

Ministry of Power
RESOLUTION
New Delhi, the 25th May,2005

F.No. 23/1/2004-R&R - Sub-section (55) of Section 2 of the Electricity Act, 2003 envisages establishment of Regional Power Committees (RPCs) by a resolution of the Central Government for a specified region for facilitating the integrated operation of the power system in that region.

2. Section 29 (4) of the Act further provides that the Regional Power Committee in the region may, from time to time, agree on matters concerning the stability and smooth operation of the integrated grid and economy and efficiency in the operation of the power system in that region.

(**) 3. In pursuance of the aforesaid provisions, the Central Government hereby establishes the Eastern Regional Power Committee (ERPC) comprising the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, West Bengal and Sikkim with the following members :-

- i) Member (Grid Operation), Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
- ii) One representative each of Central Generating Companies, Central Transmission Utility (CTU), National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) and the Eastern Regional Load Despatch Centre (ERLDC).
- iii) From each of the States in the region, the State Generating Company, State Transmission Utility (STU), State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), one of the State owned distribution companies as nominated by the State Government and one distribution company by alphabetical rotation out of the private distribution companies functioning in the region.
- iv) A representative each of every generating company (other than central generating companies or State Government owned Generating Companies) having more than 1000 MW installed capacity in the region.
- v) A representative of the generating companies having power plants in the region [not covered in (ii) to (iv) above] by alphabetical rotation.
- vi) One member representing the electricity traders in the region by alphabetical rotation, which have trading volume of more than 500 million units during the previous financial year.
- vii) Member Secretary, ERPC - Convenor. Wherever a member is represented by rotation, the nomination would be for a period of one year. The representative from respective organizations should be either the head of the organization or at least a person not below the rank of a Director on the Board of the company / corporate entity except for Central Public

Sector Undertaking (CPSUs) where representative could also be at the level of Executive Director.

(*) 4. Chairperson of the ERPC would represent the States of the region by rotation in alphabetical order. Members of the ERPC from the particular State would nominate the Chairperson of ERPC from amongst themselves. Term of the Chairperson would be for a period of one year.

5. The Headquarters of the Committee will be located at Kolkata.

6. The Committee shall discharge following functions :

(1) To undertake Regional Level operation analysis for improving grid performance.

(2) To facilitate inter-state / inter-regional transfer of power.

(3) To facilitate all functions of planning relating to inter-state / intra-state transmission system with CTU/STU.

(4) To coordinate planning of maintenance of generating machines of various generating companies of the region including those of inter-state generating companies supplying electricity to the Region on annual basis and also to undertake review of maintenance programme on monthly basis.

(5) To undertake planning of outage of transmission system on monthly basis.

(6) To undertake operational planning studies including protection studies for stable operation of the grid.

(7) To undertake planning for maintaining proper voltages through review of reactive compensation requirement through system study committee and monitoring of installed capacitors.

(8) To evolve consensus on all issues relating to economy and efficiency in the operation of power system in the region.

7. As ERLDC would be represented as one of the member of the Committee, the decisions of Committee arrived at by consensus regarding operation of the regional grid and scheduling and dispatch of electricity will be followed by ERLDC subject to directions of the Central Commission, if any.

8. The Committee shall have a secretariat of its own which will be headed by the Member Secretary of the Committee. The Member Secretary as well as other staff for the secretariat shall be provided by the Central Electricity Authority in the manner as was being provided to the erstwhile Eastern Regional Electricity Board.

9. The Committee will frame its own rules of business for the conduct of its meeting and other related matters.

(*) 10. The Committee may constitute its Sub-committees, Task Forces, Ad-hoc Committees and Standing Committees, as deemed necessary for efficient functioning. It may also set up, if required, Groups / Committees of eminent experts to advise it on issues of specific nature. The level of the representative to the Sub-Committees etc would depend on the nature of the issue concerned.

(*) 11. The ERPC shall meet at least once in six months, Sub-Committees, Task Forces, Ad-hoc Committees and Standing Committees of the ERPC could meet as and when required.

(*) 12. The principal resolution dated 25th May, 2005 shall come into force from the date of publication of this resolution in the Gazette.

(*) - Vide Amendment Resolution dated 29th November, 2005.

(**) - Vide Amendment Resolution dated 9th May, 2008.

PS : MoP Resolution F. No.23/1/2004-R&R published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), Part-I, Section-1 (1596 GI/2005).