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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission

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To,
The General Manager,
The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking,
BEST Bhavan, BEST Marg,
Post Box No. 192, Mumbai 400 001

Subject: Post facto approval of BEST Undertaking's Fuel Adjustment Charges (FAC) for the period from July, 2017 to September, 2017.

Reference: BEST Undertaking's submission vide Letter No. CER/MERC/04/2017 dated 4 January, 2018 for post-facto approval of FAC for the period from July, 2017 to September, 2017.

Sir,

Upon vetting the FAC calculations for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017 as mentioned in the above reference, the Commission has accorded post facto approval BEST Undertaking for charging FAC to its consumers as shown in the table below:

Month	July, 2017	August, 2017	September, 2017
FAC allowed (Rs. Crore)	(5.17)	(10.90)	3.49

The above approval of FAC is subject to the final True up of FY 2017-18 under the MERC (Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2015.



Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Rajendra Ambekar)
Executive Director, MERC

Encl: Annexure A: Detailed Vetting Report for the period of July, 2017 to September, 2017.

Cc as enclosed:

Names and Addresses of Institutional Consumer Representatives

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**POST FACTO APPROVAL FOR FAC FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017 TO
SEPTEMBER 2017**

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1. FAC submission by BEST Undertaking:

1.1 BEST Undertaking has submitted FAC submissions for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017 as referred above. Upon vetting the FAC calculations, taking cognizance of all the submissions furnished by BEST Undertaking, the Commission has accorded post facto approval for the FAC amount to be charged in the billing month of October, 2017 to December, 2017.

2. Background

2.1 On 28 October, 2016, the Commission has issued Tariff Order for BEST Undertaking, (Case No. 33 of 2016) for truing-up of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY 2012-13 to FY 2014-15, provisional truing-up of FY 2015-16 and ARR and Tariff for FY 2016-17 and FY 2019-20. Revised Tariff has been made applicable from 1st October 2016.

2.2 Vide its letter dated 15 November, 2016, the Commission communicated the excel formats for filing of FAC submissions to all Distribution Licensees. The Commission also directed all Distribution Licensees to submit FAC computations, including details pertaining to variation in fuel cost of generators for the approval of the Commission.

2.3 Vide FAC vetting Report dated 4 January, 2017, the Commission accorded prior approval of the FAC for the month of October, 2016.

2.4 In terms of MERC (MYT) Regulations, 2015 a Distribution Licensee is required to obtain post facto approval of the Commission on a quarterly basis for FAC charges. Accordingly, vide its letter dated 4 January, 2018, BEST Undertaking has filed FAC submissions for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017 for post facto approval. The Commission has scrutinized the submissions provided by BEST Undertaking and has also verified the fuel and power purchase bills provided along with its submissions.



3. Energy Sales of the Licensee

3.1 The net energy sales within licence area as submitted by BEST Undertaking in the FAC submission and as approved by the Commission are as shown in the table below.

Consumer Category	Approved by the Commission (MU)	Monthly Approved (MU)	Actual (Jul-17) (MU)	Actual (Aug-17) (MU)	Actual (Sept-17) (MU)
	(I)	(II=I/12)	(III)	(IV)	(V)
LT Category					
LT - I (A) Residential-BPL	0.26	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
LT - I (B) Residential	2,009.24	167.44	168.13	178.45	174.72
LT - II (A) Commercial	926.66	77.22	74.57	75.90	76.35
LT - II (B) Commercial	227.27	18.94	19.07	17.63	17.70
LT - II (C) Commercial	407.19	33.93	32.34	30.48	31.12
LT - III (A) Industrial	43.37	3.61	3.64	3.72	3.73
LT - III (B) Industrial	100.10	8.34	7.41	7.84	7.45
LT - IV PWV	1.83	0.15	0.62	0.62	0.60
LT - V Adv & Hoardings	1.84	0.15	0.12	0.13	0.15
LT - VI St. Lighting	28.10	2.34	2.11	2.25	2.21
LT - VII (A) Temp-Religious	3.06	0.26	0.02	0.04	0.09
LT - VII (B) Temp-Others	43.12	3.59	3.11	3.04	2.82
LT - VIII Crematorium	1.34	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.14
LT - IX (A) Public Service	37.51	3.13	5.15	4.93	4.86
LT - IX (B) Public Service Others	172.00	14.33	15.19	14.26	14.49
HT Category					
HT - I Industry	190.07	15.84	12.92	11.33	11.35
HT - II Commercial	354.31	29.53	23.82	22.83	22.59
HT - III Grp.Housing (Residential)	32.14	2.68	2.89	2.85	2.70
HT - IV PWV	32.43	2.70	4.24	4.13	3.72
HT-V Railways, Metro & Monorail	-	-	0.20	0.19	0.19
HT-VI (A) Public Service	11.60	0.97	2.62	2.47	2.22
HT-VI (B) Public Service- Others	132.66	11.06	15.23	15.07	14.66
HT-VII Temporary Supply	7.81	0.65	0.93	0.90	0.90
Total Energy Sale	4,763.91	396.99	394.48	399.24	394.76

4. Cost of Power Purchase

4.1 BEST Undertaking does not own or operate any generating stations. Accordingly, BEST Undertaking is required to procure power from outside sources in order to fulfil the



demand of its consumers. The following are the list of sources from which BEST Undertaking procures power to meet its demand.

- a) Purchases from Tata Power Company Ltd. (TPC-G)
- b) Renewable energy procurement(RPS)
- c) Bilateral contracts and decrements to the imbalance pool.

4.2 The following table shows the variation in average power purchase cost (Rs/kWh) for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017 as compared to average power purchase cost approved in Tariff Order dated 28 October, 2016:

Particulars	Tariff Order Dated 28.10.2016			Actual for July, 2017		
	Net Purchase	Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost	Net Purchase	Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost
	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh
TPC-G	3,842.42	1,613.30	4.20	305.64	128.58	4.21
RE Sources	316.62	306.75	9.69	21.79	14.58	6.69
Traders	1,104.52	388.75	3.52	33.62	9.85	2.93
Total Monthly Variations of prior period Accounted for July-2017 to September-2017*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5,263.56	2,308.80	4.39	361.05	153.01	4.24

Particulars	Actual for August, 2017			Actual for September, 2017		
	Net Purchase	Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost	Net Purchase	Cost	Average Power Purchase Cost
	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh	MU	Rs. Crore	Rs/kWh
TPC-G	320.83	134.16	4.18	317.50	140.75	4.43
RE Sources	18.00	12.09	6.71	19.50	13.11	6.72
Traders	28.35	8.12	2.86	25.00	8.19	3.28
Total Monthly Variations of prior period Accounted for July-2017 to September-2017*	17.51	5.49	3.14	4.26	2.56	6.02
Total	384.70	159.86	4.16	366.26	164.61	4.49

* "Total monthly variations of prior period accounted for July, 2017 to September, 2017" are the expenses claimed against the provisional FBSM bills, reimbursement charges, revision of energy bills and supplementary bills for prior period.



4.3 The Commission allows the average power purchase cost of **Rs. 4.24/kWh** for the month of July 2017, **Rs. 4.16/kWh** for the month of August 2017 and **Rs. 4.49/kWh** for the month of September 2017 as shown in the table above.

5. FAC on account of fuel and power purchase cost (F)

5.1 The Commission has worked out the average power purchase cost for the month as shown in above table. The same has been compared with the average power purchase cost approved by the Commission in Tariff Order dated 28 October 2016 and arrived at differential per unit rate at which ZFAC is to be passed on to the consumers.

5.2 The following table shows the ZFAC worked out by the Commission on account of difference in fuel and power purchase cost for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017

S. No.	Particulars	Units	Jul, 2017	Aug, 2017	Sept, 2017
1	Average power purchase cost approved by the Commission	Rs./kWh	4.39	4.39	4.39
2	Actual average power purchase cost	Rs./kWh	4.24	4.16	4.49
3	Change in average power purchase cost (=2 -1)	Rs./kWh	(0.15)	(0.23)	0.11
4	Net Power Purchase	MU	361.05	384.70	366.26
5	Change in fuel and power purchase cost (=3 x 4/10)	Rs. Crore	(5.36)	(8.89)	3.96

6. Adjustment for over recovery/under recovery (B)

6.1 Adjustment factor for over recovery/under recovery (B) for the period of July, 2017 to September, 2017, the adjustment factor to be added/reduced is as below;

S. No.	Particulars	Units	Jul, 2017	Aug, 2017	Sept, 2017
1.1	Incremental cost allowed to be recovered in Month n-4	Rs. Crore	(23.01)	(21.76)	(7.52)
1.2	Incremental cost in Month n-4 actually recovered in month n-2	Rs. Crore	(23.19)	(19.76)	(7.05)
1.3	(over-recovery)/under-recovery (=1.1 - 1.2)	Rs. Crore	0.19	(2.00)	(0.47)
2.0	Carried forward adjustment for over-recovery/under-recovery attributable to application of ceiling limit for previous month	Rs. Crore	-	-	-
3.0	Adjustment factor for over-recovery/under-recovery (1.3+2.0)	Rs. Crore	0.19	(2.00)	(0.47)



7. Carrying Cost for over recovery/under recovery (B)

7.1 The following Table shows the month wise interest rate and amount worked out as Carrying cost for under/over recovery for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017.

S. No.	Particulars	Units	Jul, 2017	Aug, 2017	Sept, 2017
1	Adjustment factor for over-recovery/ under-recovery	Rs. Crore	0.19	(2.00)	(0.47)
2	Applicable Interest rate*	%	10.50%	10.50%	10.50%
3	Carrying cost for over-recovery/ under-recovery	Rs. Crore	0.0016	(0.017)	(0.0041)

* The applicable interest rate has been considered to be 10.50% based on applicable SBI base rate as on 1 July, 2017, i.e., 9.00% which is the rate prevailing at the beginning of the month plus 150 basis point.

8. Disallowance due to excess Distribution Loss

8.1 Regulation 10.8 of MYT Regulations, 2015 provides for FAC amount to be reduced in case the actual distribution loss for the month exceeds the approved distribution loss. The relevant extract is reproduced as follows.

"10.8 The total ZFAC recoverable as per the formula specified above shall be recovered from the actual sales in terms of "Rupees per kilowatt-hour":

Provided that, in case of unmetered consumers, the ZFAC shall be recoverable based on estimated sales to such consumers, computed in accordance with such methodology as may be stipulated by the Commission:

Provided further that, where the actual distribution losses of the Distribution Licensee exceed the level approved by the Commission, the amount of ZFAC corresponding to the excess distribution losses (in kWh terms) shall be deducted from the total ZFAC recoverable"

8.2 The following table provides the comparison of approved and actual distribution loss and disallowance due to excess distribution loss if any.

S. No.	Particulars	Units	Approved in Tariff Order	Actual up to Jul-17	Actual up to Aug-17	Actual up to Sept-17
1	Net Energy input at Distribution Voltages	MU	5,057.23	1760.05	2172.42	2585.37
2	Energy sales (metered) at Distribution voltages	MU	4,763.91	1649.45	2048.69	2443.45
3	Distribution Loss (=1-2)	MU	293.32	110.61	123.73	141.92



4	Distribution Loss as % of net energy input (=3/1)	%	5.80%	6.28%	5.70%	5.49%
5	Excess Distribution Loss =[Distribution Loss (4) - Distribution loss approved] x Net Energy Input (1)	MU	-	2.03	-	-
6	Disallowance of FAC due to excess Distribution Loss	Rs. Crore	-	-	-	-

8.3 As seen from the above table, cumulative distribution loss for the month of July, 2017 is 6.28% which is higher than the target Distribution Loss level of 5.80%. However, standalone FAC for the month of July, 2017 is negative and hence disallowance on account of higher distribution loss has not been worked out.

9. Summary of Allowable ZFAC

9.1 The summary of the FAC amount as approved by the Commission for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017 which is allowed to be recovered in the billing month of October, 2017 to December, 2017 is as shown in the Table below.

S. No	Particulars	Units	Jul, 2017	Aug, 2017	Sept, 2017
1.0	Calculation of ZFAC				
1.1	Change in cost of generation and power purchase attributable to Sales within the License Area (F)	Rs. Crore	(5.36)	(8.89)	3.96
1.2	Carrying cost for over-recovery/under-recovery (C)	Rs. Crore	0.0016	(0.017)	(0.0041)
1.3	Adjustment factor for over-recovery/under-recovery (B)	Rs. Crore	0.19	(2.00)	(0.47)
1.4	ZFAC = F+C+B	Rs. Crore	(5.17)	(10.90)	3.49
2.0	Calculation of FAC Charge				
2.1	Energy Sales within the License Area	MU	394.48	399.24	394.76
2.2	Excess Distribution Loss	MU	-	-	-
2.3	ZFAC per kWh	Rs./kWh	(0.13)	(0.27)	0.09
2.4	Cap at 20% of variable component of tariff	Rs./kWh	1.27	1.27	1.27
2.5	FAC Charge allowable (Minimum of 2.3 and 2.4)	Rs./kWh	(0.13)	(0.27)	0.09
3.0	Recovery of FAC				
3.1	Allowable FAC [(2.1 x 2.5)/10]	Rs. Crore	(5.17)	(10.90)	3.49
3.2	FAC disallowed corresponding to excess Distribution Loss [(2.2 x 2.5)/10]	Rs. Crore	-	-	-
4.0	Total FAC based on category wise and slab wise allowed to be recovered	Rs. Crore	(5.17)	(10.90)	3.49
5.0	Carried forward FAC for recovery during future period (1.4-3.2-4)	Rs. Crore	-	-	-



10. Recovery from Consumers:

- 10.1 Regulation 10.9 of MERC MYT Regulations, 2015 provides for methodology of recovery of FAC charge from each category of consumers. The relevant extract is reproduced as below.

“10.9 The ZFAC per kWh for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/consumption slab shall be computed as per the following formula:—

*ZFAC Cat (Rs/kWh) = [ZFAC / (Metered sales + Unmetered consumption estimates + Excess distribution losses)] * k * 10,*

Where:

ZFAC Cat = ZFAC component for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/consumption slab

in ‘Rupees per kWh’ terms;

k = Average Billing Rate / ACOS;

Average Billing Rate = Average Billing Rate for a particular Tariff category/sub-category/ consumption slab under consideration in ‘Rupees per kWh’ as approved by the Commission in the Tariff Order:

Provided that the Average Billing Rate for the unmetered consumers shall be based on the estimated sales to such consumers, computed in accordance with such methodology as may be stipulated by the Commission:

ACOS = Average Cost of Supply in ‘Rupees per kWh’ as approved for recovery by the Commission in the Tariff Order:

Provided that the monthly ZFAC shall not exceed 20% of the variable component of Tariff or such other ceiling as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time:

Provided further that any under-recovery in the ZFAC on account of such ceiling shall be carried forward and shall be recovered by the Distribution Licensee over such future period as may be directed by the Commission....”

- 10.2 The Commission has worked out FAC per unit for each category of consumer based on the formula provided in the above Regulations. The Commission observed that there is an under recovery of ZFAC in absolute terms on considering category wise per unit FAC worked out and category wise actual sales for the month of July, 2017 to September, 2017.
- 10.3 The variation in FAC in absolute terms is due to formula error of ZFAC computed on per unit basis. The variation however is taken care in the adjustment factor of subsequent months.
- 10.4 The following table shows per unit ZFAC to be charged to the consumers of BEST Undertaking for the billing month of October, 2017 to December, 2017.



S.No.	Consumer Category	Slabs	ZFAC to be levied in billing month of Oct'2017 (Rs./kWh)	ZFAC to be levied in billing month of Nov'2017 (Rs./kWh)	ZFAC to be levied in billing month of Dec'2017 (Rs./kWh)
(A)	LT Category				
1	LT - I (A) Residential-BPL	0 - 30	(0.04)	(0.08)	0.03
2	LT - I (B) Residential	0 - 100	(0.06)	(0.12)	0.04
		101 - 300	(0.09)	(0.20)	0.06
		301 - 500	(0.13)	(0.28)	0.09
		> 501	(0.16)	(0.34)	0.11
3	LT - II (A) Commercial	0 - 500	(0.15)	(0.32)	0.10
		> 500	(0.16)	(0.33)	0.11
4	LT - II (B) Commercial	all units	(0.15)	(0.32)	0.10
5	LT - II (C) Commercial	all units	(0.16)	(0.34)	0.11
6	LT - III (A) Industrial	0 - 500	(0.14)	(0.30)	0.10
		> 500	(0.15)	(0.31)	0.10
7	LT - III (B) Industrial	> 20 KW	(0.14)	(0.29)	0.10
8	LT - IV PWW	all units	(0.14)	(0.29)	0.09
9	LT - V Adv & Hoardings	all units	(0.22)	(0.46)	0.15
10	LT - VI St. Lighting	all units	(0.14)	(0.29)	0.09
11	LT - VII (A) Temp-Religious	all units	(0.08)	(0.17)	0.05
12	LT - VII (B) Temp-Others	all units	(0.17)	(0.35)	0.11
13	LT - VIII Crematorium	all units	(0.09)	(0.20)	0.06
14	LT - IX (A) Public Service	all units	(0.14)	(0.29)	0.09
15	LT - IX (B) Public Service Others	all units	(0.15)	(0.31)	0.10
(B)	HT Category				
16	HT - I Industry	all units	(0.14)	(0.30)	0.10
17	HT - II Commercial	all units	(0.16)	(0.32)	0.11
18	HT - III Group Housing (Residential)	all units	(0.12)	(0.25)	0.08
19	HT - IV PWW	all units	(0.13)	(0.27)	0.09
20	HT-V Railways, Metro & Monorail	all units	(0.12)	(0.26)	0.08
21	HT-VI (A) Public Service	all units	(0.13)	(0.26)	0.09
22	HT-VI (B) Public Service- Others	all units	(0.15)	(0.31)	0.10
23	HT-VII Temporary Supply	all units	(0.16)	(0.33)	0.11



