

Replies to the Objections/Suggestions raised on True-up for FY 2024-25 and revised ARR & Wheeling Tariff Proposals for FY 2026-27 of Distribution Business by Sri I. Gopinath, Chief Executive Officer, of SICMA, 3rd Floor, 36th Square, Plot no. 481, Road no. 36, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500034.

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1.	<p>Directives compliance</p> <p>Hon'ble Commission vide order dt. 28.10.2024 in O.P.No.12 of 2024 & I.A. No.11 of 2024, and I.A. No.23 of 2024 and O.P.No.13 of 2024 & I.A. No.12 of 2024, and I.A. No.20 of 2024 determined the ARR and Wheeling tariffs for the MYT Control period FY 2024-29 (hereinafter referred to as "MYT Order"). Further, the Hon'ble Commission vide Order dated 29.04.2025 in OP No.1 of 2025, O.P. No. 3 of 2025 and O.P.No.31 of 2024 and O.P. No.2 of 2025, O.P.No.4 of 2025 and O.P.No.32 of 2024 determined the True up for FY 2023-24 and Revised ARR/ Wheeling tariffs for the FY 2025-26 (hereinafter referred to as "Tariff Order"). Vide both the aforementioned orders, the Hon'ble Commission issued several directives, a few of which are pertinent to be noted:</p> <p>"2. Capital Investments</p> <p>a. The DISCOMs shall seek approval for individual schemes at least 90 days prior to undertaking the investment in accordance with the Guidelines for Investment Approval. The individual schemes/ projects submitted by the DISCOMs for Commission's approval must provide complete details including those relating to the cost and capitalisation for each year of 5th Control Period.</p> <p>b. Considering the importance of capitalisation of works, the Commission lays down the following requirements to be fulfilled before accepting inclusion of the value of capitalised work in the Original Cost of Fixed Assets (OCFA):</p> <p>i. On completion of a capital work, a physical completion certificate (PCC) to the effect that the work has been fully executed, physically, and the assets created are put in use, to be issued by the concerned engineer not below the rank of Superintendent Engineer.</p> <p>ii. The PCC shall be accompanied or followed by a financial completion certificate (FCC) to the effect that the assets created have been duly entered in the fixed assets register by transfer from</p>	<p>TGNPDCL submit that compliance with directives issued in the MYT and Tariff Orders is an ongoing process, and both DISCOMs are adhering to the requirements stipulated under the applicable Regulations, including those relating to investment approval, capitalisation procedures, and submission of PCC/FCC certificates. Wherever capital works are completed, the PCC and FCC are being issued by the competent authorities for submitted to the Hon'ble Commission. TGNPDCL has submitted PCC/FCC certificates to the Hon'ble Commission for Q1 to Q3 of FY 2024-25 vide Lr.No.CE /(I&R)/ DE(RAC)/ TGNPDCL/WGL/F.PCC &FCC /D.No.455/ 24-25, Dt:04.02.2025 and Q4 of FY 2024-25 vide Lr.No.CE/ (I&R) /DE(RAC) /TGNPDCL/ WGL/ F.PCC &FCC/ D.No.116/25,Dt:19.07.2025.</p> <p>With respect to TGNPDCL, the utility has been complying with the directives in accordance with the Hon'ble Commission's instructions, and any pending submissions are being furnished in the formats and frequently communicated by the Commission.</p> <p>TGNPDCL reiterate that all capitalisation entries admitted into ARR will be strictly subject to prudence check, verification of PCC/FCC, and Commission approval,</p>

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	<p>the Capital Works in Progress (CWIP) register to OCFA. The FCC shall have to be issued by the concerned finance officer not below the rank of Senior Accounts Officer.</p> <p>iii. The above-mentioned certificates have to be submitted to the Commission within 60 days of completion of work, at the latest. The Commission may also inspect or arrange to inspect, at random, a few of the capitalised works included in the OCFA to confirm that the assets created are actually being used and are useful for the business.”</p> <p>It is humbly submitted that the Petitioner has not submitted the directive compliance report in view of the above direction. Notably, the above direction is a fallout of the Regulation 7.8 and 7.9 of the Tariff Regulations. While the TGSPDCL has submitted the copy of intimation for Q1-Q3 of FY 2024-25 along with the True up petition, TGNPDCL has not submitted any details in compliance of the aforesaid direction.</p> <p>Since, capital investment contributes significantly to the ARR of the Distribution business, it is pertinent to mention that the non-compliance of the aforesaid directive should be treated seriously and punitive action for non-compliance be taken to ensure that the distribution capex is properly recorded and put to use.</p>	<p>ensuring that only assets duly completed, recorded, and put to use are reflected in OCFA. Therefore, the concern regarding non-compliance or lack of oversight does not arise.</p>
2.	<p>Capital Expenditure and Capitalization</p> <p>TGSPDCL and TGNPDCL have claimed Capitalization to the tune of Rs. 1752 Crore and Rs. 889 Crore for the FY 2024-25.</p> <p>The Hon’ble Commission vide MYT Order has approved the Capital Investment Plan for the 5th Control Period (FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29). Notably, the Petitioner while claiming the Capital Investment Plan for such period had sought the Capex which was in significant departure to the Capex approved in the Business Plan Order. The Hon’ble Commission uninspired by the justification provided by the Discoms disallowed the additional claim made therein and observed as follows:</p>	<p>The proposed capital expenditure for FY 2026-27 includes both the capex already approved by the Hon’ble Commission for the 5th Control Period and the additional capex requirements of Rs. 95 crore include schemes such as UG Cabling and GMSPV (Solar) have been taken up only after obtaining approval of the Hon’ble Commission, and the expenditure will be subject to prudence check before being capitalized.</p> <p>In the MYT Order, the Hon’ble Commission has approved the capitalisation percentage at 47.96% of the total capital</p>

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	<p>“4.2.6 The Commission vide its Order dated 29.12.2023, approved the Resource Plan of TGDISCOMs of the Control Period i.e. from FY2024-25 to FY2028-29 after carrying out the detailed analysis of the Capital Expenditure schemes submitted by TGDISCOMs.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4.2.8 It is observed that TGDISCOMs have not submitted any details regarding the capital investment proposed for the period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29. The Commission has sought information from TGDISCOMs to provide the scheme details of capex proposed, its preparedness along with proposed source of financing for each scheme. Further, the Commission also sought information from TGDISCOMs to provide the justification of variance in figures from Resource Plan Order dated 29.12.2023 approved by the Commission.</p> <p>4.2.9 TGSPDCL in its reply submitted that the base capex approved under Resource Plan is not adequate to meet the increased demand of Telangana as the base capex for FY2023-24 has already crossed the base capex (FY2024-25), approved in the Resource Plan for FY2024-25 to FY2028-29. Therefore, TGSPDCL has recomputed its base capex requirement and projected requirement based on actual figures available till date. Further, there is also variance in capex, due to introduction of smart meter capex requirements which was not envisaged earlier during Resource Plan approval. The other capex is proposed in line to Resource Plan approval.</p> <p>4.2.10 TGNPDCL in its reply submitted that the base capex and other capex is projected as per approved Resource Plan Order dated 29.12.2023. The difference in the capex investment plan is only due to addition of capex proposed towards installation of smart meters.</p> <p>4.2.11 The Commission observed that TGSPDCL has not provided appropriate justification for the variance in the capex investment plan (Base Capex) from the approved Resource Plan Order dated 29.12.2023. Further, TGDISCOMs have not complied with Clause 80 of Regulation No. 2 of 2023 and has not provide the details of schemes proposed. Thus, in the light of limited information made available to the Commission by TGDISCOMs, the Commission has considered the base capex and</p>	<p>expenditure for the relevant year. Accordingly, TGNPDCL has adopted the same approach in its filings.</p> <p>Further, expenses capitalised (Rs. 129 Cr) and IDC (Rs. 111 Cr) have been considered proportionately based on the methodology approved by the Hon’ble Commission in the 5th Control Period MYT Order. These components are applied as a percentage of the base approved by the Commission, ensuring consistency approach considered by Hon’ble TGERC in its MYT Order.</p> <p>Therefore, the computation aligns with the MYT principles and the Tariff Order provisions, and there is no deviation from the methodology prescribed by the Hon’ble Commission.</p> <p>We request the Hon’ble Commission to consider the capital expenditure and the capitalization consider in the filings made by TGNPDCL</p>

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	<p>other capex for both the TGDISCOMs as approved by the Commission in Resource Plan Order dated 29.12.2023.</p> <p>4.2.12 With regard to smart meters, TGDISCOMs submitted that the proposal is put forward before the State Government for the approval. In view of uncertainty in the capex investment towards the smart meters and directives issued by the Commission regarding smart meter implementations, the Commission defers the investment proposed towards smart meters. The Petitioner may approach the Commission for approval of capex investment towards smart meters, after the approval of proposal submitted to the GoTG.”</p> <p>In a similar manner, the Petitioners have claimed additional Capex to what had already been approved in the Tariff determination proceedings for the FY 2025-26. The Hon'ble Commission vide Tariff order observed likewise as under:</p> <p>“3.17.16 The Commission vide its Order dated 28.10.2024, approved the Distribution MYT tariff for the Control Period i.e. from FY2024-25 to FY2028-29.</p> <p>3.17.17 It is observed that TGSPDCL has not submitted any details regarding the additional smart meter capital investment proposed for the period FY2025-26. The Commission has sought information from TGSPDCL to provide the scheme details of the additional smart meter capital investment proposed for the period FY2025-26, its preparedness along with proposed source of financing for each scheme.</p> <p>3.17.18 TGSPDCL in its reply submitted that the proposal for smart meter capex is put forward before the State Government for approval.</p> <p>3.17.19 In view of uncertainty in the capex investment towards the smart meters, the Commission defers the investment proposed towards smart meters. The Petitioner may approach the Commission for approval of capex investment towards smart meters, after the approval of proposal submitted to the GoTG.</p> <p>3.17.20 The Commission has considered the base capex and other capex for both the TGDISCOMs for FY2025-26 as approved by the Commission in Distribution MYT Order dated 28.10.2024.”</p>	

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	<p>7. Based on the above precedent, it is humbly submitted that the Hon'ble Commission has not admitted the variation in Capital Investment in both the MYT and Tariff Order and held that the approval would be restricted to approved Capex as per the Resource Plan Order dt. 29.12.2023. Further to the above, it is humbly submitted that the Capital investment towards Smart meters is not yet approved.</p> <p>Given that FY 2024-25 (true-up year) is the first year of the 5th Control Period, any claims ought to be admitted strictly in accordance with the MYT Order dated 28.10.2024. In this regard, attention is invited to the Capex and Capitalization claimed by the Petitioners, for which essential particulars—such as scheme-wise break-up, nature of works, and funding details—have not been furnished.</p> <p>Further, while the Petitioners have sought additional capex in the MYT and Tariff Orders, no evidence has been provided to establish that such expenditure pertains only to approved schemes. Instead, the claims are merely stated as “as per Accounts” without any regulatory correlation or justification.</p> <p>Since distribution tariff is predominantly driven by Capex and Capitalization, the absence of substantiating and documentary evidence warrants strict regulatory scrutiny. Accordingly, the Objector submits that only 75% of the claimed Capex/Capitalization be provisionally admitted and the balance 25% be withheld, subject to submission and verification of complete scheme-wise details.</p> <p>The allowable Capex and Capitalization for the True up of FY 2024-25 as per the Objector's assessment is as under:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table 3: Summary of allowable Capex and Capitalization for the FY 2024-25 (All figures in Rs. Crores)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="254 1157 1094 1258"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Particulars</th> <th colspan="2">Claimed</th> <th colspan="2">Allowable</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Capex</th> <th>Capitalization</th> <th>Capex</th> <th>Capitalization</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TGSPDCL</td> <td>2,055</td> <td>1,752</td> <td>1,541</td> <td>1,314</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TGNPDCL</td> <td>823</td> <td>889</td> <td>617</td> <td>667</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>the FY 2026-27, TGSPDCL and TGNPDCL have claimed Capital Investment to the tune of Rs. 8160 Crore and Rs. 1736 Crore respectively.</p>	Particulars	Claimed		Allowable		Capex	Capitalization	Capex	Capitalization	TGSPDCL	2,055	1,752	1,541	1,314	TGNPDCL	823	889	617	667	
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	<p>As could be inferred, the Petitioners especially TGSPDCL has made an all-round effort to exaggerate the Capital Expenditure in the current MYT filings. To quantify, the proposed Capital Expenditure by TGSPDCL is 312% of the Capex approved in the MYT Order whereas for TGNPDCL, it has claimed Rs. 95 Crore in excess to what has been approved in the MYT Order which was admitted by the Hon'ble Commission vide order dt. 18.09.2025.</p> <p>With respect to the significant deviation claimed by TGSPDCL towards Capex for FY 2026-27, it is submitted that such expenditure relates to new works and, therefore, mandatorily requires prior approval of the Hon'ble Commission. Any such Capex can be admitted only after satisfying the requirements of Regulation 80, including prudence check, necessity, and conformity with approved schemes, the relevant extracts of which are reproduced below:</p> <p>“80 Capital Investment Plan</p> <p>80.1 The distribution licensee shall submit a detailed Capital Investment Plan, financing plan and physical targets for each Year of the Control Period for strengthening and augmentation of its distribution network, meeting the requirement of load growth, reduction in distribution losses, improvement in quality of supply, reliability, metering, reduction in congestion, etc., to the Commission for approval, as a part of the Multi-Year Tariff Petition for the entire Control Period.</p> <p>80.2 The Capital Investment Plan shall be a least cost plan for undertaking investments and shall cover all capital expenditure projects of a value exceeding Rs. 10 Crore or such other amount as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time and shall be in such form as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time.</p> <p>80.3 The Capital Investment Plan shall be accompanied by such information, particulars and documents as may be required including but not limited to the information such as number of distribution sub-stations, consumer sub-stations, transformation capacity in MVA and details of distribution transformers of different capacities, HT:LT ratio as well as distribution line length showing the need for the proposed investments, alternatives considered, cost-benefit analysis and other aspects that may have a bearing on the Wheeling Charges.</p>	

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	<p>80.4 The Commission shall consider the Capital Investment Plan along with the Multi-Year Aggregate Revenue Requirement for the entire Control Period submitted by the distribution licensee taking into consideration the prudence of the proposed expenditure and estimated impact on Wheeling Charges.”</p> <p>The Petitioner, while including Capital Expenditure in the present Petitions, has neither furnished any cogent justification nor placed on record adequate documentary evidence to explain the deviations from the Capex approved in the MYT Order in terms of the requirements of Regulation 80. As discussed in the preceding paragraphs, the Hon’ble Commission, on a similar footing, has restricted such claims to the levels approved under the MYT framework.</p> <p>It is submitted that the TG Discoms have consistently fallen short of achieving the Capitalization levels approved under the MYT Order. While the Petitioners possess the right to claim Capex in accordance with the Business requirements, the Objector points out that such exercise should not be undertaken bypassing the regulatory provisions. In such circumstances, projections (for the FY 2026-27) based on unachieved approvals would be unrealistic and inflationary. Therefore, for prudent projection purposes, Capitalization ought to be restricted to the levels actually attained by the Petitioner in FY 2024-25 vis-à-vis the approved values. Accordingly, the Objector respectfully prays that the Hon’ble Commission approve Capitalization of Rs. 2,035 Crore and Rs. 944 Crore, in place of the MYT-approved Capitalization of Rs. 2,911 Crore and Rs. 1,754 Crore respectively for the FY 2026-27, as detailed in the computation below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table 4: Summary of admissible Capitalization for the FY 2026-27 (All figures in Rs. Crores)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="243 1109 1115 1312"> <thead> <tr> <th>Particulars</th> <th>TGSPDCL</th> <th>TGNPDCL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="3">FY 2024-25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capitalization approved in the MYT Order</td> <td>2,506.45</td> <td>1,652.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capitalization attained</td> <td>1,752.09</td> <td>888.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% attained w.r.t. approved</td> <td>69.90%</td> <td>53.79%</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">FY 2026-27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capitalization approved in the MYT Order</td> <td>2,910.83</td> <td>1,754.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>%</td> <td>69.90%</td> <td>53.79%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capitalization admissible</td> <td>2,034.77</td> <td>943.59</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Particulars	TGSPDCL	TGNPDCL	FY 2024-25			Capitalization approved in the MYT Order	2,506.45	1,652.10	Capitalization attained	1,752.09	888.64	% attained w.r.t. approved	69.90%	53.79%	FY 2026-27			Capitalization approved in the MYT Order	2,910.83	1,754.25	%	69.90%	53.79%	Capitalization admissible	2,034.77	943.59	
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	<p>Notwithstanding to the above submissions, the Objector also apprehends that exaggerated Capex projections have in the past led to accumulation of revenue surplus with the Licensees which is yet to be passed through to the consumers.</p> <p>The Objector submits that the components of Depreciation, Interest Expenses and Return on Equity must be approved as per the Capitalization allowable as per preceding paras.</p>	
3.	<p>Depreciation – Impact of consumer contribution and grants:</p> <p>TGSPDCL has claimed Depreciation to the tune of Rs. 809 Crore and Rs. 1149 Crore for the FY 2024-25 and FY 2026-27 respectively. Likewise, TGNPDCL has claimed Depreciation to the tune of Rs. 414 Crore and Rs. 661 Crore for the FY 2024-25 and FY 2026-27 respectively.</p> <p>The Petitioners have computed the depreciation based on the rates as per the Tariff Regulations. Further, as per the Tariff formats provided along with the Petition, it is observed that the Petitioner has claimed Depreciation on the asset funded out of consumer contribution and grants as well. At the same time, it has proposed adjustment of amortization (of grants) under Non-tariff income. Furthermore, the balances of Gross fixed asset (GFA) and consumer contribution & grants claimed by the Petitioners are incorrect.</p> <p>In the above regard, Regulation 26 of Tariff Regulations 2023 in respect of treatment of Consumer Contribution, Deposit Work, Grant and Capital Subsidy provides as under:</p> <p>“26 Consumer Contribution, Deposit Work, Grant and Capital Subsidy</p> <p>26.1 The expenses on the following categories of works carried out by the generating entity or licensee or SLDC shall be treated as specified in clause 26.2:</p> <p>(a) Works undertaken from funds, partly or fully, provided by the users, which are in the nature of deposit works or consumer contribution works;</p> <p>(b) Capital works undertaken with grants or capital subsidy received from the State and Central Governments;</p>	<p>TGNPDCL submit that depreciation has been computed strictly as per the Tariff Regulations, applying the notified rates on the regulatory asset base and adjusting for consumer contribution and grants to the extent identifiable from audited accounts and scheme-wise records. There is no double recovery, as amortisation of grants and consumer contribution is duly reflected under non-tariff income in line with the Commission’s methodology.</p> <p>The objector’s inference that depreciation has been claimed on assets funded through grants/consumer contribution is incorrect. TGNPDCL followed the regulatory requirement that depreciation is not claimed to the extent assets are funded through such support, subject to availability of scheme-wise funding details and audited classification.</p> <p>Further, reconciliation of opening GFA and consumer contribution/grants is undertaken with reference to the audited accounts, and all variations are fully subject to the Hon’ble Commission’s prudence check during true-up. TGNPDCL also reiterate that capitalization entries, funding</p>

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	<p>(c) Other works undertaken with funding received without any obligation of repayment and with no interest costs.</p> <p>26.2 The expenses on such capital works shall be treated as follows:-</p> <p>(a) normative O&M expenses as specified in this Regulation shall be allowed;</p> <p>(b) the debt: equity ratio, shall be considered in accordance with clause 27, after deducting the amount of such financial support received;</p> <p>(c) provisions related to depreciation, as specified in clause 28, shall not be applicable to the extent of such financial support received;</p> <p>(d) provisions related to return on equity, as specified in clause 29 shall not be applicable to the extent of such financial support received;</p> <p>(e) provisions related to interest on loan capital, as specified in clause 31 shall not be applicable to the extent of such financial support received.”</p> <p>Notably, the methodology adopted by the Petitioner is at variance with that followed by the Hon’ble Commission in the Tariff Order for FY 2025-26. The Hon’ble Commission had specifically observed that the depreciation claim was not supported with proper segregation between existing and new assets and did not clearly indicate whether amortisation of consumer contribution had been duly accounted for. In the present Petition as well, similar deficiencies persist, rendering the depreciation claim unverifiable and contrary to the Commission’s established approach.</p> <p>It is humbly submitted that the Opening balance of Consumer contribution & Grants for the FY 2024-25 must be considered equivalent to the closing balance of consumer contribution & grants approved by the Hon’ble Commission in the Tariff Order (True up of FY 2023-24). In a similar manner, the opening balances of GFA must be considered equivalent to the closing balance of the GFA approved in the True up of FY 2023-24.</p> <p>Relevant extracts of the Tariff Order depicting the opening GFA balance (and additions during (FY 24) and the Opening Consumer contribution & grants (and additions during (FY 24) for the FY 2023-24 are shown as under:</p>	<p>pattern, and asset addition details are furnished to the Commission for scrutiny along with supporting documents.</p> <p>The approach adopted in the Petition is consistent with past orders of the Hon’ble Commission. Accordingly, the depreciation claim is compliant, verifiable, and we request the Hon’ble Commission to consider the approve the same per the filings made by TGNPDCL.</p>

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Table 3.7: ROCE claimed and approved for FY 2023-24 for TGSPDCL
Rs.in crore

Particulars	Approved in MYT Order dated:29.04.2020	Actuals as claimed in APR	Approved
Original Cost of Fixed Assets at the beginning of the year		20432.89	20407.97
Accumulated Depreciation at the beginning of the year		6621.11	5620.55
Consumer Contribution at the beginning of the year		8960.02	8956.40
Grants under UDAY Scheme			656.48
Regulated Rate Base		4851.76	4974.53
Investments capitalised during the year		1763.52	1763.52
Depreciation during the year		829.45	828.44
Consumer Contribution addition during the year		1157.80	1157.80
Change in Rate Base		-111.87	-111.36
O&M expenses		296.68	296.68
Working Capital		296.68	296.68
Regulated Rate Base for RoCE		5036.58	5159.86

Table 3.8: ROCE claimed and approved for FY 2023-24 for TGNPDCL
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Particulars	Approved in MYT Order dated: 29.04.2020	Actuals as claimed in APR	Approved
Original Cost of Fixed Assets at the beginning of the year		9602.59	9586.83
Accumulated Depreciation at the beginning of the year		4941.35	4204.53
Consumer Contribution at the beginning of the year		2036.94	2619.26
Grants under UDAY Scheme			332.53
Regulated Rate Base		2624.31	2430.52
Investments capitalised during the year		552.57	552.57
Depreciation during the year		356.24	355.65
Consumer Contribution addition during the year		179.41	179.42
Change in Rate Base		8.46	8.75
O&M expenses		218.79	209.68
Working Capital		218.79	209.68
Regulated Rate Base for RoCE		2851.55	2648.95

Additionally, the perusal of Audited Accounts of TGSPDCL and TGNPDCL indicates that the Consumer contribution & Grants amounting to Rs. 1221 Crore and Rs. 302 Crore has been received during the FY 2024-25. Relevant extracts of the Note 3 of the Audited Accounts are reproduced hereunder:

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4.	<p>Interest on Loan:</p> <p>TGSPDCL has claimed Interest on Loan to the tune of Rs. 534 Crore and Rs. 934 Crore for the FY 2024-25 and FY 2026-27 respectively. Likewise, TGNPDCL has claimed Interest on Loan to the tune of Rs. 328 Crore and Rs. 400 Crore for the FY 2024-25 and FY 2026-27 respectively.</p> <p>The Objector submits that the treatment of Interest Expense and Return on Equity has materially changed from FY 2024-25 onwards pursuant to the revised Regulations, which provide for allowance of Return on Equity and Interest on Loan in place of the earlier framework of Return on Capital Employed. This regulatory shift has correspondingly altered the methodology for computing Interest on Loan and Return on Equity. While the Objector is broadly aligned with the Petitioner’s approach in principle, the key issue that remains pertains to the determination of the opening balances of Loan and Equity, which must be established strictly in accordance with regulatory provisions and principles of financial prudence.</p> <p>To arrive at the Opening balance of Normative loan, the reference is drawn to the Tariff order for FY 2025-26 wherein the Hon’ble Commission while determining the Interest on Loan observed as follows:</p> <p>“3.22.11 The Commission has determined the opening loan base for FY2024-25 by taking the approved Gross Fixed Assets (GFA) as on 01.04.2024 adjusted for accumulated depreciation, consumer contributions, and grants and apportioning it based on a debt-equity ratio of 75:25. Additionally, in accordance with Clause 27.1 of Regulation No. 2 of 2023, the Commission has</p>	<p>TGNPDCL submit that the Interest on Loan has been computed strictly as per Regulation No. 2 of 2023, applying the normative 75:25 debt–equity ratio to the asset base, consistent with the methodology adopted by the Hon’ble Commission. The treatment of loan opening balances, loan additions, and repayment equivalent to depreciation has been done in line framework prescribed in the Regulations. The suggestion that accumulated depreciation should be applied at 100% for normative loan repayment does not align with the normative capital structure stipulated by the Regulations, which requires debt and equity to be maintained in the 75:25 ratio for all regulatory computations, including loan additions and repayment.</p> <p>With respect to consumer contribution and grants, TGNPDCL have already provided audited figures, consumer contribution part in GFA and scheme-wise segregation is submitted to the Hon’ble Commission as part of the prudence. Depreciation and loan computations</p>																																																	

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	<p>for allowance of Return on Equity and Interest on Loan in place of the earlier framework of Return on Capital Employed. Further, the Objector argues that the opening balances of Equity must be established strictly in accordance with regulatory provisions and principles of financial prudence. To arrive at the Opening balance of Equity, the reference is drawn to the Tariff order for FY 2025-26 wherein the Hon'ble Commission while determining the Return on Equity observed as follows: "3.21.15 The Commission has determined the opening equity base for FY2024-25 by taking the approved Gross Fixed Assets (GFA) as on 01.04.2024, and adjusted for accumulated depreciation, consumer contributions, and grants based on normative debt-equity ratio of 75:25. Furthermore, in accordance with Clause 27.1 of Regulation No. 2 of 2023, the Commission has applied the same 75:25 debt-equity ratio to the approved capitalisation, net of consumer contributions and grants to calculate the equity addition for each year of the Control Period."</p> <p>7However, the claim made by the petitioner (TGSPDCL) towards Opening balance of Equity (as on 01.04.2024) is shown as under:</p> <p>Table 10: Summary of TGSPDCL's claim of Opening balance of Equity for the FY 2024-25 (All figures in Rs. Crores)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="262 867 1199 1052"> <thead> <tr> <th>Particulars</th> <th>FY 2023-24</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total GFA as on 31.03.2023</td> <td>22196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consumer Contribution assets in GFA as on 31.03.2023</td> <td>7599.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixed Assets post removal of CC as on 31.03.2023</td> <td>14596</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Accumulated Depreciation as on 31.03.2023</td> <td>11252.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contribution of CC in Accumulated Depreciation</td> <td>4051.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Accumulated Depreciation post removal of Dep due to CC</td> <td>7201</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance Assets after deduction of accumulated Depreciation</td> <td>7395</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance Assets Equity Portion (25%)</td> <td>1849</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>With reference to GFA and Consumer Contribution & Grants in respect of RoE, the Objector submits that the same may be considered in line with the discussions in the preceding section. Further, in the absence of break-up of Consumer Contribution & Grants forming part of Accumulated Depreciation, the Objector proposes that the contribution of Consumer Contribution & Grants to Accumulated Depreciation be considered in proportion to the ratio of total Consumer Contribution as on 01.04.2024 to total GFA as on 01.04.2024, ensuring consistency and prudence in computation.</p>	Particulars	FY 2023-24	Total GFA as on 31.03.2023	22196	Consumer Contribution assets in GFA as on 31.03.2023	7599.84	Fixed Assets post removal of CC as on 31.03.2023	14596	Total Accumulated Depreciation as on 31.03.2023	11252.69	Contribution of CC in Accumulated Depreciation	4051.61	Accumulated Depreciation post removal of Dep due to CC	7201	Balance Assets after deduction of accumulated Depreciation	7395	Balance Assets Equity Portion (25%)	1849	<p>objector's presumption of misalignment is therefore not correct.</p> <p>Where consumer contribution and grants form part of asset funding, such portions are excluded from the equity base.</p> <p>We request the Hon'ble Commission to approve the rate of 16% for calculation of Return on Equity as per the filing made by TGNPDCL</p>
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	<p>In the present Petition, the Petitioner has sought relaxation of the Rate of RoE approved under the MYT Order and has claimed recovery of the base rate of RoE through the True-Up for FY 2024–25. By seeking a change in the RoE at the stage of True-Up, the Petitioner is effectively attempting to reopen and modify the Tariff Order, which is impermissible in law. Once the Commission determines the norms and parameters in a Tariff Order, the same attain finality and cannot be altered except where the Regulations themselves expressly permit such variation.</p> <p>It is well settled through a catena of judgments of the Hon'ble APTEL that the True-Up mechanism is only meant to reconcile approved estimates with actuals based on the already approved norms and cannot be used to revise, substitute, or re-determine the tariff parameters. The scope of True-Up is limited to adjustment within the framework of the Tariff Order and not to re-write the tariff itself. Therefore, permitting relaxation in the Rate of RoE at the True-Up stage would not only amount to modification of the Tariff Order, but would also dilute the intent of the Tariff Regulations, which link RoE to regulatory discipline, including adherence to prescribed timelines. Any such relaxation would undermine regulatory certainty and defeat the very objective of incentivising compliance by the utility.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Licensees have also claimed an incentive of 2% over the base rate of RoE citing compliance to TSERC (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulations, 2016 and have submitted the compliance report to the Hon'ble Commission through separate communications.</p> <p>At the outset, the Objector submits that compliance with SOP and the associated incentive framework is an integral part of the Tariff Regulations and cannot be presumed or admitted merely on assertion. The Licensees are obligated to place on record verifiable data and documentary evidence substantiating such compliance. A bald statement of compliance does not confer eligibility for incentive and must withstand the test of regulatory scrutiny and public examination. Further, the Objector questions the quality and robustness of the compliance being reported to the Hon'ble Commission. It is imperative to examine whether the underlying data is systematically monitored, audited, and governed by clearly defined reporting guidelines. In the absence of any critical and</p>	

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	<p>TGNPDCL has claimed O&M Expenses to the tune of Rs. 2783 Crore and Rs. 3130 Crore for the FY 2024-25 and FY 2026-27 respectively.</p> <p>At the outset, it is submitted that the Petitioners have claimed O&M Expenses for the True-up year based purely on actuals from Audited Accounts, rather than adopting the normative framework mandated under the Tariff Regulations. It is further submitted that the O&M Expenses claimed by TGNPDCL appear disproportionately high, particularly when compared with TGSPDCL, despite TGNPDCL owning only about half the asset base and handling nearly one-third of the energy sales of TGSPDCL. In this background, the Hon'ble Commission is respectfully urged to undertake a robust benchmarking exercise for O&M Expenses, duly factoring employee deployment across key functions such as consumer services, substation operations, and asset management, and aligning the allowance with prudent utility practices and efficiency norms rather than untested actuals.</p> <p>TGSPDCL has attributed the increase in O&M primarily to escalation in Employee Expenses, A&G Expenses, and R&M Expenses. It is stated that Employee Cost has risen by about Rs. 239 crore on account of DA increase, Rs. 160 crore towards enhanced employer contribution to Provident Fund based on actuarial valuation, and Rs. 45.22 crore towards Employee Medical Reimbursement. While these figures are asserted, the Petitioner has not demonstrated the prudence, necessity, or efficiency of such escalations, nor established that the same are unavoidable and in line with regulatory benchmarks.</p> <p>Further, the Petitioner submits a marginal increase in Repairs & Maintenance Expenses, citing regular maintenance of UG cable networks (Rs. 11.42 crore) and expenditure of about Rs. 5.08 crore towards substation maintenance and allied civil works. The Objector submits that such increases, though presented as routine, require proper justification, benchmarking, and demonstration of efficiency gains, and cannot be admitted merely on the basis of narration.</p> <p>It goes without saying that the Objector argues that the O&M Expenses have been claimed in complete violation of the Regulation 81 of the Tariff Regulations 2023, relevant extracts of which are reproduced as below:</p>	<p>Regulation No. 2 of 2023. However, the approved amount so derived is lower than the actual expenditure incurred during FY 2023-24. O&M cost escalation is based on CPI/WPI indices in accordance with Regulation 81.3 based on actuals for FY 2024-25. This revision is primarily on account of actual employee cost, repairs & maintenance activities, and administrative expenses, projected based on CPI/WPI.</p> <p>The Hon'ble Commission has approved Employee cost for FY 2024-25 by applying escalation on the average of the true-up expenses for the immediate preceding control period, and this if further escalated for 3 years as per clause No. 81 of Regulation No. 2 of 2023. However, the approved amount so derived is lower than the actual expenditure incurred during FY 2023-24.</p> <p>Further, the methodology specified by the Commission does not consider three aspects viz. (i) the impact of variation in number of employee's year on year, (ii) impact of Pay Revision (iii) impact of the yearly increments of the employees of the licensees.</p> <p>Hence, the Licensee humbly requests the Hon'ble commission to allow the Actual Expenditure incurred towards employee expenses as per audited annual accounts of FY 2024-25.</p>

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	<p>“81.1 The O&M expenses for distribution licensee shall comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee cost including unfunded past liabilities of pension and gratuity; • Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) expenses; and • Administrative and Generation (A&G) expenses. <p>81.2 The O&M expenses for distribution licensee for each year of the Control Period shall be approved based on the formula shown below:</p> <p>O&M_n = EMP_n + R&M_n + A&G_n</p> <p>Where,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O&M_n – Operation and Maintenance expense for the nth year; • EMP_n – Employee Costs for the nth year; • R&M_n – Repair and Maintenance Costs for the nth year; • A&G_n – Administrative and General Costs for the nth year; <p>81.3 The above components shall be computed in the manner specified below:</p> <p>EMP_n = (EMP_{n-1}) x (CPI Inflation);</p> <p>R&M_n = K x (GFAn) x (WPI Inflation) and</p> <p>A&G_n = (A&G_{n-1}) x (WPI Inflation)</p> <p>Provided that the employee cost and A&G expenses for the first year of the Control Period shall be worked out considering the average of the trued-up expenses after adding/deducting the share of efficiency gains/losses, for the immediately preceding Control Period, excluding abnormal expenses, if any, subject to prudence check by the Commission, and duly escalating the same for 3 years with CPI Inflation for employee costs and WPI Inflation for A&G expenses.”</p> <p>Based on the above, the employee costs and administrative (A&G) expenses for the first year of the new Control Period are to be computed based on the average of the Trued up costs from the previous period, adjusted for efficiency gains or losses. Any unusual or abnormal expenses need to be excluded by the Commission.</p> <p>Against this methodology, the Hon'ble Commission in the MYT order observed as follows:</p>	

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	<p data-bbox="226 253 464 280">"Employee Expenses</p> <p data-bbox="226 310 411 326">.....</p> <p data-bbox="226 342 1318 751">4.4.13 The Commission has scrutinized the trued-up expenses and observed that there is no abnormal expense in the preceding Control Period. In accordance to proviso of Clause 81.3 of Regulation No. 2 of 2023, the Commission has recomputed the Employee Expenses for FY2024-25, by considering the average of trued-up expenses after adding/deducting the share of efficiency gains/losses, for the immediately preceding Control Period till FY2022-23 and approved values for FY2023-24. The average employee expenses have been duly escalated thrice with average CPI inflation factor of last 5 financial years (FY2019-20 to FY2023-24) to arrive at Employee expenses for FY2024-25. As the employee expenses have been arrived by considering the average of employee expenses of last five years, the Commission has considered the average CPI Inflation factor of last 5 financial years.</p> <p data-bbox="226 769 1318 924">4.4.14 The Employee Expenses of each financial year for FY2025-26 to FY2028-29 is computed by escalating the above derived value of Employee expenses by average CPI inflation factor (5.79%) of last 5 financial years (FY2019-20 to FY2023-24). The Employee Expenses approved by the Commission for the period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29 are as shown below:</p> <p data-bbox="226 941 401 969">A&G Expenses</p> <p data-bbox="226 985 1318 1354">4.4.15 The Commission has recomputed the A&G Expenses for FY2024-25, by considering the average of trued-up A&G expenses after adding/deducting the share of efficiency gains/losses, for the immediately preceding Control Period till FY2022-23 and approved values for FY2023-24. The average A&G expenses have been duly escalated thrice with average WPI inflation factor of last 5 financial years (FY2019-20 to FY2023-24) to arrive at A&G expenses for FY2024-25. As the A&G expenses have been arrived by considering the average of A&G expenses of last five years, the Commission has considered the average WPI Inflation factor of last 5 financial years. The A&G Expenses of each financial year for FY2025-26 to FY2028-29 is computed by escalating the above derived value of A&G expenses by average WPI inflation factor (4.93%) of last 5 financial years</p>	

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	<p>(FY2019-20 to FY2023-24). The A&G Expenses approved by the Commission for the period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29 are as shown below</p> <p>4.4.16 With regard to R&M Expenses, the Commission has computed the 'k' factor based on the approved R&M Expenses as the percentage of opening GFA (approved) at beginning of each year of the 4th Control Period. The normative R&M Expenses of each financial year for the period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29 is computed by multiplying the opening GFA, with 'k' factor derived above and average WPI inflation factor of last 5 financial years which is being escalated for each year of the period FY2024-25 to FY2028-29."</p> <p>From the above, it is abundantly clear that the Hon'ble Commission has determined the normative O&M Expenses with due regard to the Tariff Regulations. The Petitioner's claim seeking variation in O&M Expenses is do not pass the test of Regulation 81. The petitioner has failed to demonstrate as to how the variation is admissible beyond the normative level of expense. The variation sought by the Petitioner is based on variation in routine expenditure items and are not extraordinary items warranting intervention of the Hon'ble Commission.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the Hon'ble Commission in the past orders has approved the O&M Expenses on normative basis at the time of True up. In view of the set precedence for O&M Expenses admission, the Hon'ble Commission is sincerely submitted to approve the O&M Expenses for the True up of FY 2024-25 on normative basis.</p> <p>Based on the above, it is humbly submitted that the Employee and A&G Expenses be approved same as approved in the MYT Order. In so far as the R&M Expenses are concerned, the same is linked to Opening GFA balances which have undergone a change pursuant to True up of FY 2023-24. Accordingly, based on admissible GFA as discussed in the preceding sections, the allowable R&M Expenses are shown as under:</p>	

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