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To,
The Secretary,
Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission
11-4-660, 5th Floor,
Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills,
Hyderabad - 500004

Sub: Objections/Suggestions with regard to proposals by TS TRANSCO for the period 2017-18, 2018-19 in OP.No 24of 2016 submission – Reg.

With reference to the public notice dated 27.12.2016, we are here with submitting the following points for the consideration of the Honourable commission.

1. We would like to bring to the notice of the honourable commission that the delay in the execution of the projects in 2014-15, 2015-16 and increase in O&M expenditure, inflated transmission charges are causing concern of the efficiency of the TS Transco itself. Non completion of the transmission line projects, discoms were unable to utilise the contracted capacity.
2. TS TRANSCO is making huge investments on transmission lines in anticipation of increased generation capacity of around 3975 mw for 2016-17, 4584 mw for 2017-18 and 2011 mw for 2018-19 and based on the above to be generated capacity proposals for capital investment of Rs.3000 crores for 2016-17, Rs.5700 crores in 2017-18 and Rs.3000 crores in 2018-19. Discoms are showing availability of surplus energy during 2016-17. Another 807 mw from GVK extension, GMR Vemagiri, Konaseema, and Gowthami may also be available. In view of the above it is necessary to examine the need to establish new transmission lines with huge capital and consequently burden on the consumer. The Honourable commission should approve the investment after detailed analysis whether the investment is prudently made. The investments must be allowed only when additional loads are anticipated, without burdening the consumer.

We would also like to bring to the notice of the Honourable commission that enough investments were made for augmentation of transmission lines and substations at 220 kv and 4010 kv level before bifurcation of the State. Further huge investments like above will be an unnecessary burden to the consumer. We may also be allowed to state that due to earlier approvals of different transmission schemes, the consumer tariff contains high cost of transmission component.

4. The true up claims are not submitted by the Transco to the Honourable commission and Rs.317 crores are heldup with Transco not being passes on to discoms.

We request the Honourable commission to go into all the above aspects before giving approval of the Transco proposals.

With Regards

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