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***Introductory Brief***

The Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) was constituted on 15.11.2003 as mandated by the Electricity Act, 2003. The office of the State Commission however became operational only on 11.04.2011 following the appointment of the Chairperson along with a rudimentary secretarial back-up as a start-up measure.

***Highlight of Achievements***

The initiatives taken by the SSERC since its inception from 11th April, 2011 – 31st March, 2012 have been summarised below :-

* Public Notice was issued on 29.02.2012to elicit suggestions and objections from consumers including the public in general to enable the Commission to suo-moto determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity wholesale, bulk or retail for the year 2012-13. Notice for Tariff Revision in respect of various categories of consumers was also published for public hearing on 23.03.2012. In both these instances, there was no response received from the intended stakeholders.
* Following the above exercise, the Commission undertook an in-depth analysis of all relevant data provided by the Energy and Power Department(EPDS) in order to determine the Annual Revenue Requirement and Retail Tariff for supply of energy for the year 2012-13. The outcome of this intervention on the part of the Commission was the issuance of its Orderdated30th March, 2012 effecting revision in the Retail Tariff for supply of power from 1st April, 2012. In the process of firming up the basic regulatory instrument as above, several pertinent issues of serious concern were uncovered which needed to be addressed by the EPDS for bringing about improvement in its operational efficiency in supply of power in an expediently cost-effective manner. These critical issues were duly underlined in the Tariff Order of the Commission in the form of specific directives to the EPDS in the larger interest of Stakeholders.
* Vide Notification No. 1/SSERC/CB/2012 dated 01.03.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2012 was made and the same duly published in the State Government Gazette No. 111, Gangtok, dated 15.03.2012.
* Vide Notification No. 02/SSERC/TR/2012 dated 14.03.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2012 was made and the same duly published in the State Government Gazette No. 133, Gangtok, dated 23.03.2012.
* Vide Notification No.03/SSERC/SP/2012 dated 14.03.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance for the Distribution and Transmission of the Licensee) Regulations, 2012 was made and the same duly published in the State Government Gazette No. 132, Gangtok, dated 23.03.2012.
* Vide Notification No. 04/SSERC/ESC/2012 dated 03.04.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2012 was made and the same duly published in the State Government Gazette No. 172, Gangtok, dated 13.04.2012.
* Vide Notification No.05/SSERC/CGRF/2012 dated 27.04.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Consumers and Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2012 was made and the same duly published in the State Government Gazette No. 219, Gangtok, dated 30.04.2012.
* Vide Notification No.06/SSERC/ISOA/2012 dated 20.06.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2012 was made.
* Vide Notification No. 07/SSERC/TGRE/2012 dated 28.06.2012, the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Generation from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2012 was made.
* The 29th Meeting of the Forum of Regulators was held in Gangtok, Sikkim on the 20th April, 2012.

The status as regards implementation of the National Policy and Tariff Policy in the prescribed formats has been furnished in the appendage to this Annual Report (2011-12).