

RAJASTHAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, JAIPUR
Petition No. RERC 2066/2022, 2067/2022, 2068/2022

In the matter of approval of True up for FY 2021-22 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement, Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 of Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (JVVNL), Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (AVVNL) and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd (JdVVNL).

Coram: **Dr. B.N. Sharma, Chairman**
Shri Hemant Kumar Jain, Member
Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Member

Petitioners: Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jaipur (2066/2022)
Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Ajmer (2067/2022)
Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jodhpur (2068/2022)

Date of hearing: 28.02.2023, 01.03.2023 & 02.03.2023

Date of Order: 31.03.2023

ORDER

Section-1: Background

- 1.1 The three distribution companies namely, Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (JVVNL), Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (AVVNL) and Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (JdVVNL), collectively called Discoms or Petitioners had filed petitions on 30.11.2022 for approval of true-up of ARR for FY 2021-22 under RERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 along with Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 under section 62 & 64 of Electricity Act, 2003 read with RERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 and amendment thereof and Investment Approval Regulations, 2006.

- 1.2 As per Section 64(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 which requires that applicant should publish application filed in such abridged form and manner as may be specified by the Appropriate Commission, the Commission, on dated 21.12.2022 allowed JVVNL, AVVNL & JdVVNL to publish the notice in the newspapers.
- 1.3 Accordingly, public notices with salient features of the petitions, inviting comments/suggestions, were published in the following newspapers on the dates shown against each of the petitions and were also placed on the websites of the Commission and Discoms. The last date for submission of comments/ suggestions was notified as 30.01.2023 for JVVNL, AVVNL and JdVVNL:

Sr. No.	Name of Newspapers	JVVNL	AVVNL	JdVVNL
(i)	Times of India	28.12.2022	----	----
(ii)	Danik Bhaskar	28.12.2022	31.12.2022	29.12.2022
(iii)	Rajasthan Patrika	28.12.2022	28.12.2022	29.12.2022
(IV)	Danik Navjoti	28.12.2022	28.12.2022	----
(V)	First India	28.12.2022	----	----
(VI)	Hindustan Times	----	28.12.2022	----
(VII)	The Indian Express	----	----	29.12.2022

- 1.4 After examining the petitions, the Commission vide letter dated 10.01.2023 pointed out the deficiencies observed in the petitions for Truing up of ARR for FY 2021-22, ARR, Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 and the Discoms were directed to clarify along with supporting documents. Commission also directed that clarification on the same and any additional information given by Discoms shall also form an integral part of this petition and should also be placed on Discom's website.
- 1.5 JVVNL, AVVNL & JdVVNL vide letter dated 09.02.2023, 13.02.2023 & 15.02.2023 respectively, submitted reply to the deficiencies indicated by the Commission.
- 1.6 Further JVVNL vide letter dated 27.02.2023 submitted additional information related to True up and ARR.
- 1.7 As directed by the Commission, JVVNL, AVVNL & JdVVNL also made Audio-visual presentation at their head offices on dated 10.01.2023 & 11.01.2023, 12.01.2023 and 16.01.2023 respectively.

- 1.8 In all, 20 numbers of comments/suggestions were received from the stakeholders on JVVNL, 23 numbers on AVVNL & 20 numbers on JdVVNL for True Up petition for FY 2021-22 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24. The list of stakeholders who submitted their written suggestions/objections are given in the table below:

Sr. No.	Name of Stakeholder	Discoms
1	Sh. Bal Mukund Sanadhya, Samta Power, Jaipur	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
2	Sh. Shanti Prasad	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
3	Sh. D. S. Agarwal	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
4	Sh. Y. K. Bolia	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
5	Sh. D. P. Chirania	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
6	Reliance Jio	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
7	Sh. Mansuri Ayub Mohmad, Sanchor, Jalore	JdVVNL
8	Udaipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry	AVVNL
9	Sh. V. K. Gupta	JVVNL
10	Cellular Operators Association of India	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
11	Bharti Hexacom Limited (Airtel)	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
12	Indus Tower Limited	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
13	SBF Ispat Private Limited	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
14	Renewable Energy Association (REAR)	JVVNL
15	Marble Gangsaw Association Limited, Rajsamand	AVVNL
16	Sh. Varun Kumar Kaushik, Jalor	JdVVNL
17	Zone-54, Vikas Samiti, Mansarovar, Jaipur	JVVNL
18	Sh. Pramod Jhanwar, Udaipur	AVVNL
19	Sh. Prateek Agarwal, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), New Delhi	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
20	Rajasthan Textile Mills Association	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
21	Sh. Bhavnesh Chandra Mathur, Samta Power, Jodhpur	JdVVNL
22	Sh. D. D. Agarwal	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
23	Sh. Ramesh Chandra Sharma, Udaipur	AVVNL
24	Indian Medical Association	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
25	Hindustan Zinc Limited	AVVNL
26	Hastimal Chaurdia, Samta Power, Chittorgarh	AVVNL
27	BASK Research Foundation	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
28	Sh. G. L. Sharma	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL
29	Military Engineering Services, Jodhpur	JVVNL, AVVVNL, JdVVNL

- 1.9 The Commission forwarded the suggestions/comments submitted by the Stakeholders to the respective Discoms for furnishing the reply.
- 1.10 Discoms furnished the reply to Stakeholders as well as to the Commission.
- 1.11 The public hearing in the matter was held through virtual and physical mode on 28.02.2023 and 01.03.2023 & 02.03.2023. The list of persons who made oral submissions during the hearing enclosed at **Annexure-A**.
- 1.12 Post hearing, the Discoms also filed clarification in respect of issues raised by the stakeholders during the hearing.
- 1.13 The Commission has carefully considered the petitions filed by Discoms, objection and suggestion filed by stakeholders thereon, reply given by the Discoms in respect of stakeholder's objections/ suggestions and oral submissions made by the Stakeholders during the hearing, replies received after hearing and also perused all the relevant records while finalizing this order.
- 1.14 Discoms prayed to approve the True up of FY 2021-22 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 as submitted.
- 1.15 As issues arising in all the petitions are common for all three Discoms and the Stakeholders have also made common submissions on all the petitions and a common hearing was held in the matter. Therefore, Commission has decided to consider all the petitions together for True Up for FY 2021-22 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), Tariff and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 and dispose them through this common order.
- 1.16 The projections approved in this order for Generation and Transmission are for the purpose of estimating the Aggregate Revenue Requirements of the petitioners. It shall not be construed as formal approval of the Commission for any investment or tariff for transmission or generating plant etc.
- 1.17 For ready reference, a list of abbreviations used in this order is placed at **Annexure – B** of this order.
- 1.18 All energy figures used in this order, unless stated otherwise, are in Million Units (MUs).

1.19 For the purpose of representation, figures given in the tables are shown as rounded off. However, for calculation purpose, actual figures have been considered.

1.20 This order has been structured in six sections as given under:

a) **Section 1**- Background.

b) **Section 2** - Stakeholders Comments/suggestions, Petitioners' response and the Commission's observations/views thereon.

c) **Section 3** - True-up of ARR for FY 2021-22 of the three Discoms.

d) **Section 4** - ARR and Investment Plan for FY 2023-24 of the three Discoms:

In section 4, the Commission has looked into performance of Discoms, Distribution losses, effect of UDAY and Loss Subsidy, various steps taken by Discoms for efficiency improvement and individually dealt various cost parameters viz power purchase cost, O&M, interest cost, Investment Plan, capital expenditure, depreciation etc. and the estimated sales and revenue for various categories of consumers in accordance with RERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2019.

e) **Section 5** –Tariff Proposals and approved Tariff:

Discoms have proposed certain rationalization measures in order to facilitate better utilization of resources, economic pricing and better revenue management which have been dealt in the order.

f) **Section 6**- Directives:

In this section, the Commission has considered compliance of directions given in its previous order and has made observations and directives for improvement of the sector as a whole and Discoms.