

MINUTES OF THE 17th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

OF

FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)

VENUE : "CRYSTAL"
HOTEL ACCORD
PUDUCHERRY.

DAY / DATE : **FRIDAY, THE 24TH JUNE , 2016**

The 17th Annual General Body meeting of the Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR) was chaired by Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, CERC / Hony. Chairman, FOIR. The list of participants is **enclosed** at **Annexure-I**.

2. Shri S.K.Chaturvedi, Chairperson of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Goa & all UTs except Delhi welcomed the gathering and expressed his gratitude for allowing JERC to host this meeting.

3. Shri S.Machendranathan, Chairperson, Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) and Hony Vice-Chairman, FOIR addressed the FOIR members and remarked that the meeting will look at different topics and will see different experience sharing among the participants. He also appreciated the organizers (JERC) who had done an excellent job in getting the event in place.

4. Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, CERC and Hony. Chairman, FOIR welcomed the Members of the “FOIR” General Body. In his key note address he conveyed his thanks and appreciation to one and all in JERC, including the Chairperson, Member, Secretary and officials who had worked tirelessly in organizing one of the largest FOIR meetings till date which has seen maximum participation. Participation in such large numbers indicated the vibrancy, attention and involvement of the Regulatory members to be associated with FOIR. Shri Pradhan also welcomed all new members who had joined FOIR (post the FOIR workshop held in December, 2015 at New Delhi). He emphasized on growing importance of competition and the need to balance the interests of consumers while at the same time ensuring certainty and reasonable return for investments.

5. Hony. Chairman, FOIR also appraised the members of two important developments / decisions taken during the Governing Body meeting of FOIR. Firstly, that the renovation of the space in CERC for RRTI activities have been completed. He intimated that the Governing Body has decided that while engagement of personnel for RRTI would take time, FOIR Sectt. would initiate steps to organize a capacity building programme for the Chairpersons / Members / senior most officials of all the Regulatory Commissions and Authorities on “cost” basis. The programme should cover regulatory challenges and best practices of various infrastructure sectors. Secondly, with regard to the hosting of the next Research conference / workshop of FOIR, Shri T.S. Balasubramanian, Acting Chairperson, Tariff Authority of Major Ports (TAMP) had offered to host the next conference.

6. Hony. Chairman also appraised the members that the Research Conference/Workshop to be ensued after the Annual General Body Meeting will have three presentations; viz;-

- i) Political Economy of Electricity – By Dr. Pramod Deo, Ex- Chairperson of CERC and ex-Hony. Chairman of FOIR,
- ii) Facilitating competition in infrastructure sector – Challenges and Way Forward – By Dr. M.S. Sahoo, Member, Competition Commission of India (CCI), and
- iii) Energy efficiency for energy security – Best practices – By Shri Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL).

7. Hony. Chairman thanked the members for attending in such large numbers and officially declared the Annual General Body to begin.

Thereafter, the General Body took up the agenda items for discussion and decision thereof.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Confirmation of minutes of 16th Annual General Body of FOIR held on 10th June, 2015 at New Delhi.

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Body of “FOIR” held on 10th June, 2015 as circulated were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 :

Reconstitution of the Governing Body for the FY 2016-17.

The proposed reconstitution of the Governing Body of "FOIR" for FY 2016-17 was discussed.

Some of the members raised the issue of seeking representation in the Governing Body of FOIR, to which Shri Pradhan, Hony Chairman, FOIR clarified that the Governing Body would like to have more deliberations finalizing its views in this regard

Dr. P. Raghu, Member, AP Electricity Regulatory Commission remarked that Shri P. Rajagopal Reddy was no more member of APERC, as after separation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the members of APERC were Dr. P. Raghu and Shri P. Rama Mohan alongwith their Chairperson, Justice G. Bhavani Prasad. Hence, suitable action is to be taken to amend the list of members of the Governing Body. In response, Shri Pradhan, Hony. Chairman, FOIR remarked that the same has been noted for suitable amendment

A copy of the reconstituted Governing Body is placed at **Annexure-II**

AGENDA ITEM NO 3:

Annual Accounts of "FOIR" for FY 2015-16.

The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account along with the Schedules and Notes on Accounts of "FOIR" for the FY 2015-16 was discussed .

On the Income tax demand raised for the FY 2013-14, members remarked that the auditors should be reminded to pursue the case and obtain the refund to which Shri

A.K. Singhal, Hony. Secretary, FOIR clarified that the demands are raised by the Assessing officers which will take its own time to come to closure. However, the auditors will be asked to pursue the case to close it at the earliest.

The suggestions offered by the members were noted and the Annual Accounts were endorsed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Budget of "FOIR" for FY 2016-17.

The salient features of the Budget Estimates of "FOIR" for the FY 2016-17 were explained by the "FOIR" Secretariat.

Dr. P. Raghu, Member, APERC drew the attention of the members to the Budget of FOIR wherein a provision of Rs.66.20 lacs was made for the sales tax payment (if the authorities raise a claim) and stated that in such a case, all SERCs can pay additional service tax on the membership fee. In response, Shri A.K.Singhal, Hony. Secretary, FOIR informed that this issue was taken up and the members had expressed their difficulty in paying the additional service tax and therefore, it is proposed to pay the service tax arrears (as and when it arose) from the reserves of FOIR and accordingly provided for the same in the Budget of FOIR .

The proposed budget for the FY 2015 -16 was noted and endorsed.

Agenda Item No 5 : Appointment of auditors of FOIR for the year 2016-17.

The members were appraised that M/s. R.S. Gupta & Co., Chartered Accountants, New Delhi were empanelled on the basis of information received from the Office of the Comptroller General of India, New Delhi for the periods 2014-15 and 2015-16. The members consented to reappoint the same firm for the third consequent year i.e., FY 2016-17 after which steps to be initiated for empanelling new auditors.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and to the team of JERC (Goa & All UTs except Delhi), Puducherry Electricity Department for being the host and organizing the meeting at Puducherry.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL
BODY MEETING OF FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR) HELD
ON 24TH JUNE, 2016 AT HOTEL ACCORD, PUDUCHERRY.**

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan	Chairperson, CERC & Hony. Chairman, FOIR
2.	Shri S. Machendranathan	Chairperson, AERA & Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR
3.	Shri A.K. Singhal	Member, CERC & Hony. Secretary, FOIR
4.	Shri A.S. Bakshi	Member, CERC & Hony. Treasurer, FOIR
5.	Dr. M.K. Iyer	Member, CERC
6.	Shri S.K. Negi	Chairperson, BERC
7.	Shri Narayan Singh	Chairperson, CSERC
8.	Shri Krishna Saini	Chairperson, DERC
9.	Shri Anand Kumar	Chairperson, GERC
10.	Shri Jagjeet Singh	Chairperson, HERC
11.	Shri S.K.B.S. Negi	Chairperson, HPERC
12.	Justice (Retd.) Shri N.N. Tiwari	Chairperson, JSERC
13.	Shri S.K. Chaturvedi	Chairperson, JERC for Goa & all UTs except Delhi
14.	Shri M.K. Shankaralinge Gowda	Chairperson, KERC
15.	Shri T.M. Manoharan	Chairperson, KSERC
16.	Dr. Dev Raj Birdi	Chairperson, MPERC
17.	Shri D.S. Bains	Chairperson, PSERC
18.	Shri Vishwanath Hiremath	Chairperson, RERC
19.	Shri S. Akshayakumar	Chairperson, TNERC
20.	Shri I.A. Khan	Chairperson, TSERC
21.	Shri Desh Deepak Verma	Chairperson, UPERC
22.	Shri Subhash Kumar	Chairperson, UERC
23.	Shri R.N. Sen	Chairperson, WBERC
24.	Shri S.D. Dubey	Chairperson, CEA
25.	Shri T.S. Balasubramanian	Acting Chairperson, TAMP
26.	Shri Umesh Narayan Panjjar	Ex-Chairperson, BERC
27.	Dr. Pramod Deo	Ex-Chairperson, CERC
28.	Shri H.L. Bajaj	Ex-Chairperson, CEA
29.	Shri Rakesh Nath	Ex-Chairperson, CEA
30.	Shri V.K. Sood	Ex-Chairperson, DERC
31.	Shri R.N. Prasher	Ex-Chairperson, HERC

32.	Dr. V.K. Garg	Ex-Chairperson,, JERC for UTs
33.	Shri C. Balakrishnan	Ex-Chairperson, KSERC
34.	Shri V.J. Talwar	Ex-Chairperson, UERC
35.	Shri D.C. Bajaj	Member, AERA
36.	Shri Dipak Chakravarty	Member, AERC
37.	Dr. P. Raghu	Member, APERC
38.	Shri P. Rama Mohan	Member, APERC
39.	Shri S.C. Jha	Member, BERC
40.	Shri V.K. Shrivastava	Member, CSERC
41.	Dr. M.S. Sahoo	Member, CCI
42.	Shri B.P. Singh	Member, DERC
43.	Shri K.M. Shringarpure	Member, GERC
44.	Shri P.J. Thakkar	Member, GERC
45.	Shri M.S. Puri	Member, HERC
46.	Ms. Neerja Mathur	Member, JERC for JERC for Goa & all UTs except Delhi
47.	Shri H.D. Arun Kumar	Member, KERC
48.	Shri D.B. Manival Raju	Member, KERC
49.	Shri K. Vikraman Nair	Member, KSERC
50.	Shri Deepak Lad	Member, MERC
51.	Shri Aswini Kumar Das	Member, OERC
52.	Shri P.K. Bishnoi	Member, PNGRB
53.	Shri Subhash Chandra	Member, PNGRB
54.	Shri Santokh Singh Sarna	Member, PSERC
55.	Shri Vinod Pandya	Member, RERC
56.	Shri Raghuvendra Singh Rathore	Member, RERC
57.	Shri G. Rajagopal	Member, TNERC
58.	Dr T. Prabhakar Rao	Member, TNERC
59.	Shri L. Manohar Reddy	Member, TSERC
60.	Shri K.P. Singh	Member, UERC
61.	Shri Amitava Biswas	Member, WBERC
62.	Dr. R.K. Gogoi	Ex-Member, AERC
63.	Shri G.S. Rajamani	Ex-Member, CERC
64.	Shri V.S. Verma	Ex-Member, CERC
65.	Shri S.K. Jayaswal	Ex-Member, BERC
66.	Shri Rohtash Dahiya	Ex-Member, HERC
67.	Shri Ram Pal	Ex-Member, HERC
68.	Shri K. Srinivasa Rao	Ex-Member, KERC
69.	Shri Jayant Deo	Ex-Member, MERC
70.	Shri A. Velayutham	Ex-Member, MERC
71.	Shri S.B. Kulkarni	Ex-Member, MERC
72.	Shri B. Jeyaraman	Ex-Member, TNERC
73.	Shri R. Rajupandi	Ex-Member, TNERC
74.	Shri S. Nagalsamy	Member, TNERC
75.	Shri V.K. Khanna	Ex-Member, UERC
76.	Shri R.D. Gupta	Ex-Member, UPERC
77.	Ms. Shubha Sarma	Secretary, CERC
78.	Dr. S.K. Chatterjee	Joint Chief (RA), CERC

PROPOSED GOVERNING BODY OF "FOIR"
2016 - 17

Name & Designation	Date of Appointment in Regulatory Commission / Authority	Date of Retirement in Regulatory Commission / Authority
Hony. Chairman (One Post)		
Mr. Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, CERC	22.10.2013	19.12.2017
Hony. Vice-Chairman (Six Posts)		
Mr. S. Machendranathan, Chairperson, AERA	09.03.2015	06.03.2019
Mr. Devender Kumar Sikri, Chairperson, CCI (Fin.)	11.01.2016	12.07.2018
Mr. Anand Kumar, Chairperson, GERC	02.08.2011	04.04.2021
Mr. Satya Prakash Nanda, Chairperson, OERC	13.10.2011	12.10.2016*
Mr. T.M. Manoharan, Chairperson, KSERC Chairperson, TAMP	11.01.2013	02.05.2017
Hony. Members (Eight Posts)		
Mr. S.C. Jha, Member, BERC	30.08.2011	17.07.2016**
Mr., V.K. Shrivastava, Member, CSERC	11.01.2012	28.10.2016***
Mr. Sivapada Swain, Member, OERC	09.04.2012	23.02.2017*****
Mr. K.P. Singh, Member, UERC	25.05.2012	04.01.2017*****
Vacant, Central Infrastructure Sector		-
Vacant, Financial Sector		-
Hony. Secretary		
Mr. A.K. Singhal, Member, CERC	09.10.2013	08.10.2018
Hony. Treasurer		
Mr. A.S. Bakshi, Member, CERC	05.08.2014	23.07.2018

*Mr. Narayan Singh, Chairperson, CSERC will replace Shri Satya Prakash Nanda, Chairperson, OERC and will serve as Hony. Vice-Chairman (from 13.10.2016 – 14.07.2018).

****Mr. A.B. Bajpai, Member, MPERC will replace Mr. S.C. Jha, Member, BERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 18.07.2016 – 10.12.2017).**

*****Mr. Alok Gupta, Member, MPERC will replace Mr. V.K. Shrivastava, Member, CSERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 29.10.2016 – 01.01.2018).**

******Mr. G. Rajagopal, Member, TNERC will replace Mr. K.P. Singh, Member, UERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 05.01.2017 - 09.01.2019).**

*******Mr. M.S. Puri, Member, HERC will replace Mr. Sivapada Swain, Member, OERC and will serve as Hony. Member (from 24.02.2017 -09.09.2018).**