculated annually based on Straight Line Method and at rates specified in Appendix-I 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 1.4.2019 shall be worked out by deducting the cumulative depreciation as admitted by the Commission upto 31.3.2019 from the gross depreciable value of the assets.

(7) The generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, shall submit the details of proposed capital expenditure five years before the completion of useful life of the project along with justification and proposed life extension. The Commission based on prudence check of such submissions shall approve the depreciation on capital expenditure.

(8) In case of de-capitalization of assets in respect of generating station or unit thereof or transmission system or element thereof, the cumulative depreciation shall be adjusted by taking into account the depreciation recovered in tariff by the de-capitalized asset during its useful services.”

50. The depreciation has been worked out considering the admitted capital expenditure as on 31.3.2019 and accumulated depreciation up to 31.3.2019. WAROD at Annexure-II has been worked out as per the rates of depreciation specified in the 2019 Tariff Regulations. The Combined Asset completes 12 years of life as on 31.3.2020. Accordingly, the remaining depreciable value has been spread across the balance useful life in accordance with Regulation 33(5) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations. The depreciation allowed in respect of the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period is as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Opening Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Addition during the year 2019-24 due to projected ACE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Average Gross Block	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Weighted average rate of Depreciation (WAROD) (in %)	5.28%	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%



Balance useful life at the beginning of the year (Year)	14	13	12	11	10
Lapsed life of the asset at the beginning of the year (Year)	11	12	13	14	15
Depreciable Value	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65	11514.65
Depreciation during the year	675.78	267.84	267.84	267.84	267.84
Cumulative Depreciation at the end of the year	8033.98	8301.72	8569.47	8837.21	9104.95
Remaining Depreciable Value	3480.68	3212.93	2945.19	2677.44	2409.70

Interest on Loan

51. Regulation 32 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provides as follows:

“32. Interest on loan capital: (1) *The loans arrived at in the manner indicated in regulation 18 of these regulations shall be considered as gross normative loan for calculation of interest on loan.*

(2) *The normative loan outstanding as on 1.4.2019 shall be worked out by deducting the cumulative repayment as admitted by the Commission up to 31.3.2019 from the gross normative loan.*

(3) *The repayment for each of the year of the tariff period 2019-24 shall be deemed to be equal to the depreciation allowed for the corresponding year/period. In case of de-capitalization of assets, the repayment shall be adjusted by taking into account cumulative repayment on a pro rata basis and the adjustment should not exceed cumulative depreciation recovered upto the date of de-capitalisation of such asset.*

(4) *Notwithstanding any moratorium period availed by the generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, the repayment of loan shall be considered from the first year of commercial operation of the project and shall be equal to the depreciation allowed for the year or part of the year.*

(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.*

(7) *The changes to the terms and conditions of the loans shall be reflected from the date of such re-financing.”*



52. The weighted average rate of IoL has been considered on the basis of rate prevailing as on 1.4.2019. The Petitioner has prayed that the change in interest rate due to floating rate of interest applicable, if any, during the 2019-24 tariff period will be adjusted. Accordingly, the floating rate of interest, if any, shall be considered at the time of true up. Therefore, IoL has been allowed in accordance with Regulation 32 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations. IoL allowed for the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period is as follows:

Particulars	(₹ in lakh)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Gross Normative Loan	8956.22	8956.22	8956.22	8956.22	8956.22
Cumulative Repayments upto Previous Year	7,358.19	8,033.98	8,301.72	8,569.47	8,837.21
Net Loan-Opening	1,598.03	922.24	654.50	386.75	119.01
Additions due to ACE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repayment during the year	675.78	267.74	267.74	267.74	119.01
Net Loan-Closing	922.24	654.50	386.75	119.01	-
Average Loan	1,260.14	788.37	520.63	252.88	59.51
Weighted Average Rate of IoL (in %)	9.3201	9.3268	9.3434	9.3434	9.3434
IoL	117.45	73.53	48.64	23.63	5.56

Return on Equity

53. Regulations 30 and 31 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provide as follows:

“30. Return on Equity: (1) Return on equity shall be computed in rupee terms, on the equity base determined in accordance with Regulation 18 of these regulations.

(2) Return on equity shall be computed at the base rate of 15.50% for thermal generating station, transmission system including communication system and run-of 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:

Provided that return on equity in respect of additional capitalization after cut-off date beyond the original scope excluding additional capitalization due to Change in Law, shall be computed at the weighted average rate of interest on actual loan portfolio of the generating station or the transmission system;

Provided further that:

i. In case of a new project, the rate of return on equity shall be reduced by 1.00% for such period as may be decided by the Commission, if the generating station or



transmission system is found to be declared under commercial operation without commissioning of any of the Restricted Governor Mode Operation (RGMO) or Free Governor Mode Operation (FGMO), data telemetry, communication system up to load dispatch centre or protection system based on the report submitted by the respective RLDC;

ii. in case of existing generating station, as and when any of the requirements under (i) above of this Regulation are found lacking based on the report submitted by the concerned RLDC, rate of return on equity shall be reduced by 1.00% for the period for which the deficiency continues;

iii. in case of a thermal generating station, with effect from 1.4.2020:

a) rate of return on equity shall be reduced by 0.25% in case of failure to achieve the ramp rate of 1% per minute;

b) an additional rate of return on equity of 0.25% shall be allowed for every incremental ramp rate of 1% per minute achieved over and above the ramp rate of 1% per minute, subject to ceiling of additional rate of return on equity of 1.00%:

Provided that the detailed guidelines in this regard shall be issued by National Load Dispatch Centre by 30.6.2019.”

“31. Tax on Return on Equity: (1) The base rate of return on equity as allowed by the Commission under Regulation 30 of these regulations shall be grossed up with the effective tax rate of the respective financial year. For this purpose, the effective tax rate shall be considered on the basis of actual tax paid in respect of the financial year in line with the provisions of the relevant Finance Acts by the concerned generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be. The actual tax paid on income from other businesses including deferred tax liability (i.e. income from business other than business of generation or transmission, as the case may be) shall be excluded for the calculation of effective tax rate.

(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.

Illustration-

(i) In case of a generating company or a transmission licensee paying Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) @ 21.55% including surcharge and cess:

Rate of return on equity = $15.50 / (1 - 0.2155) = 19.758\%$



(ii) In case of a generating company or a transmission licensee paying normal corporate tax including surcharge and cess:

- (a) Estimated Gross Income from generation or transmission business for FY 2019-20 is Rs 1,000 crore;
- (b) Estimated Advance Tax for the year on above is Rs 240 crore;
- (c) Effective Tax Rate for the year 2019-20 = Rs 240 Crore/Rs 1000 Crore = 24%;
- (d) Rate of return on equity = $15.50 / (1 - 0.24) = 20.395\%$.

(3) The generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be, shall true up the grossed up rate of return on equity at the end of every financial year based on actual tax paid together with any additional tax demand including interest thereon, duly adjusted for any refund of tax including interest received from the income tax authorities pertaining to the tariff period 2019-24 on actual gross income of any financial year. However, penalty, if any, arising on account of delay in deposit or short deposit of tax amount shall not be claimed by the generating company or the transmission licensee, as the case may be. Any under-recovery or over-recovery of grossed up rate on return on equity after truing up, shall be recovered or refunded to beneficiaries or the long term customers, as the case may be, on year to year basis.”

54. The Petitioner has submitted that MAT rate is applicable to the Petitioner's company. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner. Accordingly, the MAT rate applicable in 2019-20 has been considered for the purpose of RoE, which shall be trued-up with actual tax rate in accordance with Regulation 31(3) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations. RoE allowed for the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Opening Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Additions due to ACE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Average Equity	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84	3837.84
Return on Equity (Base Rate) (in %)	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
MAT Rate for respective year (in %)	17.472	17.472	17.472	17.472	17.472
Rate of Return on Equity (in %)	18.782	18.782	18.782	18.782	18.782
Return on Equity	720.82	720.82	720.82	720.82	720.82



Operation & Maintenance Expenses

55. The O&M Expenses claimed by the Petitioner for the various elements included in the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period are as follows:

O&M Expenses	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Sub-station					
200 kV					
Number of bays at (a) Munirabad ICT-I Bay, (b) Munirabad SEB Feeder Bay I and II, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (g) Kolar:ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar:SEB Feeder I & II	10	10	10	10	10
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	22.51	23.3	24.12	24.96	25.84
400 kV					
Number of bays at (a) Somanhalli, (b) Munirabad:ICT-I Bay, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Bus reactor bay at Nellore, (g) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar: ICT-II Bay,	8	8	8	8	8
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	32.15	33.28	34.45	35.66	36.91
Transformers					
400 kV 6X315 MVA transformers each at (a) Munirabad:ICT-I, (b) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II, (c) Cuddapah:ICT, (d) Khammam:ICT, (e)Gooty:ICT II, (f) Kolar:ICT-II	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00
Norms (₹ lakh/MVA)	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.41
PLCC					
2% of Capital Cost (2% of ₹24.48 lakh)	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49
Total O&M Expenses (₹ in lakh)	1159.41	1200.95	1243.05	1287.59	1330.99

56. Regulations 35(3)(a) and 35(4) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations provide as follows:

“35. Operation and Maintenance Expenses (3) Transmission system: (a) The following normative operation and maintenance expenses shall be admissible for the transmission system:



Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Norms for sub-station Bays (₹ Lakh per bay)					
765 kV	45.01	46.60	48.23	49.93	51.68
400 kV	32.15	33.28	34.45	35.66	36.91
220 kV	22.51	23.30	24.12	24.96	25.84
132 kV and below	16.08	16.64	17.23	17.83	18.46
Norms for Transformers (₹ Lakh per MVA)					
765 kV	0.491	0.508	0.526	0.545	0.564
400 kV	0.358	0.371	0.384	0.398	0.411
220 kV	0.245	0.254	0.263	0.272	0.282
132 kV and below	0.245	0.254	0.263	0.272	0.282
Norms for AC and HVDC lines (₹ Lakh per km)					
Single Circuit (Bundled Conductor with six or more sub-conductors)	0.881	0.912	0.944	0.977	1.011
Single Circuit (Bundled conductor with four sub-conductors)	0.755	0.781	0.809	0.837	0.867
Single Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor)	0.503	0.521	0.539	0.558	0.578
Single Circuit (Single Conductor)	0.252	0.260	0.270	0.279	0.289
Double Circuit (Bundled conductor with four or more sub-conductors)	1.322	1.368	1.416	1.466	1.517
Double Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor)	0.881	0.912	0.944	0.977	1.011
Double Circuit (Single Conductor)	0.377	0.391	0.404	0.419	0.433
Multi Circuit (Bundled Conductor with four or more sub-conductor)	2.319	2.401	2.485	2.572	2.662
Multi Circuit (Twin & Triple Conductor)	1.544	1.598	1.654	1.713	1.773
Norms for HVDC stations					
HVDC Back-to-Back stations (Rs Lakh per 500 MW) (Except Gazuwaka BTB)	834	864	894	925	958
Gazuwaka HVDC Back-to-Back station (₹ Lakh per 500 MW)	1,666	1,725	1,785	1,848	1,913
500 kV Rihand-Dadri HVDC bipole scheme (Rs Lakh) (1500 MW)	2,252	2,331	2,413	2,498	2,586
±500 kV Talcher- Kolar HVDC bipole scheme (Rs Lakh) (2000 MW)	2,468	2,555	2,645	2,738	2,834
±500 kV Bhiwadi-Balia HVDC bipole scheme (Rs Lakh) (2500 MW)	1,696	1,756	1,817	1,881	1,947
±800 kV, Bishwanath-Agra HVDC bipole scheme (Rs Lakh) (3000 MW)	2,563	2,653	2,746	2,842	2,942



Provided that the O&M expenses for the GIS bays shall be allowed as worked out by multiplying 0.70 of the O&M expenses of the normative O&M expenses for bays;

Provided further that:

- i. the operation and maintenance expenses for new HVDC bi-pole schemes commissioned after 1.4.2019 for a particular year shall be allowed pro-rata on the basis of normative rate of operation and maintenance expenses of similar HVDC bi-pole scheme for the corresponding year of the tariff period;*
- ii. the O&M expenses norms for HVDC bi-pole line shall be considered as Double Circuit quad AC line;*
- iii. the O&M expenses of ± 500 kV Mundra-Mohindergarh HVDC bipole scheme (2000 MW) shall be allowed as worked out by multiplying 0.80 of the normative O&M expenses for ± 500 kV Talchar-Kolar HVDC bi-pole scheme (2000 MW);*
- iv. the O&M expenses of ± 800 kV Champa-Kurukshetra HVDC bi-pole scheme (3000 MW) shall be on the basis of the normative O&M expenses for ± 800 kV, Bishwanath-Agra HVDC bi-pole scheme;*
- v. the O&M expenses of ± 800 kV, Alipurduar-Agra HVDC bi-pole scheme (3000 MW) shall be allowed as worked out by multiplying 0.80 of the normative O&M expenses for ± 800 kV, Bishwanath-Agra HVDC bi-pole scheme; and*
- vi. the O&M expenses of Static Synchronous Compensator and Static Var Compensator shall be worked at 1.5% of original project cost as on commercial operation which shall be escalated at the rate of 3.51% to work out the O&M expenses during the tariff period. The O&M expenses of Static Synchronous Compensator and Static Var Compensator, if required, may be reviewed after three years.*

(b) The total allowable operation and maintenance expenses for the transmission system shall be calculated by multiplying the number of sub-station bays, transformer capacity of the transformer (in MVA) and km of line length with the applicable norms for the operation and maintenance expenses per bay, per MVA and per km respectively.

(c) The Security Expenses and Capital Spares for transmission system shall be allowed separately after prudence check:

Provided that the transmission licensee shall submit the assessment of the security requirement and estimated security expenses, the details of year-wise actual capital spares consumed at the time of truing up with appropriate justification.”

“(4) Communication system: *The operation and maintenance expenses for the communication system shall be worked out at 2.0% of the original project cost related to such communication system. The transmission licensee shall submit the actual operation and maintenance expenses for truing up.”*



57. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner. The Petitioner has claimed O&M Expenses separately for PLCC under Regulation 35(4) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations @2% of its original project cost in the instant petition. The Petitioner has made similar claim in other petitions as well. Though PLCC is a communication system, it has been considered as part of the sub-station in the 2014 Tariff Regulations and the 2019 Tariff Regulations and the norms for sub-station have been specified accordingly. Accordingly, the Commission vide order dated 24.1.2021 in Petition No. 126/TT/2020 has already concluded that no separate O&M Expenses can be allowed for PLCC under Regulation 35(4) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations even though PLCC is a communication system. Therefore, the Petitioner's claim for separate O&M Expenses for PLCC @2% is not allowed.

58. The O&M Expenses allowed for the Combined Asset is as follows:

O&M Expenses	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Sub-station					
200 kV					
Number of bays at (a) Munirabad ICT-I Bay, (b) Munirabad SEB Feeder Bay I and II, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (g) Kolar:ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar:SEB Feeder I & II	10	10	10	10	10
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	22.51	23.3	24.12	24.96	25.84
400 kV					
Number of bays at (a) Somanhalli, (b) Munirabad:ICT-I Bay, (c) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II Bay, (d) Cuddapah:ICT-II Bay, (e) Khammam:ICT-II Bay, (f) Bus reactor bay at Nellore, (g) Gooty: ICT-II Bay, (h) Kolar: ICT-II Bay,	8	8	8	8	8
Norms (₹ lakh/bay)	32.15	33.28	34.45	35.66	36.91
Transformers					



400 kV 6X315 MVA transformers each at (a) Munirabad:ICT-I, (b) Gajuwaka/vishakhapatnam:ICT-II, (c) Cuddapah:ICT, (d) Khammam:ICT, (e)Gooty:ICT II, (f) Kolar:ICT-II	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00	1890.00
Norms (₹ lakh/MVA)	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.40	0.41
Total O&M Expenses (₹ in lakh)	1158.92	1200.43	1242.56	1287.10	1330.47

Interest on Working Capital

59. Regulations 34(1)(c), 34(3), 34(4) and Regulation 3(7) of the 2019 Tariff

Regulations specify as follows:

“34. Interest on Working Capital

(1) ...

(c) For Hydro Generating Station (including Pumped Storage Hydro Generating Station) and Transmission System:

- i. Receivables equivalent to 45 days of fixed cost;*
- ii. Maintenance spares @ 15% of operation and maintenance expenses including security expenses; and*
- iii. Operation and maintenance expenses, including security expenses for one month”*

“(3) Rate of IWC shall be on normative basis and shall be considered as the bank rate as on 1.4.2019 or as on 1st April of the year during the tariff period 2019-24 in which the generating station or a unit thereof or the transmission system including communication system or element thereof, as the case may be, is declared under commercial operation, whichever is later:

Provided that in case of truing-up, the rate of IWC shall be considered at bank rate as on 1st April of each of the financial year during the tariff period 2019-24.”

“(4) IWC shall be payable on normative basis notwithstanding that the generating company or the transmission licensee has not taken loan for working capital from any outside agency.”

“3. Definitions ...

(7) ‘Bank Rate’ means the one year marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR) of the State Bank of India issued from time to time plus 350 basis points;”

60. IWC is worked out in accordance with Regulation 34 of the 2019 Tariff

Regulations. The Rate of Interest (RoI) considered is 12.05% (SBI 1 year MCLR applicable as on 1.4.2019 of 8.55% plus 350 basis points) for 2019-20, 11.25% (SBI 1 year MCLR applicable as on 1.4.2020 of 7.75% plus 350 basis points) for 2020-2021



and from 2021-22 onwards as 10.50% (SBI 1 year MCLR applicable as on 1.4.2021 of 7.00% plus 350 basis points). The components of the working capital and interest allowed thereon is as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
O&M Expenses (O&M Expenses for 1 month)	96.58	100.04	103.55	107.26	110.87
Maintenance Spares (15% of O&M Expenses)	173.84	180.06	186.38	193.07	199.57
Receivables (Equivalent to 45 days of annual transmission charges)	337.65	286.80	288.56	291.13	293.61
Total Working Capital	608.07	566.90	578.49	591.45	604.05
Rate of Interest (in %)	12.05	11.25	10.50	10.50	10.50
IWC	73.27	63.78	60.74	62.10	63.43

Annual Fixed Charges for the 2019-24 Tariff Period

61. The transmission charges allowed for the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)					
Particulars	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Depreciation	675.78	267.74	267.74	267.74	267.74
IoL	117.45	73.53	48.64	23.63	5.56
Return on Equity	720.82	720.82	720.82	720.82	720.82
IWC	73.27	63.78	60.74	62.10	63.43
O&M Expenses	1158.92	1200.43	1242.56	1287.10	1330.47
Total	2746.24	2326.30	2340.51	2361.40	2388.02

Filing Fee and the Publication Expenses

62. The Petitioner has prayed for reimbursement of fee paid by it for filing the petition and publication expenses. 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 Regulation 70(1) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations.



Licence Fee & RLDC Fees and Charges

63. The Petitioner has prayed for reimbursement of licence fee and RLDC fees and charges in terms of 2019 Tariff Regulations. The Petitioner shall be entitled for reimbursement of licence fee in accordance with Regulation 70(4) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations for the 2019-24 tariff period. The Petitioner shall also be entitled for recovery of RLDC fee and charges in accordance with Regulation 70(3) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations for the 2019-24 tariff period.

Goods and Services Tax

64. The Petitioner has submitted that if GST is levied at any rate and at any point of time in future on charges of transmission of electricity, the same shall be borne and additionally paid by the Respondent(s) to the Petitioner and the same shall be charged and billed separately by the Petitioner. Further, additional taxes, if any, are to be paid by the Petitioner on account of demand from Government/ Statutory authorities, the same may be allowed to be recovered from the beneficiaries.

65. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner. Since GST is not levied on transmission service at present we are of the view that Petitioner's prayer is premature.

Security Expenses

66. The Petitioner has submitted that security expenses for the Combined Asset are not claimed in the instant petition and it would file a separate petition for claiming the overall security expenses and the consequential IWC.

67. The Petitioner has claimed consolidated security expenses on projected basis for 2019-24tariff period on the basis of actual security expenses incurred in 2018-19 in Petition No. 260/MP/2020. The Commission vide order dated 3.8.2021 in Petition No. 260/MP/2020 approved security expenses from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2024. Therefore,



security expenses will be shared in terms of the order dated 3.8.2021 in Petition No. 260/MP/2020. Therefore, the Petitioner's prayer in the instant petition for allowing it to file a separate petition for claiming the overall security expenses and consequential IWC has become infructuous.

Capital Spares

68. The Petitioner has sought reimbursement of capital spares at the end of tariff block. The Petitioner's claim, if any, shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the 2019 Tariff Regulations.

Sharing of Transmission Charges

69. During the tariff periods 2004-09 and 2009-14 (upto 30.6.2011), the transmission charges for inter-State transmission systems were being shared in accordance with the Tariff Regulations for the respective tariff periods. With effect from 1.7.2011, sharing of transmission charges for inter-State transmission system was governed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2010. With effect from 1.11.2020, sharing of transmission charges is governed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020 (in short, "the 2020 Sharing Regulations"). Accordingly, the liabilities of the DICs for arrears of transmission charges determined through this order shall be computed DIC-wise in accordance with the provisions of respective Tariff Regulations and shall be recovered from the concerned DICs through Bills under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the 2020 Sharing Regulations. For subsequent period, the billing, collection and disbursement of the transmission charges approved in this order shall be governed by the provisions of the 2020 Sharing Regulations as provided in Regulation 57 of the 2019 Tariff Regulations.



70. To summarise:

- a) The revised AFC approved for the transmission assets for the 2004-09 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

Asset-I		Asset-II		Asset-III	
2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
125.85	182.55	177.65	290.92	463.86	863.46

(₹ in lakh)

Asset-IV		Asset-V		Asset-VI	
2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
121.98	281.79	156.58	416.71	40.67	262.83

- b) The consequential revision of AFC approved for the Combined Asset for the 2009-14 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
2962.88	3000.12	3001.66	2993.58	2994.29

- c) The trued-up AFC approved for the Combined Asset for the 2014-19 tariff period are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
2857.60	2828.65	2797.09	2766.54	2739.20

- d) AFC allowed for the Combined Asset for the 2019-24 tariff period in the instant order are as follows:

(₹ in lakh)

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
2746.24	2326.30	2340.51	2361.40	2388.02

71. Annexure-I and Annexure-II given hereinafter shall form part of the order.



72. This order disposes of Petition No. 506/TT/2020 in terms of the above discussions and findings.

sd/-
(Pravas Kumar Singh)
Member

sd/-
(I. S. Jha)
Member

sd/-
(P. K. Pujari)
Chairperson



Annexure-I

2019-24 Capital Expenditure	Combined Admitted Capital Cost as on 1.4.2014 / COD (₹ in lakh)	ACE (₹ in lakh)	Admitted Capital Cost as on 31.3.2019 (₹ in lakh)	Rate of Depreciation as per Regulations	Annual Depreciation as per Regulations (₹ in lakh)				
		Total			2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Land - Freehold	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land - Leasehold	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Civil Works & Colony	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transmission Line	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub Station	12769.58	0.00	12769.58	5.28	674.23	674.23	674.23	674.23	674.23
PLCC	24.48	0.00	24.48	6.33	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55	1.55
IT Equipment (Incl. Software)	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	12794.06	0.00	12794.06	Total	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78	675.78
Average Gross Block (₹ in lakh)					12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Weighted Average Rate of Depreciation					5.28%	5.28%	5.28%	5.28%	5.28%



Annexure-II

2019-24 Capital Expenditure	Combined Admitted Capital Cost as on 1.4.2019 / COD (₹ in lakh)	Projected ACE 2019-24	Admitted Capital Cost as on 31.3.2024 (₹ in lakh)	Rate of Depreciation as per Regulations (%)	Annual Depreciation as per Regulations (₹ in lakh)				
					2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Land - Freehold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Land - Leasehold	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.34					
Building Civil Works & Colony	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.34					
Transmission Line	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.28					
Sub Station	12769.58	0.00	12769.58	5.28					
PLCC	24.48	0.00	24.48	6.33					
IT Equipment (Incl. Software)	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00					
Total	12794.06	0.00	12794.06	Total	675.78	267.84	267.84	267.84	267.84
Average Gross Block (₹ in lakh)					12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06	12794.06
Weighted Average Rate of Depreciation					5.28%	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%	2.09%

