List of members present, members absent (with notice/leave of absence) and members absent (without notice) are as given in the Annex.

Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. It was noticed that some members have remained absent without prior intimation. Chairman emphasized the fact that the Committee is an important institution specifically set up under the statute and that it can transact its business properly and contribute effectively to the business of the Sector only when all the members regularly attend and participate in the proceedings. Chairman, therefore directed the office to inform the Government about the absence of the members.

9.1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th meeting held on 20.6.03:** Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20.6.03 were confirmed. Chairman informed the Committee that Government had been reminded about the appointment of new members.

9.2. **Introduction of new members:** Chairman introduced the new Commission Members to the Committee and welcomed them on behalf of the Committee.

9.3. **Placing of Annual Report 2002-03 and Annual Accounts 2002-03 of the Commission:**

The Committee took on record the Annual Report 2002-03 and the Annual Accounts 2002-03 of the Commission. Mr.K.N.Venkatagiri Rao, Member appreciated the comprehensive nature of the Annual Report and the Annual Accounts and the strains and efforts taken by the Commission to improve the transparency in the Sector. He also mentioned that PRAYAS, a noted NGO from Pune, had specifically recognized and appreciated the Commission in this regard. Shri S. Mune Gowda, stated that the Government should give more powers to the Commission and that the KPTCL and other licensees should act on the directives of the Commission. He also highlighted the poor quality power supply for rural areas. Mr.J.Crasta also highlighted the problems faced by the industrial consumers.

9.4. **Status report on T&D loss:** The Committee took on record the status report on T&D loss. Shri Ravi Ganapathhi, Member stated that there was a major problem of lack of discipline in the organization and that this has happened because the senior staff do not visit the field and inspect works and activities and also do not question the subordinates for non performance. He specifically highlighted problems in estimation of the T&D loss levels in Kodagu District. Director (Technical)/MESCOM assured the Committee that he would personally look in to the various issues raised by Shri Ganapathhi within 2 weeks time.
9.5. **Status on the applications of KPTCL & ESCOMs for amendment of the Tariff Order 2003:**
The Committee noted the status on the applications of KPTCL and ESCOMs for amendment of the Tariff Order 2003.

9.6. **Presentation on salient features of the Electricity Act, 2003:** Since the presentation is fairly detailed and time consuming the Committee decided to postpone the same to a separate session exclusively devoted to the same.

9.7. **A note on the compliance of standard of performance and overall performance standards by the ESCOMs:** The note placed was taken on record.

The Chairman/KERC thanked all the members for attending the meeting.

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(Philipose Matthai),
Chairman