CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

EXPLANATION FOR THE NOTIFICATION ON ESCALATION FACTORS AND OTHER PARAMETERS, DATED 30.9.2009

1. In pursuance of Clause 5.6 (vi) of Ministry of Power (MOP) Notification dated 19.1.2005 (as amended from time to time) on "*Guidelines for Determination of Tariff by Bidding Process for procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees*", the CERC notifies various escalation factors and other parameters, every six months, for the purpose of bid evaluation and payment. The relevant Clause of the latest amendment to the competitive bidding guidelines dated 27.3.2009, is as under:

"2.23 Sub-clause (vi) of clause 5.6 is replaced by the following:

Following shall be notified and updated by the CERC every six months:

- 1. Escalation rate for domestic coal. (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 2. Escalation rate for domestic gas. (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 3. Escalation rates for different escalable sub-components of energy charge for plants based on imported coal. (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 4. Escalation rates for inland transportation charges for coal (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 5. Escalation rates for inland transportation charges for gas (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 6. Escalation rate for different escalable sub-components of energy charge for plants based on imported gas. (Separately for evaluation and payment)
- 7. Inflation rate to be applied to indexed capacity charge component.
- 8. Inflation rate to be applied to indexed energy charge component in cases of captive fuel source.
- 9. Discount rate to be used for bid evaluation.
- 10. Dollar-Rupee exchange variation rate. (For the purpose of evaluation)
- 11. Escalation for normative transmission charges (For the purpose of evaluation)"

2. In addition to the above mentioned escalation factors and other parameters, the CERC notifies the matrix of transmission charges and losses as per Format 5.10 & 5.11 of the RFP of Standard Bidding Document of Case-1.

3. Though the above mentioned escalation factors and other parameters are to be notified for the purpose of bid evaluation and payment, the CERC notifies only the escalation factors and other parameters for the purpose of bid evaluation in the current notification. Accordingly the explanation for the current notification is also provided for the escalation factors and other parameters for bid evaluation only.

4. The methodology that was used for computing the escalation factors and other parameters published in the earlier notifications (Notification dated 24.11.2006 and Notification dated 3.7.2009 and its Corrigendum dated 29.7.2009) has been used for computing the escalation factors and other parameters published in the present notification. The detailed methodology can be seen in the consultant's report (Revised as on 22 November 2006) followed by Explanation (General), Revised methodology (as per the Amendment to the Competitive Bidding Guidelines dated 27.3.2009) dated July 2009 and Explanation for Corrigendum dated 29.7.2009, available on CERC website (www.cercind.gov.in).

5. The annual inflation rates and escalation rates for bid evaluation have been computed based on the time series data for latest twelve calendar years. The steps followed while computing the rates are as under.

Step 1: 3 years moving average data points computed based on year-wise index

Step 2: Annual Escalation factors computed based on 3 years moving average data points Step 3: Mean escalation rate computed based on annual escalation factors

Step 4: In case of hybrid index, weights of various price indices applied on the computed mean escalation rates.

6. The annual inflation rates and escalation rates for bid evaluation have been computed based on the time series data (twelve calendar year data) i.e. for the period from 1997 to 2008. The Dollar-Rupee Exchange Variation Rate has been computed based on the data for the period from 1998 to 2008 keeping volatility of the Dollar with the Rupee. A mean approach has been applied on the data series. Further, to smoothen out the data series, the annual escalation factors have been calculated on data points obtained using a three years moving average on annual calendar year data.

7. The data series and calculation of escalation factors and other parameters has been provided below:

(1) Escalation Rate for domestic coal (for Evaluation)

The escalation rate for domestic coal has been computed based on the time series data on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for non-coking coal for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data on WPI for non-coking coal has been taken from the website of Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The escalation rate for domestic coal has been computed as under:

Table-1: ESCALATION RATE FOR EVALUATION OF ENERGY CHARGE COMPONENT OF DOMESTIC COAL							
Year	WPI for Non- Coking Coal	3 Year Moving Average	Escalation Rate(%)				
1997	134.6						
1998	142.4						
1999	146.1	141.0					
2000	151.3	146.6	3.95				
2001	180.9	159.4	8.76				
2002	183.6	171.9	7.84				
2003	192.5	185.7	7.98				
2004	217.7	197.9	6.61				
2005	232.8	214.3	8.29				
2006	232.8	227.8	6.28				
2007	233.9	233.2	2.36				
2008	254.0	240.2	3.03				
		Mean	6.12				

The mean escalation rate computed in the above table (6.12%) is notified as escalation rate for domestic coal.

(2). Escalation rate for domestic gas (For Evaluation)

The escalation rate for domestic gas has been computed based on the time series data on consumer price of gas for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data has been collected from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and GAIL (India) Ltd. Hybrid index based on 90% weightage to Consumer Price-Off-shore (Landfall point and On-shore) and 10% Consumer Price (North-Eastern States) has been used while computing the escalation rate for domestic gas as under:

	Table	-2: Escalati	on Rate for	Do	omestic (Bas (For Eva	luation)	
Consu	Consumer Price-Off-shore (Landfall point and On-shore)				Cons	n States)		
Year	Consumer Price-Off- shore (Landfall point and On-shore) (Rs./'ooo' cubic metre)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalati on Rate (%)		Year	Consume r Price (North- Eastern States) (Rs./'ooo' cubic metre)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalatio n Rate (%)
1997	2850				1997	1700		
1998	2850				1998	1700		
1999	2850	2850.00			1999	1700	1700.00	
2000	2850	2850.00	0.00		2000	1700	1700.00	0.00
2001	2850	2850.00	0.00		2001	1700	1700.00	0.00
2002	2850	2850.00	0.00		2002	1700	1700.00	0.00
2003	2850	2850.00	0.00		2003	1700	1700.00	0.00
2004	2850	2850.00	0.00		2004	1700	1700.00	0.00
2005	3025	2908.33	2.05		2005	1810	1736.67	2.16
2006	3200	3025.00	4.01		2006	1920	1810.00	4.22
2007	3200	3141.67	3.86		2007	1920	1883.33	4.05
2008	3200	3200.00	1.86		2008	1920	1920.00	1.95
		Mean	1.31				Mean	1.38
					Weigh t	Mean Escalatio n Rate	Contributio n to Index	
Mean es	scalation for cons	sumer price	(Off-shore)		0.90	1.31	1.18	
	scalation for cons				0.10	1.38	0.14	
Annual	Escalation Rate	e for Domes	stic Gas (%)				1.31	

The weighted average of mean escalation rate computed in the above table (1.31%) is notified as escalation rate for domestic gas.

(3) Escalation Rate for different escalable sub-components of energy charge for plants based on imported coal (for Evaluation)

(3.1) Escalation Rate for Imported Coal component (For Evaluation)

The escalation rate for imported coal component has been computed based on the data on the time series data on Barlow Jonker Index for the period from 1997 to 2008 as under:

Component Index	Data Series	Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index (%)
Barlow Jonker Index	12 Years (Jan 1997 to Dec 2008)	14.53%	1.00	14.53%
Proposed Escalation	14.53%			

(3.2) Escalation Rate for Transportation of Coal component (For Evaluation)

The escalation rate for transportation of coal component has been computed based on the data on the time series data on Singapore 380 CST Bunker Fuel Index for the period from 1997 to 2008 as under:

Component Index	Data Series	Mean Escalation Rate	U	Contribution to Index (%)
Singapore 380 CST	12 Years (Jan 1997	17.95%	1.00	17.95%
Bunker Fuel Index	to Dec 2008)			
Proposed Escalation	17.95%			

(3.3) Escalation Rate for Inland Handling of Coal component (For Evaluation)

The escalation rate for Inland Handling of coal component has been computed based on the data on the time series data on WPI and CPI for the period from 1997 to 2008. A hybrid index using 60% weightage to WPI and 40% weightage to CPI-IW has been used while computing the escalation rate as under:

Component Index	Data Series	Mean Escalation	Weight	Contribution			
		Rate		to Index (%)			
Mean Escalation of WPI	12 Years (Jan 1997	5.11%	0.60	3.07%			
series	to Dec 2008)						
Mean Escalation of CPI-	12 Years (Jan 1997	4.94%	0.40	1.98%			
IW series	to Dec 2008)						
Proposed Escalation R	Proposed Escalation Rate						

(4) Escalation rate for inland transportation charges for coal (For Evaluation)

The escalation rate for inland transportation of coal has been computed based on the time series data on coal freight rates for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data has been collected from Ministry of Railways. The data on coal freight rate for 100 km, 500 km, 1000 km, 2000 km and 3000 km has been used for computing the escalation rate for inland transportation of coal for distance upto 100 km, upto 500 km, upto 1000 km, upto 2000 km and beyond 2000 km respectively. The escalation rate for inland transportation of coal has been computed as under:

Table-4.1: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Coal (up to 100 KM) (For Evaluation)						
Year	Coal Freight Rate for 100 km (Rs/Tonne)	3 Year moving averag e	Annual Escalatio n Rate (%)			
1997	94.10					
1998	95.53					
1999	98.85	96.16				
2000	101.30	98.56	2.50			
2001	103.30	101.15	2.63			
2002	107.25	103.95	2.77			
2003	108.40	106.32	2.28			
2004	114.70	110.12	3.57			
2005	116.80	113.30	2.89			
2006	116.80	116.10	2.47			
2007	116.80	116.80	0.60			
2008	123.03	118.88	1.78			
Mean Es	Mean Escalation Rate 2.39					

Table-4.2: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Coal (up to 500 KM) (For Evaluation)						
Year	Coal Freight Rate for 500 km (Rs/Tonne)	3 Year moving averag e	Annual Escalatio n Rate (%)			
1997	355.80					
1998	360.60					
1999	373.08	363.16				
2000	382.33	372.00	2.43			
2001	389.98	381.79	2.63			
2002	393.78	388.69	1.81			
2003	394.40	392.72	1.04			
2004	417.20	401.79	2.31			
2005	424.80	412.13	2.57			
2006	429.83	423.94	2.87			
2007	431.50	428.71	1.12			
2008	454.60	438.64	2.32			
Mean Es	2.12					

Table-4.3: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Coal (up to 1000 KM) (For Evaluation)					
Year	Coal Freight Rate for 1000 km (Rs/Tonne)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalation Rate (%)		
1997	703.50				
1998	703.50				
1999	724.58	710.53			
2000	742.55	723.54	1.83		

Table-4.4: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Coal (Up to 2000 KM) (For Evaluation)					
Year	Coal Freight Rate for 2000 km (Rs/Tonne)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalati on Rate (%)		
1997	1254.30				
1998	1244.93				
1999	1279.08	1259.43			
2000	1310.85	1278.28	1.50		

	scalation Rate	0 11.00	1.91	Mean Escalation Rate			2.39	
2008	873.10	841.93	2.57	ĺ	2008	1617.20	1557.97	2.98
2007	828.70	820.83	1.37		2007	1535.00	1512.83	1.79
2006	823.98	809.70	3.06		2006	1521.70	1486.28	3.38
2005	809.80	785.68	2.42		2005	1481.80	1437.68	2.71
2004	795.33	767.14	1.68		2004	1455.33	1399.68	2.90
2003	751.90	754.49	0.41		2003	1375.90	1360.25	1.62
2002	754.20	751.38	1.33		2002	1367.83	1338.57	2.26
2001	757.38	741.50	2.48		2001	1337.03	1308.98	2.40

able-4.5: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Coal (Beyond 2000 KM) (For Evaluation)						
Year	Coal Freight Rate for 3000 km (Rs/Tonne)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalation Rate (%)			
1997	1592.90					
1998	1580.98					
1999	1624.33	1599.40				
2000	1664.70	1623.33	1.50			
2001	1698.03	1662.35	2.40			
2002	1751.03	1704.58	2.54			
2003	1765.90	1738.32	1.98			
2004	1867.83	1794.92	3.26			
2005	1901.80	1845.18	2.80			
2006	1948.15	1905.93	3.29			
2007	1963.60	1937.85	1.68			
2008	2068.83	1993.53	2.87			
		Mean	2.48			

The mean escalation rates computed in the above tables (2.39%, 2.12%, 1.91%, 2.39% and 2.48% respectively applicable for transportation of coal upto 100 km, upto 500 km, upto 1000 km, upto 2000 km and beyond 2000 km) are notified as annual escalation rates for inland transportation charges for coal for evaluation.

(5) Escalation rates for inland transportation charges for gas (For Evaluation)

The Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Gas has been computed based on the time series data on transportation charges of gas along HVJ pipeline charged by GAIL for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data has been collected from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and GAIL (India) Ltd. The escalation rate for transportation of natural gas for evaluation has been computed as under:

Table-5	Table-5: Escalation Rate for Inland Transportation Charges for Gas (ForEvaluation)						
Year	Transportation charges along HVJ pipeline (Rs./'ooo' cubic metre)	3 Year moving average	Annual Escalation Rate (%)				
1997	850						
1998	850						
1999	850	850.00					
2000	850	850.00	0.00				
2001	850	850.00	0.00				
2002	1075	925.00	8.82				
2003	1150	1025.00	10.81				
2004	1150	1125.00	9.76				
2005	1150	1150.00	2.22				
2006	1150	1150.00	0.00				
2007	1150	1150.00	0.00				
2008	1031	1110.17	-3.46				
		Mean	3.13				

The mean escalation rate computed in the above table (3.13%) is notified as escalation rate for inland transportation charges for natural gas.

(6) Escalation rate for different escalable sub-components of energy charge for plants based on imported gas

(6.1) Escalation rate for Imported Gas sub-component

The escalation rate for imported gas sub-component for evaluation has been computed based on the time series data on Platts Japan JCC LNG prices for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data has been subscribed from Platts. The escalation rate for imported gas sub-component has been computed as under:

Table-6.1: Escalation Rate for Imported Gas component (For Evaluation)							
Component Index	Data Series	Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index(%)			
Japan LNG Price Index	12 years (Jan 1997 to Dec 2008)	12.01%	1	12.01%			
Escalation R	12.01%						

The mean escalation rate computed in the above table (12.01%) is notified as escalation rate for imported gas sub-component.

(6.2) Escalation rate for transportation of Gas sub-component

The escalation rate for transportation of gas sub-component has been computed based on the time series data on FOB prices of 380cst bunker fuel for the period from 1997-2008. The data has been subscribed from Clarkson Research. The escalation rate for transportation of gas sub-component has been computed as under:

Table-6.2: Escalation Rate for transportation sub-component (For Evaluation)						
Component Index	Data Series	Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index(%)		
Singapore Bunker Price Index	12 years (Jan 1997 to Dec 2008)	17.95%	1.00	17.95%		
Escalation R	17.95%					

The mean escalation rate computed in the above table (17.95%) is notified as escalation rate for transportation of gas for evaluation.

(6.3) Escalation Rate for inland handling of Gas sub-component

The escalation rate for inland handling of gas sub-component has been computed based on the time series data on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and Consumer Price Index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) for the period from 1997 to 2008. A hybrid index of WPI with 60% weightage and CPI-IW with 40% weightage is used while computing the escalation rate. The data on WPI and CPI-IW has been taken from the website of Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Labour Bureau. The escalation rate for inland handling of gas sub-component has been computed as under:

Та	ble 6.3:	ESCALA		R INLAND HA EVALUATION)		UB-COMPONE	NT (FOR	
		Price Indes (Base 19	ex for All 93-94=100)	Consume	Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (Base 2001=100)			
Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate (%)	Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate (%)	
1997	131.3			1997	77			
1998	138.9			1998	87			
1999	143.8	138.0		1999	92	85.4		
2000	152.8	145.2	5.19%	2000	95	91.4	7.01%	
2001	160.7	152.4	5.01%	2001	99	95.2	4.14%	
2002	164.7	159.4	4.57%	2002	103	99.1	4.03%	
2003	173.4	166.3	4.31%	2003	107	103.0	3.96%	
2004	184.9	174.3	4.85%	2004	111	107.1	3.95%	
2005	193.7	184.0	5.54%	2005	116	111.3	3.95%	
2006	203.0	193.9	5.37%	2006	123	116.6	4.76%	
2007	212.8	203.2	4.80%	2007	131	123.1	5.63%	
2008	232.2	216.0	6.31%	2008	142	131.8	7.01%	
		Mean	5.11%			Mean	4.94%	
				Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index		
Comm	Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities			5.11%	0.6	3.06%		
Worke	Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers			4.94%	0.4	1.98%		
Escal	ation Ra	ite				5.04%		

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The escalation rate computed in the above table (5.04%) has been notified as escalation rate for inland handling of gas sub-component.

(7) Inflation Rate To Be Applied To Indexed Capacity Charge Component (For Evaluation)

The inflation rate to be applied to indexed capacity charge component has been computed based on the time series data on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and the Consumer Price Index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) for the period from 1997 to 2008. A hybrid index with 60% weightage to WPI and 40% weightage to CPI-IW has been used while computing the inflation rate. The inflation rate has been computed as under:

	Table-7:	INFLATIO		E APPLIED TO NT (FOR EVAL		CAPACITY CH	IARGE	
		Price Indes (Base 19	ex for All 93-94=100)	Consumer	Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (Base 2001=100)			
Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate	Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate	
1997	131.3			1997	77			
1998	138.9			1998	87			
1999	143.8	138.0		1999	92	85.4		
2000	152.8	145.2	5.19%	2000	95	91.4	7.01%	
2001	160.7	152.4	5.01%	2001	99	95.2	4.14%	
2002	164.7	159.4	4.57%	2002	103	99.1	4.03%	
2003	173.4	166.3	4.31%	2003	107	103.0	3.96%	
2004	184.9	174.3	4.85%	2004	111	107.1	3.95%	
2005	193.7	184.0	5.54%	2005	116	111.3	3.95%	
2006	203.0	193.9	5.37%	2006	123	116.6	4.76%	
2007	212.8	203.2	4.80%	2007	131	123.1	5.63%	
2008	232.2	216.0	6.31%	2008	142	131.8	7.01%	
		Mean	5.11%			Mean	4.94%	
				Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index		
Comm	Wholesale Price Index for All Commodities		5.11%	0.6	3.06%			
Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers			4.94%	0.4	1.98%			
Inflati	on Rate	for index	ed capacity cha	arge		5.04%		

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The weighted average of mean inflation rate computed in the above table (5.04%) has been notified as inflation rate to be applied to indexed capacity charge component.

(8) Escalation Rate for Captive Mine Coal (For Evaluation)

Using CPI for industrial workers, WPI for all commodities and disaggregated WPI series for various commodities used in the captive mining, the escalation rate for captive mine coal has been computed as under.

Table-8.1: INFLATION RATE TO BE APPLIED TO INDEXED ENERGY CHARGE COMPONENT IN CASE OF CAPTIVE MINE COAL SOURCE (FOR EVALUATION)

S.No	Component Index	Mean Escalation Rate	Weight	Contribution to Index
1	Mean Escalation of WPI series for			
	Tyres	0.80%	0.10	0.08%
2	Mean Escalation of WPI series for Heavy Machinery and Parts	4.71%	0.25	1.18%
3	Mean Escalation of WPI series for HSD Oil	13.59%	0.25	3.40%
4	Mean Escalation of WPI series for Matches, Explosives & Other	4.00%	0.40	0.00%
	Chemicals	1.98%	0.10	0.20%
5	Mean Escalation of WPI series for All Commodities	5.11%	0.10	0.51%
6	Mean Escalation of CPI-IW series	4.94%	0.20	0.99%
	Escalation Rate for Captive Mine Coal			6.35%

Table-8.2: Wholesale Price Index for Tyres (Base 1993-94=100)					
Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate		
1997	131.1				
1998	130.5				
1999	128.0	129.9			
2000	127.5	128.7	-0.92%		
2001	123.2	126.2	-1.89%		
2002	126.3	125.7	-0.45%		
2003	120.6	123.4	-1.83%		
2004	120.0	122.3	-0.86%		
2005	121.4	120.7	-1.34%		
2006	127.7	123.0	1.97%		
2007	139.3	129.5	5.22%		
2008	149.7	138.9	7.28%		
		Mean	0.80%		

Table-8.3: Wholesale Price Index for Heavy Machinery and Parts (Base 1993- 94=100)							
Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate				
1997	133.1						
1998	138.0						
1999	142.3	137.8					
2000	148.3	142.9	3.68%				
2001	158.1	149.6	4.69%				
2002	161.3	155.9	4.23%				
2003	167.8	162.4	4.17%				
2004	178.7	169.3	4.23%				
2005	197.8	181.4	7.19%				
2006	200.1	192.2	5.94%				
2007	206.0	201.3	4.73%				
2008	219.3	208.4	3.55%				
	Mean 4.71%						

Table-8.4: Wholesale Price Index for HSD Oil (Base 1993-94=100)					
Year	r Index 3 yr Avg		Escalation Rate		
1997	136.6				
1998	153.6				
1999	159.6	149.9			
2000	218.0	177.1	18.10%		
2001	251.8	209.8	18.49%		

Table-8.5: Wholesale Price Index for Matches, Explosives & Other Chemicals (Base 1993-94=100)					
Year	Index	3 yr Moving Avg	Escalation Rate		
1997	116.0				
1998	123.2				
1999	122.9	120.7			
2000	122.8	123.0	1.88%		
2001	126.8	124.2	0.98%		

2000	407.9	400.7 Mean	<u> </u>	2000	100.4	Mean	1.98%
2008	487.9	468.7	5.48%	2008	155.4	143.7	6.83%
2007	451.8	444.3	8.83%	2007	141.9	134.5	3.21%
2006	466.3	408.3	16.32%	2006	134.0	130.4	1.24%
2005	414.9	351.0	17.01%	2005	127.8	128.8	-0.08%
2004	343.6	300.0	11.36%	2004	129.3	128.9	0.65%
2003	294.5	269.4	10.46%	2003	129.2	128.0	1.69%
2002	261.8	243.9	16.24%	2002	128.1	125.9	1.40%

(9) Discount Rate to be used for bid evaluation

Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) has been considered as discount rate. The WACC has been computed as under:

WACC = Cost of Debt + Cost of Equity

Where,

Cost of Debt = 0.70 (Market Rate) X (1-Corporate Tax Rate)

Cost of Equity= 0.30 (Risk Free Rate + b(Risk Premium))

The computation of WACC can be seen in the following table.

Table-9: DISCOUNT RATE TO	BE USED FOR BID E	ALUATION
	Cost of Debt/Equity	WACC (%)
1. Cost of Debt		
0.70(MR)x(1-CTR)	5.39	
2. Cost of Equity		
0.30((RF+b(RP))	4.80	
Discount Rate (1+2)		10.19
Discount Rate has been computed bas	ed on the following as	sumptions
Components of Debt/Equity		Assumptions (%)
Debt		70.00
Equity		30.00
Corporate Tax Rate (CTR)		30.00
Risk Free rate (RF)		7.86
Beta (b)		1.00
Equity Market Risk Premium (RP)		8.14
Market Rate of Interest (MR)		11.00

The Debt and Equity of 70:30 has been assumed based on CERC norms on Debt and Equity in its Tariff Regulations 2009-14. The basic corporate tax rate for the year 2008-09 (i.e. excluding surcharge and cess) has been assumed while computing the discount rate. The 10 year GOI securities rate for the year 2008 has been taken as risk free rate. There is no appropriate beta value representing the power sector, hence beta value of 1 has been assumed. The Equity market risk premium is derived from risk free rate for the year 2008 and the CERC norm for ROE (i.e. 16% post tax) in its tariff regulations 2009-14.

The WACC computed in the above table (10.19%) has been notified as discount rate for bid evaluation.

(10) Dollar-Rupee Exchange Variation Rate (For Evaluation)

The exchange rate of the Indian Rupee vis-à-vis the US Dollar has been taken from the website of the Reserve Bank of India. The data has been taken for the period from the Calendar Year 1998 to 2008 (both inclusive). A mean approach has been applied on data series. Further, to smoothen out the data series, the annual escalation factors have been calculated on data points obtained using a three year moving average on the annual calendar year data. The computation of exchange variation rate can be seen in the following table.

Table-10: DOLLAR-RUPEE EXCHANGE VARIATION RATE (FOR EVALUATION)						
Year	Rupees per unit of US Dollar	3 years moving average rate	Exchange Variation rate (%)			
1998	41.27					
1999	43.05					
2000	44.94	43.09				
2001	47.19	45.06	4.58			
2002	48.60	46.91	4.10			
2003	46.58	47.46	1.17			
2004	45.32	46.83	-1.31			
2005	44.10	45.33	-3.20			
2006	45.33	44.92	-0.92			
2007	41.29	43.58	-2.99			
2008	43.42	43.35	-0.52			
		Mean	0.11			

The mean dollar-rupee exchange variation rate computed in the above table (0.11%) has been notified as dollar-rupee exchange variation rate for bid evaluation.

(11) Escalation for normative transmission charges (For Evaluation)

The escalation for normative transmission charges for evaluation has been computed based on the time series data on per unit transmission charges of Powergrid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) for the period from 1997 to 2008. The data has been collected from PGCIL. The escalation for normative transmission charges has been computed as under:

Table-11: ESCALATION FOR NORMATIVE TRANSMISSION CHARGES (FOR EVALUATION)							
Year	Normative Transmission Charges (Rs/kwh)	3 year moving average	Annual Escalation Rate				
1997	0.0973						
1998	0.1085						
1999	0.1202	0.1087					
2000	0.1313	0.1200	10.44%				
2001	0.1285	0.1267	5.56%				
2002	0.1358	0.1319	4.10%				
2003	0.1455	0.1366	3.59%				
2004	0.1313	0.1375	0.67%				
2005	0.1369	0.1379	0.26%				
2006	0.1543	0.1408	2.12%				
2007	0.1733	0.1548	9.95%				
2008	0.2010	0.1762	13.81%				
	5.61%						

The mean escalation rate computed in the above table (5.61%) has been notified as escalation for normative transmission charges for bid evaluation.

(12) Matrix for Transmission Charges and Losses

The Transmission Charges Matrix and Transmission Loss Matrix has been prepared as per Format 5.10 & 5.11 of the RFP of Standard Bidding Document of Case-1 as follows.

(12.1) Transmission charges matrix

Transmission charges matrix has been computed based on the data on region-wise per unit transmission charges (i.e. excluding ULDC charges) and central sector energy collected

Table-12.1: TRANSMISSION CHARGES MATRIX									
Year	Region-wise Transmission Charges (Rs/Unit)								
	NR	WR	ER	NER	SR				
2004	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.33	0.19				
2005	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.34	0.20				
2006	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.33	0.21				
2007	0.16	0.13	0.20	0.33	0.22				
2008	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.34	0.24				
Average	0.14	0.12	0.16	0.33	0.21				

from PGCIL. Using the calendar year data for the latest 5 years i.e. for the period from 2004 to 2008, average transmission charges has been computed as under:

The computed average region-wise transmission charges has been notified as transmission charges matrix.

(12.2) Transmission Loss matrix

Transmission loss matrix has been computed based on the data on region-wise transmission loss collected from NLDC. Using the calendar year data for the latest 5 years i.e. for the period from 2004 to 2008, average transmission loss has been computed as under:

Table-12.2: TRANSMISSION LOSS MATRIX								
YEAR	Region-wise Transmission Losses (%)							
	SR	NER	ER	WR	NR			
2004	3.16	4.42	2.85	5.43	3.63			
2005	3.26	4.28	3.24	5.06	3.46			
2006	4.02	3.88	2.99	4.38	3.98			
2007	3.85	3.63	3.40	4.19	3.89			
2008	4.13	3.68	3.70	5.05	3.99			
Average	3.68	3.98	3.24	4.82	3.79			

The computed average region-wise transmission losses has been notified as transmission loss matrix.

8. The data series for API 4, Global Coal Index, Barlow Jonker Index, Platts Gas Price Index and Singapore 380 CST Bunker Fuel Price index has been analysed by CERC. The data is not made available for public dissemination since it is paid for and is sourced on a single user subscription.
