# CENIRALELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION <br> NEW DELHI 

Petition No. 331/2009

## Coram: <br> 1. Dr. Pramod Deo, Chaiperson <br> 2. Shri S.J ayaraman, Member <br> 3. Shri V.S.Verma, Member

DATE OF HEARING: 16.2.2010
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## In the matter of

Revision of transmission tariff due to additional capital expenditure inc ured during 2008-09 for (a) 80 MVAR Reactor along with Nellore 400 kV bay extension work; (b) 315 MVA ICT along with Cuddapah 400 kV bay extension work; (c) 315 MVA ICTalong with Gooty sub-station bay extension work and IInd 3x167 MVA Auto transformer at Kolar and switc hing a rrangement for reactor at Somanhalli; (d) 315 MVA ICTalong with Guzuwaka sub-station bay extension work; (e) 315 MVA ICT at Munirabad sub-station bay extension work; and (f) 315 MVA ICT along with Khammam sub-station bay extension work under the system strengthening Scheme-V in Southem Region Grid.

## And in the matter of

Power Grid Comoration of India Limited, Gurgaon ..Petitioner Vs

1. Kamataka PowerTransmission Corporation Limited, Ba ngalore
2. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd., Hyderabad
3. Kerala State Electric ity Board, Thiruvanathapuram
4. Ta mil Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai
5. Elec tric ity Department, Govt. of Pondic hemy, Pondic hemy
6. Eastem Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Vishakhapatnam
7. Southem Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Tirupati
8. Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Hyderabad
9. Northem Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Warangal
10. Ba ngalore Elec tricity Supply Compa ny Ltd., Ba ngalore
11. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd. Gulburga
12. Hubli Electric ity Supply Company Ltd., Hubli
13. MESCOM Corporate office, Mangalore
14. Chamundeswari Elec tric ity Supply Corporation Ltd., Mysore. .Respondents

## The following were present

1. Shri U.K.Tyagi, PGCIL
2. Shri Rakesh Prasad, PGCIL
3. Shri M.M.Mondal, PGCIL
4. Shri S.K.Niranjan, PGCIL

## ORDER

This petition has been filed for revision of transmission tariff due to additional capital expenditure incured in respect of transmission elements given in the table below, together with their dates of commercial operation under the system strengthening Scheme-V (the transmission scheme) in Southem Region Grid for the period from 1.4.2008 to 31.3.2009, based on the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the 2004 regulations:

| S.No. | Name of Asset | Date of the <br> commercial <br> operation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. | 80 MVAR Reactor along with Nellore 400 kV bay <br> extension work (Asset-I) | 1.7 .2007 |
| 2. | 315 MVA ICT along with Cuddapah 400 kV bay <br> extension work (Asset-II) | 1.8 .2007 |
| 3. | 315 MVA ICT along with Gooty sub-station bay <br> extension work and IInd 3 x167 MVA Auto transformer <br> at Kolar and switching a rangement for reactor at <br> Somanhalli (Asset-III) | 1.9 .2007 |
| 4. | 315 MVA ICT along with Guzuwaka sub-station bay <br> extension work (Asset-IV) | 1.10 .2007 |
| 5. | 315 MVA ICT along with Munirabad sub-station bay <br> extension work (Asset-V) | 1.11 .2007 |
| 6 | 315 MVA ICT along with Khammam sub-station bay <br> extension (Asset-VI) | 1.2 .2008 |

2. The petitioner has also prayed for reimbursement of the petition filing fee, licence fee and other expenditure in connection with the filing of the petition
3. The investment approval for the transmission scheme was accorded by Board of Directors of the petitioner company vide memorandum dated 13.7.2004
at an estimated cost of Rs. 9212 lakh, which includes IDC of Rs. 482 lakh. Subsequently, revised cost estimate for the transmission scheme was approved by Board of Directors vide memorandum dated 21.10.2008 at an estimated cost of Rs. 13180 lakh which included an IDC of Rs. 268 lakh.
4. The transmission charges for the transmission elements were approved by the Commission vide its order dated 16.3.2009 in Petition No. 125/2008. The summary of the revised transmission charges approved by the said order dated 16.3.2009 is extracted hereunder:
(Rs. in lakh)

|  | Asset-I |  | Asset-ll |  | Asset-III |  | Asset-IV |  | Asset-V |  | Asset-VI |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2007- \\ & 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2008- \\ & 09 \end{aligned}$ |
| Depreciation | 25.18 | 34.63 | 32.72 | 51.50 | 84.34 | 146.48 | 22.97 | 49.63 | 26.35 | 65.38 | 7.55 | 45.30 |
| Interest on Loan | 43.88 | 57.66 | 59.36 | 89.51 | 138.72 | 249.79 | 37.01 | 84.84 | 42.15 | 112.48 | 12.58 | 79.04 |
| Retum on Equity | 29.38 | 40.41 | 38.17 | 60.08 | 98.00 | 170.21 | 26.78 | 57.86 | 30.74 | 76.27 | 8.81 | 52.85 |
| Advance against Depreciation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest on Working Capital | 3.64 | 4.97 | 5.11 | 7.93 | 13.61 | 24.12 | 3.53 | 7.58 | 4.60 | 11.59 | 1.19 | 7.34 |
| O \& M Expenses | 23.72 | 32.90 | 42.17 | 65.80 | 129.16 | 230.30 | 31.63 | 65.80 | 52.72 | 131.60 | 10.54 | 65.80 |
| Total | 125.80 | 170.57 | 177.54 | 274.83 | 463.83 | 820.89 | 121.92 | 265.71 | 156.55 | 397.32 | 40.68 | 250.33 |

5. The relevant details of the capital expenditure on the transmission assets claimed by the petitioner are as under:
(Rs. in lakh)

|  | Capital cost as on 1.4.2008 <br> (As per order dated <br> 16.3 .2009 ) | Additional <br> Capital <br> Expend iture <br> during 2008-09 | Capital cost <br> as on 1.4.2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asset-I | 962.02 | 150.78 | 1112.80 |
| Asset-II | 1430.60 | 216.64 | 1647.24 |
| Asset-III | 4052.13 | 539.20 | 4591.65 |
| Asset-IV | 1378.72 | 217.73 | 1596.45 |
| Asset-V | 1816.05 | 264.32 | 2080.37 |
| Asset-VI | 1258.29 | 171.70 | 1429.99 |

6. The petitioner has claimed the transmission charges a s under:
(Rs.in lakh)

|  | Asset I | Asset-II | Asset III | AssetIV | Asset-V | Asset VI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 |
| Depreciation | 37.35 | 55.40 | 156.18 | 53.55 | 70.14 | 48.39 |
| Interest on Loan | 63.34 | 96.52 | 270.33 | 91.71 | 120.85 | 84.48 |
| Retum on Equity | 43.57 | 64.64 | 181.53 | 62.43 | 81.82 | 56.45 |
| Advance against Depreciation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest on Working C apital | 5.22 | 8.26 | 24.98 | 7.90 | 11.98 | 7.59 |
| O \& M Expenses | 32.90 | 65.80 | 230.30 | 65.80 | 131.60 | 65.80 |
| Total | 182.38 | 290.62 | 863.32 | 281.39 | 416.39 | 262.71 |

7. The details submitted by the petitioner in support of its claim for interest on working capital are given hereunder:
(Rs. in lakh)

|  | Asset- I | Asset-II | Asset- III | Asset-IV | Asset-V | Asset- VI |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ |
| Ma intenance Spares | 9.44 | 13.48 | 40.85 | 12.09 | 17.39 | 12.71 |
| O \& M expenses | 2.74 | 5.48 | 19.19 | 5.48 | 10.97 | 5.48 |
| Receivables | 30.40 | 48.44 | 143.89 | 46.90 | 69.40 | 43.79 |
| Total | 42.58 | 67.40 | 203.93 | 64.47 | 97.76 | 61.98 |
| Rate of Interest | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ |
| Interest | $\mathbf{5 . 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 5 9}$ |

8. The reply to the petition has been filed by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board
(TNEB). TNEB in its reply has prayed as under.
(i) Restrict spares up to $1.5 \%$ of original project cost in accordance with

Regulations 52;
(ii) Order revision of tariff by considering judgment that would be passed in Appeal No. 143/2009;
(iii) Negate revision of $\mathrm{O} \& \mathrm{M}$ expenses by considering the impact of wage revision effective from 1.1.2007 a long with D.A.;
(iv) Negate the filing fee in line with the decision taken in order dated 11.9.2009 in Petition No. 129/2005; and
(v) Direct the petitioner to claim imposition or charges specifically ordered to be reimbursed by CERC from the beneficiaries.
9. In respect of issue raised at (ii) above, it is clarified that it is premature to discuss the applicability or otherwise of the judgment in the Appeal which is presently pending before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity. A view in this regard will be taken on the tems of the judgment. As regards other four issues, the same are discussed later in this order under the relevant heads.

## CAPITALCOST

10. The details submitted by the petitioner in support of its claim for additional capital expenditure are given hereunder:

| Asset-I |  |  | Asset-II |  |  |  |  | Asset-III |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Amount <br> (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and <br> details of <br> expenditure | Year | Amount <br> (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and <br> details of <br> expenditure | Year | Amount <br> (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and <br> details of <br> expenditure |  |
| 2008- <br> 09 | sub-station = <br> Rs. 150.78 lakh | Final and <br> retention <br> payments | 2008-09 | Sub-station= <br> Rs. 216.64 lakh | Final and <br> retention <br> payments | 2008-09 | sub-station = <br> Rs. 539.20 lakh | Final <br> retention <br> payments |  |
| Total | Rs. 150.78 <br> lakh |  |  | Rs. 216.64 lakh |  |  | Rs. 539.20 <br> lakh |  |  |


| Asset-IV |  |  | Asset-V |  |  | Asset-VI |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and details of expenditure | Year | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and details of expenditure | Year | Amount (Rs. in lakh) | Nature and details of expenditure |
| 2008-09 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { sub-station =Rs. } \\ & 217.73 \text { lakh } \end{aligned}$ | Final and retention payments | 2008-09 | Sub-station= Rs. 264.32 lakh | Final and <br> retention  <br> payments  | 2008-09 | Sub-station = <br> Rs. 171.70 <br> lakh | Final and retention payments |
| Total | Rs. 217.73 lakh |  |  | Rs. 264.32 lakh |  |  | $\text { Rs. } 171.70$ lakh |  |

11. The additional capital expenditure claimed is within the original scope of work and mainly on account of final and retention payments. The additional regulations.

## Initial spares

12. Clause (1) of the Regulation 52 of the 2004 regulations inter alia provides that,-
"(1) Subject to prudence check by the Commission, the actual expenditure incurred on completion of the project shall form the basis for determination of final tariff. The final tariff shall be determined based on the admitted capital expenditure actually incurred up to the date of commercial operation of the transmission system and shall include capitalized initial spares subject to a ceiling norm as $1.5 \%$ of original project cost".
13. The details of actual expenditure incurred and spares included therein by the petitioner as per original scope of project up to 31.3.2009 are as under:-

|  | Particulars | capital expenditure |  |  |  | (Rs in lakh) |  | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Name of <br> Assets | Up to the date of <br> commercial <br> operation | From the date <br> of commercial <br> operation to <br> $31-3-2008$ | From <br> $1-4-2008$ to <br> $31-3-2009$ | Initial <br> Spares <br> included <br> therein |  |  |  |
| 1 | Asset-I | 903.16 | 58.86 | 150.78 | 1112.80 | 13.21 |  |  |
| 2 | Asset-II | 1296.02 | 134.58 | 216.64 | 1647.24 | 23.50 |  |  |
| 3 | Asset-III | 3947.23 | 105.22 | 539.20 | 4591.65 | 116.95 |  |  |
| 4 | Asset-IV | 1173.76 | 204.96 | 217.73 | 1596.45 | 1.74 | Included in <br> the current <br> Petition |  |
| 5 | Asset-V | 1696.70 | 119.35 | 264.32 | 2080.37 | 19.60 |  |  |
| 6 | Asset-VI | 1258.29 | 0.00 | 171.70 | 1429.99 | 16.13 |  |  |
|  | TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 0 2 7 5 . 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 2 . 9 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 6 0 . 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 4 5 8 . 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 1 . 1 3}$ |  |  |

14. Total actual expenditure incurred by the petitioner for the transmission assets up to 31.3 .2009 is Rs. 12458.50 lakh and cost of spares included therein is Rs. 191.13 lakh. The total cost with out initial spares is Rs. 12267.37 lakh and cost of spares included therein is Rs. 191.13 lakh. Cut of date of the above transmission a ssets is 31.3 .2009 a nd value of initial spares included in the capital cost has been
reviewed as on the cut of the date. The allowable spares in the capital cost is [capital cost without initial spares*1.5/98.5) i.e. $12267.37 \times 1.5 / 98.5=186.81$ lakh]. In case of AssetIII, the value of capital spares has been exceeded, hence excess spares of Rs. 4.32 lakh claimed by the petitioner has been restricted from sub-station for Asset-III from the date of commercial operation of the above assets and the tariff for 2007-08 and 2008-09 has been revised accordingly.

## TOTALCAPITALCOST

15. Based on the above, capital cost for the purpose of tariff in respect of each of the transmission a ssets a s on 31.3.2009 works out as under:
(Rs. in lakh)

|  | Capital cost as on 1.4.2008 <br> (As per order dated <br> 16.3 .2009 ) | Additional <br> Capital <br> Expend iture <br> during 2008-09 | Capital cost <br> as on 1.4.2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asset-I | 962.02 | 150.78 | 1112.80 |
| Asset-II | 1430.60 | 216.64 | 1647.24 |
| Asset-III | 4048.13 | 539.20 | 4587.33 |
| Asset-IV | 1378.72 | 217.73 | 1596.45 |
| Asset-V | 1816.05 | 264.32 | 2080.37 |
| Asset-VI | 1258.29 | 171.70 | 1429.99 |

## DEBT- EQUITY RATIO

16. The petitioner has considered the a mount of a dditional capital expenditure in the debt-equity ratio of $70: 30$. This has been found to be in order. Accordingly, for the purpose of tariff, equity considered for the transmission assets is a s under:

|  | Equity as on <br> 1.4 .2008 | Notional <br> additional <br> equity during <br> $2008-09$ | Total equity <br> considered as <br> on 31.3.2009 | Average <br> equity for <br> $2008-09$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Asset-I | 288.60 | 45.23 | 333.84 | 311.22 |
| Asset-II | 429.18 | 64.99 | 494.17 | 461.68 |
| Asset-III | 1214.44 | 161.76 | 1376.20 | 1295.32 |
| Asset-IV | 413.25 | 65.32 | 478.57 | 445.91 |
| Asset-V | 544.82 | 79.30 | 624.11 | 584.46 |
| Asset-VI | 377.49 | 51.51 | 429.00 | 403.24 |

## REIURN ON EQUITY

17. As per clause (iii) of Regulation 56 of the 2004 regulations, retum on equity shall be computed on the equity base detemined in accordance with regulation 54 @ $14 \%$ per annum. Equity invested in foreign currenc $y$ is to be allowed a retum in the same currency and the payment on this account is made in Indian Rupees based on the exchange rate prevailing on the due date of billing.
18. Equity as given in the table under para 16 above has been considered. However, tariff for the 2008-09 has been allowed on average equity. Accordingly, retum on equity allowed for the year 2008-09 is given a under:
(Rs. in lakh)

| Name of the asset | $2008-09$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Asset-II | 43.57 |
| Asset-II | 64.63 |
| Asset-III | 181.34 |
| Asset-IV | 62.43 |
| Asset-V | 81.82 |
| Asset-VI | 56.45 |

## INIERESTON LOAN

19. Clause (i) of regulation 56 of the 2004 regulations inter alia provides that,-
"(a) Interest on loan capital shall be computed loan wise on the loans a mived at in the manner indicated in regulation 54.
(b) The loan outstanding as on 1.4 .2004 shall be worked out as the gross loan in accordance with Regulation 54 minus cumulative repayment as admitted by the Commission or any other authority having power to do so, up to 31.3.2004. The repayment for the period 2004-09 shall be worked out on a normative basis.
(c) The transmission licensee shall make every effort to re-finance the loan as long as it results in net benefit to the beneficiaries. The costs associated with such re-financing shall be bome by the beneficiaries.
(d) The changes to the loan tems and conditions shall be reflected from the date of such re-financing and benefit passed on to the beneficiaries.
(e) In case of dispute, any of the parties may approach the Commission with proper application. However, the beneficiaries shall not withhold any payment ordered by the Commission to the transmission licensee during pendency of any dispute relating to re-financing of loan;
(f) In case any moratorium period is availed of by the transmission licensee, depreciation provided for in the tariff during the years of moratorium shall be treated as repayment during those years and interest on loan capital shall be calculated accordingly.
(g) The transmission licensee shall not make any profit on account of refina ncing of loan and interest on loan;
(h) The transmission licensee may, at its discretion, swap loans having floating rate of interest with loans having fixed rate of interest, or vice versa, at its own cost and gains or losses as a result of such swapping shall accrue to the transmission licensee:

Provided that the beneficiaries shall be liable to pay interest for the loans initially contracted, whether on floating or fixed rate of interest."
20. In our calculation, the interest on loan has been worked out as detailed below:
(i) Gross amount of loan, repayment of instalments and rate of interest and weighted average rate of interest on actual loan have been considered as per the petition.
(ii) Notional loan arising out of additional capital expenditure for the years 2008-09 has been added to the loan a mount as on the date of the commercial operation to arive at total notional loans. This adjusted Gross loan has been considered as nomative loans for tariff calculations.
(iii) Tariff has been worked out considering normative loan and nomative repayments. Once the nomative loan has been arived at, it has been considered for all purposes in the tariff. Nomative repayment hasbeen worked out by the following formula:

Actual repayment of actual loan during the year
-------------------------------------------------------------- Opening balance of nomative Opening balance of actual loan during the year loan during the year
(iv) Moratorium in repayment of loan has been considered with reference to nomative loan and if the nomative repayment of loan during the year is less than the depreciation during the year, it is considered as moratorium and depreciation during the year is deemed as nomative repayment of loan during the year.
(v) Weighted average rate of interest on actual loan worked out as per (i) above has been applied on the notional average loan during the year to a rive at the interest on loan.
(vi) Short term loan from Bank of Baroda was replaced by Bond XXVIII for Asset-I and Asset-III w.e.f. 15.12.2008. Therefore, for the year 2008-09, weighted average rate of interest based on number of days for these loans has been considered while working out the weighted average rate of interest on actual loans.
21. Based on the above, the details of interest worked out are given hereunder:
(Rs. in lakh)

| Details | Asset- I | Asset-II | Asset- III | Asset-IV | Asset-V | Asset- VI |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ |
| Gross Nommative Loan | 673.41 | 1001.42 | 2833.69 | 965.47 | 1271.24 | 880.80 |
| Cumula tive Repayment up to | 25.18 | 32.72 | 84.25 | 22.97 | 26.35 | 7.55 |


| Previous Yea r/date of <br> commercial operation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Loan-Opening | 648.23 | 968.70 | 2749.44 | 942.50 | 1244.89 | 873.25 |
| Addition due to Additional <br> Capitalisation | 105.55 | 151.65 | 377.44 | 152.41 | 185.02 | 120.19 |
| Repayment during the year | 37.35 | 55.40 | 156.03 | 53.55 | 70.14 | 48.39 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 716.43 | 1064.95 | 2970.86 | 1041.36 | 1359.78 | 945.05 |
| Average Loan | 682.33 | 1016.82 | 2860.15 | 991.93 | 1302.33 | 909.15 |
| Weighted Average Rate of <br> Interest on Loan | $9.28 \%$ | $9.49 \%$ | $9.44 \%$ | $9.25 \%$ | $9.28 \%$ | $9.29 \%$ |
| Interest | $\mathbf{6 3 . 3 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 6 . 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 0 . 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 . 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 0 . 8 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 4 . 4 8}$ |

22. The detailed calculations in support of the weighted average rate of interest for Asset-I, Asset-II, Asset-III, Asset-IV, Asset-V and Asset-VI are contained in Annexure-I, Annexure-II, Annexure-III, Annexure-IV Annexure-V and Annexure-VI, respectively atta ched.

## DEPRECIATION

23. Sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of Regulation 56 of the 2004 regulations provides for computation of depreciation in the following manner, namely:
"(i) The value base for the purpose of depreciation shall be the historic al cost of the asset.
(ii) Depreciation shall be calculated annually based on straight line method over the useful life of the asset and at the rates prescribed in Appendix II to these regulations. The residual value of the asset shall be considered as $10 \%$ and depreciation shall be allowed up to maximum of $90 \%$ of the historical capital cost of the asset. La nd is not a depreciable asset and its cost shall be excluded from the capital cost while computing $90 \%$ of the historical cost of the asset. The historical capital cost of the asset shall include additional capitalisation on account of Foreign Exchange Rate Variation up to 31.3.2004 already allowed by the Central Govemment/Commission.
(iii) On repayment of entire loan, the remaining depreciable value shall be spread over the balance useful life of the asset.
(iv) Depreciation shall be chargeable from the first year of operation. In case of operation of the asset for part of the year, depreciation shall be charged on pro rata basis."
24. Depreciation allowed has been worked out as below:
(Rs. in lakh)

| Details | Asset- I | Asset-II | Asset- III | Asset-IV | Asset-V | Asset VI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 | 2008-09 |
| Gross block as on the date of commercial operation | 962.02 | 1430.60 | 4048.13 | 1378.72 | 1816.05 | 1258.29 |
| Additional C a pitalisation during 2008-09 | 150.78 | 216.64 | 539.20 | 217.73 | 264.32 | 171.70 |
| Gross Block at the end of the year | 1112.80 | 1647.24 | 4587.33 | 1596.45 | 2080.37 | 1429.99 |
| Rate of Depreciation | 3.6000\% | 3.6000\% | 3.6136\% | 3.6000\% | 3.6000\% | 3.6000\% |
| Depreciable Value | 933.67 | 1385.03 | 3885.96 | 1338.83 | 1753.39 | 1209.73 |
| Balance Useful life of the asset | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Remaining Depreciable Value | 908.49 | 1352.31 | 3801.71 | 1315.85 | 1727.04 | 1202.18 |
| Depreciation | 37.35 | 55.40 | 156.03 | 53.55 | 70.14 | 48.39 |

## ADVANCE AGAINSTDEPRECIATION

25. As per sub-clause (b) of clause (ii) of Regulation 56 of the 2004 regulations, in addition to allowable depreciation, the transmission licensee is entitled to Advance Against Depreciation, computed in the manner given hereunder:

> AAD = Loan repayment amount as per regulation 56 (i) subject to a ceiling of $1 / 10$ th of loan amount as per regulation 54 minus depreciation as per schedule
26. It is provided that Advance Against Depreciation shall be permitted only if the cumulative repayment up to a particular year exceeds the cumulative depreciation up to that year. It is further provided that Advance Against Depreciation in a year shall be restricted to the extent of difference between cumulative repayment and cumulative depreciation up to that year.
27. Petitioner has not claimed Advance Against Depreciation and accordingly, Advance Against Depreciation has not been considered.

## OPERATION \& MAINIENANCE EXPENSES

28. In accordance with clause (iv) of Regulation 56 the 2004 regulations, the following norms are prescribed for $O \& M$ expenses:

|  | Year |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4 - 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 5 - 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6 - 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7 - 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8} \mathbf{- 0 9}$ |
| O\&M expenses (Rs in lakh per ckt- <br> km) | 0.227 | 0.236 | 0.246 | 0.255 | 0.266 |
| O\&M expenses (Rs in lakh per bay) | 28.12 | 29.25 | 30.42 | 31.63 | 32.90 |

29. O\&M expenses as taken for the tariff calculations as per order dated 16.3.2009 in Petition No. 125/2008 have been considered, since line length and number of bays rema in unchanged.

## INIERESTON WORKING CAPITAL

30. The components of the working capital and the interest thereon are discussed hereunder:

## (i) Maintenance spares

Regulation 56(v) (1) (b) of the 2004 regulations provides for maintenance spares @ $1 \%$ of the historical cost escalated @ 6\% per annum from the date of commercial operation. The petitioner has claimed maintenance spares after accounting for additional capital expenditure.

For the purpose of computation of maintenance spares, the historical cost is being taken as the cost on the date of commercial operation. Maintenance spares on additional capital expenditure are not being considered for this purpose. Accordingly, maintenance spares have been
worked out on the historical cost and by providing escalation from the date of commercial operation.

## (ii) $0 \&$ \& expenses

Regulation $56(\mathrm{v})(1)(\mathrm{a})$ of the 2004 regulations provides for operation and maintenance expenses for one month as a component of working capital. O\&M expenses as considered in the order dated 16.3.2009 in Petition No. 125/2008 have been considered.

## (iii) Receivables

As per Regulation $56(\mathrm{v})(1)(\mathrm{c})$ of the 2004 regulations, receivables will be equivalent to two months' average billing calculated on target a vailability level. Accordingly, in the tariff being allowed, receivables have been worked out on the basis of 2 months' transmission charges.

## (iv) Rate of interest on working capital

As per Regulation 56(v) (2) of the 2004 regulations, rate of interest on working capital shall be on nomative basis and shall be equal to the shortterm Prime Lending Rate of State Bank of India as on 1.4.2004 or on 1st April of the year in which the project or part thereof (as the case may be) is declared under commercial operation, whichever is later. The interest on working capital is payable on normative basis notwithstanding that the transmission licensee has not taken working capital loan from any outside agency. The petitioner has claimed interest on working capital @ $12.25 \%$ based on SBI PLR as on 1.4.2007, which is in accordance with the 2004 regulations and has been allowed.
31. The necessary computations in support of interest on working capital are appended herein below:
(Rs. in lakh)

|  | Asset- I | Asset-II | Asset- III | Asset-IV | Asset-V | Asset- VI |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | 2008-09 |
| Maintenance Spares | 9.44 | 13.48 | 40.81 | 12.09 | 17.39 | 12.71 |
| O \& M expenses | 2.74 | 5.48 | 19.19 | 5.48 | 10.97 | 5.48 |
| Receiva bles | 30.40 | 48.44 | 143.78 | 46.90 | 69.40 | 43.79 |
| Total | 42.58 | 67.40 | 203.79 | 64.47 | 97.76 | 61.98 |
| Rate of Interest | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ | $12.25 \%$ |
| Interest | $\mathbf{5 . 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 5 9}$ |

## IRANSMISSION CHARGES

32. The transmission charges being allowed for the six transmission assets are summarised below:
(Rs.in lakh)

|  | Asset- I | Asset-II | Asset III | Asset-IV | Asset-V | Asset VI |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ | $2008-09$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation | 37.35 | 55.40 | 156.03 | 53.55 | 70.14 | 48.39 |
| Interest on Loan | 63.34 | 96.52 | 270.07 | 91.71 | 120.85 | 84.48 |
| Retum on Equity | 43.57 | 64.63 | 181.34 | 62.43 | 81.82 | 56.45 |
| Advance against Depreciation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest on Working Ca pital | 5.22 | 8.26 | 24.96 | 7.90 | 11.98 | 7.59 |
| O \& M Expenses | 32.90 | 65.80 | 230.30 | 65.80 | 131.60 | 65.80 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 8 2 . 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0 . 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 2 . 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 1 . 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 1 6 . 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 2 . 7 2}$ |

33. The petitioner shall recover from the beneficiaries the additional transmission charges in one installment and these charges shall be shared in accordance with the 2004 regulations.
34. The petitioner has also sought reimbursement of filing fee paid. The Commission by its separate general order dated 11.9.2008 in Petition No. 129/2005 (suo-motu) has decided that reimbursement of the petition filing fee shall not be allowed during the tariff period 2004-09 as the same has been factored in the

O\&M noms. The decision on reimbursement of the licence fee shall be communic ated separately.
35. In addition to the transmission charges, the petitioner shall be entitled to other charges like income-tax, incentive, surcharge and other cess and taxes in accordance with the 2004 regulations.
36. This order disp oses of Petition No. 331/2009.

Sd/-
(V.S.VERMA) MEMBER
sd/-
(S.J AYARAMAN) MEMBER
sd/-
(DRPRAMOD DEO) CHAIRPERSON

## Asset-I

|  |  | (Rs. in lakh) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Details of Loan | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
| 1 | Bond XXI |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 42.00 | 42.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 42.00 | 42.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 42.00 | 42.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 42.00 | 42.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.73\% | 8.73\% |
|  | Interest | 3.67 | 3.67 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 11-10-2 | talments <br> 10 |
| 2 | Bond XXII |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 99.00 | 99.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of c ommercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 99.00 | 99.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 99.00 | 99.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 99.00 | 99.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.68\% | 8.68\% |
|  | Interest | 8.59 | 8.59 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 7-12-20 | talments 0 |
| 3 | Bond XXIV |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 94.00 | 94.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 94.00 | 94.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 94.00 | 94.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 94.00 | 94.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 9.95\% | 9.95\% |
|  | Interest | 9.35 | 9.35 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 26-3-20 | talments 1 |
| 4 | Bond XXV |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 59.00 | 59.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |


|  | Net Loan-Opening | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 59.00 | 59.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 59.00 | 59.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 10.10\% | 10.10\% |
|  | Interest | 5.96 | 5.96 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 12.6.2011 |  |
| 5 | Bond XX |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 338.00 | 338.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 338.00 | 338.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 338.00 | 338.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 338.00 | 338.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.93\% | 8.93\% |
|  | Interest | 30.18 | 30.18 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 7.9.2010 |  |
| 6 | SIBL BOB 29.09.2008 TO 14.12.2008 @12.5\% Replaced by Bond XXVIII @ 9.33\% from 15.12.2008 (ADDC AP FOR 2008-09 DRAWL ON 15.12.2008) |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 132.80 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 0.00 | 132.80 |
|  | Average Loan | 0.00 | 66.40 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 0.00\% | 10.66\% |
|  | Interest | 0.00 | 7.08 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 15.12.2012 |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 632.00 | 632.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 632.00 | 632.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 132.80 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 632.00 | 764.80 |
|  | Average Loan | 632.00 | 698.40 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 9.14\% | 9.28\% |
|  | Interest | 57.76 | 64.83 |

Asset-II




|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of <br> commercial operation /previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 350.00 | 350.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 350.00 | 350.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 350.00 | 350.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | $10.10 \%$ | $10.10 \%$ |
|  | Interest | 35.35 | 35.35 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments |  |
| from 12.6.2011 |  |  |  |$|$


|  | Interest | 0.00 | 28.74 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments <br> from 15.12.2012 |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 2763.00 | 2763.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of <br> commercial operation /previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 2763.00 | 2763.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 539.20 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-C losing | 2763.00 | 3302.20 |
|  | Average Loan | 2763.00 | 3032.60 |
|  | Rate of Interest | $8.62 \%$ | $9.44 \%$ |
|  | Interest | 238.26 | 286.36 |

Asset-IV

| (Rs. in lakh) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Details of Loan | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
| 1 | Bond XXII |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.68\% | 8.68\% |
|  | Interest | 6.51 | 6.51 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 7-12-2010 |  |
| 2 | Bond XXIV |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 9.95\% | 9.95\% |
|  | Interest | 4.48 | 4.48 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 26-3-2011 |  |
| 3 | Bond XXVI/ ICICI |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 627.00 | 627.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 627.00 | 627.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 627.00 | 627.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 627.00 | 627.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.18\% | 9.30\% |
|  | Interest | 51.27 | 58.31 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 7.3.2012 |  |
| 4 | Bond XX |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment upto DOCO/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 75.00 | 75.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |


| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Loan-Closing | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Average Loan | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 8.93\% | 8.93\% |
| Interest | 6.70 | 6.70 |
| Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 7.9.2010 |  |
| Gross Loan opening | 822.00 | 822.00 |
| Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Opening | 822.00 | 822.00 |
| Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 822.00 | 822.00 |
| Average Loan | 822.00 | 822.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 8.39\% | 9.25\% |
| Interest | 68.96 | 76.00 |


| (Rs. in Lac s) |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | Details of Loan | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7 - 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}-\mathbf{0 9}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | Bond XXII |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 41.00 | 41.00 |
|  | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Cumulative Repayment up to the date of } \\ \text { commercial operation /previous year }\end{array}$ | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 41.00 | 41.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-C losing | 41.00 | 41.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 41.00 | 41.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | $8.68 \%$ | $8.68 \%$ |
|  | Interest | 3.56 | 3.56 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments |  |
| from 7-12-2010 |  |  |  |$]$


| Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Loan-Opening | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| Average Loan | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 8.93\% | 8.93\% |
| Interest | 5.27 | 5.27 |
| Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 7.9.2010 |  |
| Gross Loan opening | 1187.00 | 1187.00 |
| Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Opening | 1187.00 | 1187.00 |
| Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 1187.00 | 1187.00 |
| Average Loan | 1187.00 | 1187.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 8.32\% | 9.28\% |
| Interest | 98.72 | 110.15 |

## Asset-VI

|  |  | (Rs. in lakh) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Details of Loan | 2007-08 | 2008-09 |
| 1 | Bond XXII |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 45.00 | 45.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.68\% | 8.68\% |
|  | Interest | 3.91 | 3.91 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 7-12-20 | talments <br> 0 |
| 2 | Bond XXIV |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 21.00 | 21.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 21.00 | 21.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 21.00 | 21.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 21.00 | 21.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 9.95\% | 9.95\% |
|  | Interest | 2.09 | 2.09 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 26-3-20 | talments <br> 1 |
|  | Bond XXVI / ICICI |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 768.00 | 768.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation / previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Opening | 768.00 | 768.00 |
|  | Additions during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|  | Net Loan-Closing | 768.00 | 768.00 |
|  | Average Loan | 768.00 | 768.00 |
|  | Rate of Interest | 8.54\% | 9.30\% |
|  | Interest | 65.60 | 71.42 |
|  | Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual in from 7.3.2012 | salments |
| 4 | Bond XXVII |  |  |
|  | Gross Loan opening | 0.00 | 46.00 |
|  | Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |


| Net Loan-Opening | 0.00 | 46.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Additions during the year | 46.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 46.00 | 46.00 |
| Average Loan | 23.00 | 46.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 9.47\% | 9.47\% |
| Interest | 2.18 | 4.36 |
| Repayment Schedule | 12 Annual instalments from 31.3.2012 |  |
| Gross Loan opening | 834.00 | 880.00 |
| Cumulative Repayment up to the date of commercial operation/previous year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Opening | 834.00 | 880.00 |
| Additions during the year | 46.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment during the year | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Net Loan-Closing | 880.00 | 880.00 |
| Average Loan | 857.00 | 880.00 |
| Rate of Interest | 8.61\% | 9.29\% |
| Interest | 73.77 | 81.78 |

