

## CHAPTER – 3

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION

#### SUGGESTIONS / OBJECTIONS & REPLIES

**3.1** In pursuance of the provisions of Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission has undertaken the process of public consultations, inviting suggestions / views / objections from the interested stakeholders on the Application filed by KPTCL for APR for FY21 and approval of ERC, ARR and Transmission Tariff for FY23, FY24 and FY25 under the MYT Principles. Accordingly, the Commission held a Public Hearing on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, in the Commission's Court Hall to provide an opportunity for those persons who are interested to express their views/ objections on the above application filed by KPTCL.

#### **3.2 Written Objections:**

The Commission did not receive any written objection from any individual stakeholder. However, BESCOM has submitted its written objection received in the Commission's office, after the due date. The Same was forwarded to KPTCL via e-mail for which KPTCL has not responded. Commission directs BESCOM to submit written objection within the due date, in future.

#### **3.3 Public Hearing:**

During the Public Hearing held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the M.D, KPTCL, made a brief presentation on the profile, performance and achievements of KPTCL during the FY21 and sought approval of ARR and Transmission Tariff for FY23-25.

Sri. G.N Krishnappa, Electrical Contractor made oral submissions before the Commission and pointed out that KPTCL and ESCOMs are taking one year to issue NOC and as per SoP Regulations penalty has to be levied. However, he also pointed out that there is abnormal delay in Commissioning of Mandur Sub-station, due to delay in laying of transmission line. He further, requested the Commission not consider the tariff hike proposals of KPTCL.

**Commission views:**

During the public hearing, the Commission sought certain clarifications on the tariff petition filed by KPTCL and the KPTCL has furnished replies to the points raised by the Commission. Further, the KPTCL was directed to complete the Mandur Sub-station work as early as possible so that investments should not become futile. Commission has directed KPTCL to develop Fast-Track/online application for issue of NOC in co-ordination with ESCOMs.

**KPTCL's response:**

KPTCL stated that the laying of transmission line to Mandur Sub-station is struck up because ROW issues and further, it has stated that KPTCL has planned to call tender for laying of UG cable for Commissioning of the subject project. The Commission has taken note of the reply submitted by KPTCL.