

## 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 consultation, to obtain suggestions/views/objections from the interested stake-holders, on the application filed by the MESCOM, for the Annual Performance Review for FY17, approval of ERC and Revised ARR for FY19 and also approval of revised retail supply tariff for FY19, under the provisions of the MYT Regulations. In the written submissions as well as during the public hearing, the Stake-holders and the public have raised several objections and have made suggestions, on the Tariff Application.
- 3.2 The names of the persons who have filed written objections and made oral submissions are given below:

#### List of persons who have filed written objections:

Sl. No	Application No.	Name & Address of Objectors
1	AE-01	Sri Nagannachari & others, Mysore
2	MB-01 to 03	Sri. L.K. Mallappa, Doddalinganahalli
3	MA-01 to MA-09	Sri. B.V. Poojari, President & others Bharatiya Kissan Sangha, Udupi District.
4	MA-10	Sri Suryanarayana , Vice- President Mangalore SEZ Limited.
5	MA-11	Sri K.Narasimha Naik, Thirathahalli.
6	MA-12	Sri Balasubramanya Bhat.
7	MA-13 to MA-16	Sri L.G.Umapathi & others, Thirthahalli Taluk, Shimoga District.
8	MA-17 to MA-23	Sri. K.N. Veerandra Naik & others Thirthahalli Taluk.
9	MA-24	Sri T.S. Umashamkar, Hon. General Secretary, KASSIA
10	MA-25 to MA-33	Sri Udaya Kumar & others Udupi
11	MA-34	Sri Anil Savur.D, Secretary The Karnataka Planter's Association
12	MA-35	Sri Sathyanarayana, Udupa, Bharatiya Kissan Sangha, Udupi
13	MA-36	Sri Yagnanarayana M.N., General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati- Karnataka
14	MA-37 to 41	Sri Nagaraj Shetty & others, Thirthahalli Taluk.

15	MA-42	Sri D. Subrahmanya Bhat, Bantval Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.
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- 3.3 The gist of the objections, the replies by MESCOM and the Commission's views are given in **Appendix-1** of this order.
- 3.4 As a part of the Public consultation, the Commission also held a public hearing at Mangaluru on 02.03.2018. In the public hearing, the following persons made oral submissions before the Commission. A List of the persons who made oral submissions during the Public Hearing on 02.03.2018 is as under:

Sl. No.	Names & Addresses of Objectors
1	Sri. S.S. Gunjal, Konkan Railway, Navi Mumbai
2	Sri Shridhar Prabhu, Advocate for Sri. D. Subrahmanya Bhat, M/s Renew, M/s Ashwamedha Power, M/s Giriraj Renewable Energy
3	Sri Vathika P, Sri S.S. Kamath & Sri B.A. Nazeer, Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry
4	Sri. Gaurav Hedge, Kanara Small Industries Association.
5	Sri. Peter Mathias, Karnataka Planters Association and Kelagur Tea and Coffee Plantation.
6	Sri Uday Kumar, Karnataka Coastal Ice Plant Owners Association
7	Sri Parameshwarappa, Bharatiya Kissan Sangha, Chikkamagalur.
8	Sri Shobhan Babu, Vidyuth Balakedarara Sangha, Kadur
9	Sri. V. Suryanarayana, CEO, MSEZ Ltd
10	Sri Poojary, Bharatiya Kissan Sangha, Udupi
11	Sri Sathanarayana Udupa, Bharatiya Kissan Sangha, Udupi.
12	Sri Arga Jnanendra, Ex-MLA, Thirthahalli Pumpset Users' Association
13	Sri Ramakrishna Sharma, Udupi Zilla Krushika Sangha.
14	Sri Kudi Srinivasa Bhat, Udupi Zilla Krushika Sangha.
15	Sri Srinivasa Ballal, Udupi Zilla Krushika Sangha.
16	Sri Umesh Bhat, MCF
17	Gerard Towers,
18	Sri. Rajeev Hagargi, HPCL
19	Sri Bala Subramanya Bhat.

3.5 **The gist of the submissions made during the Public Hearing held on 02.03.2018.**

1	Konkan Railways have requested that, the Security deposit + Service tax of Rs.1.25 Cr demanded for each sub-station of 3 traction substations proposed by Konkan Railways in MESCOM should be waived as per the Government Order of 1992.	The MESCOM has given brief and clarification replies to the points raised by the consumers,
2	There is a difference in IP Set particulars furnished to CEA & KERC. 1,66,000 more IP Sets shown to KERC than CEA and this needs to be examined.	
3	The Audited reports, CAG reports should be made available to consumers.	
4	The wheeling charges details are not given in petition (loss or profit details, impact on fixed charges are not shown).	
5	The Occupancy Certificate requirement for seeking power connection is posing difficulty for rural consumers and hence should not be permitted.	
6	The Ice plants should be treated as seasonal industry and benefits of seasonal industry should be passed on and some concession should be allowed. Ice plants situated 5 km from sea shore should be given special tariff or should be included in small scale industries category.	
7	The farmers are disregarded by MESCOM and there is no response from officers to complaints given by the farmers. Transformer replacement is taking more than 72 hours.	
8	No regular consumer interaction meetings are being held in Kadur and the SE and the EE have not attended the meetings, but no fine is	

	imposed on them.	
9	The Linemen work hardly two hours / day as they are long standing in their present and not transferred for extraneous reasons.	
10	The contractors are misused by the employees. To avoid this, engineers should have direct contact with the consumers.	
11	The poor quality of poles has to be examined, as 2000 numbers of poles have broken down in 1 year.	
12	The Auto reclosure are not working due to improper maintenance of LT lines. Therefore the cost of Auto reclosure should be disallowed.	
13	The Long pending arrears of Rs.112 Crores of MPM is not recovered and an amount of Rs.267 Crores is due from other ESCOMs, with no steps taken to recover the same.	
14	LED bulbs are not available in stock and no exchange of bulbs is given.	
<p><b>Commission's Views:</b> The Commission has considered the points relating to the tariff raised by the public / stakeholders and the replies given by the MESCOM, while passing this Tariff Order. The non-tariff related issues shall be taken up by the consumers with the appropriate officers of the MESCOM.</p>		