

CHAPTER – 1

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd.:

The Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (GESCOM) is a Distribution Licensee under the provisions of Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the Act). The GESCOM is responsible for purchase of power, distribution and retail supply of electricity to its consumers and also providing infrastructure for Open Access, Wheeling and Banking in its area of operation in the six Districts of the State as indicated below:



The GESCOM is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956, incorporated on 30th April, 2002 and commenced its operations on 1st June, 2002.

At present GESCOM's area of operations is structured as follows:

O&M Zones	O&M Circles	O&M Divisions
Gulbarga zone	Gulbarga Circle	Gulbarga CSC Division
		Gulbarga Rural-I Division
		Gulbarga Rural-II Division
		Sedam Division
		Yadgir
	Bidar Circle	Bidar Division
		Humnabad Division
Bellary Zone	Bellary Circle	Bellary CSC Division
		Bellary Rural Division
		Hospet Division
		Hospet Rural Division
	Raichur Circle	Raichur CSC Division
		Raichur Rural Division
		Sindhanoor Division
	Koppal Circle	Gangavathi Division
		Koppal Division

The O & M divisions of GESCOM are further divided into sub-divisions. Each sub-division is having two to three O & M section offices.

The section offices are the base level offices looking into operation and maintenance of the distribution system in order to provide reliable and quality power supply to GESCOM's consumers.

1.1 GESCOM at a glance:

The profile of GESCOM is as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Particulars (As on 30-09-2018)		Statistics*
1.	Area	Sq. km.	43861
2.	Districts	Nos.	6
3.	Taluks	Nos.	31
4.	Population	lakhs	112.00
5.	Consumers	lakhs	2974888
6.	Energy Consumption for FY18	MU	3573.43
7.	Zone	Nos.	2
8.	DTCs	Nos.	95629
9.	Assets	Rs. in Crores	7420.24
10.	HT lines	Ckt. kms	62668.77
11.	LT lines	Ckt. kms	87076.72
12.	Total employees strength:		
A	Sanctioned	Nos.	10170
B	Working	Nos.	8085
13.	Revenue Demand	Rs. in Crores	2383.37
14.	Revenue Collection	Rs. in Crores	2109.18

*Source: Tariff filing

1.2 Number of Consumers, Sales in MU and Revenue details of GESCOM upto September 2018 during FY18 is as follows:

Consumers Category	No. of Installations	Sales in MU	Revenue in Rs. Crores
Domestic	2236835	725.25	438.20
Commercial	260530	217.08	202.68
Industrial	64156	641.12	539.31
Agriculture	359722	1663.50	936.43
Others	58907	339.71	271.20
Total	2980150	3586.66	2387.82

The GESCOM has filed its application for approval of Annual Performance Review for FY18, Revision of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for FY20-22 and revision of Retail Supply Tariff for FY20.

The GESCOM's application, objections / views of stakeholders thereon and the Commission's decisions on the approval of Annual Performance Review for FY18, approval of the ARR for FY20-22 and revision of Retail Supply Tariff for FY20, are discussed in detail, in the subsequent Chapters of this Order.