

# **OPEN ACCESS USERS ASSOCIATION(OAUA)**

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**Following are the Minutes of Meeting held with Haryana Open Access Consumers**

Participants:

Mr. Sunit Bahal, Munjal Showa Limited, Gurgaon

Mr. Surinder Sharma, Munjal Kiri Industries (P) Ltd., Manesar

Mr. Naresh A.G. Industries (P) Ltd, Manesar

Mr. Prakash, Riba Textiles Limited, Sonapat

Mr. Sanjeev Goyal, Jadia Pipes (India) Ltd.

Mr. Gajender Gulia, Vodafone Mobile Services Ltd, Gurgaon

Mr. Anil Tyagi, SSA International, Panipat

Mr. RK Garg, Modern Dairy, Karnal

Mr. Rajan Ghai, BSL Castings (P) Ltd.

Mr. Singh Hi-Tech Gears Ltd, Gurgaon

Mr. Pravin Tanwal, Rico Auto Ltd., Gurgaon

Mr. NK Sharma, Neel Metal Product Ltd, Gurgaon

Mr. Sayal, Jay Bharat Maruti Ltd. Gurgaon.

and

Mr. Rajesh Mediratta, Indian Energy Exchange (IEX)

General Issues Discussed:

1. Denial for grant of Open Access to Haryana Consumers by the Discom / HVPN
2. High Cross Subsidy Charges in Open Access transactions

3. Lengthy Process for Billing Settlement & Delay in Adjustment.
4. Difficult process for grant of Open Access by Discom / HVPN
5. No UI Refund in case of Under Drawl from Schedule

Problems faced by the industries:

1. DHBVN has filed a petition in the HERC that the Open Access consumers either buy power from Open Access or from the HVPN for the complete 96 blocks in a day to avoid the gaming. In the said petition DHBVN insisted that Open Access consumers to buy power on weekly contracts or bilateral basis to avoid the losses incurred by the Discoms.
2. Mr. Singh from Hitech Gears & Mr. Gajendra Gulia from Vodafone told that HVPN has denied issuing NOC to them. They have stopped giving the NOC's to the industries whose Open Access grant is getting expired & further Discoms & HVPN is not renewing the same.
3. Mr. Rajan Ghai from BSL Castings told that the UI refund is given only to Jindal Stainless who has filed the petition to HERC & HERC has given order in favour to UI refund. But HVPN has not yet given refund to any other Open Access consumer.
4. Mr. Surender Sharma from Munjal Kiri, Mr. RK Garg from Modern Dairies, Mr. Ajay Shah from Hitech Gears & Mr. Rajan Ghai from BSL Casting told that the process of Billing Settlement in Haryana is very slow & the adjustments in Billing takes three to Six months normally.
5. Mr. Amit Ailawadi from Manikaran Power Ltd has shown the relevant provision given in the HERC/ CERC / Power Market Regulations through which following points are clarified:
  - 5.1 Buying Cheaper power from IEX as & when available is permissible & it is a right to every consumer.
  - 5.2 Provision for UI Refund is clearly mentioned & HERC ordered in favour of Jindal in the case of UI refund.
  - 5.3 He has also suggested the clients that they are not required paying transmission charges / cross subsidy charges if they are buying power only in Peak Load or Power cuts as per the provision of Limited Short Term open Access given in the HERC Open Access Regulations.
6. Mr. Rajesh Mediratta from Indian Energy Exchange suggested to approach HVPN/ DHBVN & give the clarification in the points raised by them in the petition as follows:
  - 6.1 In the point of Weekly Contracts Mr. Mediratta suggested that HVPN takes 7 days (approx) for issuing the NOC for Day Ahead Market while in the weekly contracts the same is required within one day after the clearance of transaction in IEX. How can the HVPN handle the NOC issuance within one day?
  - 6.2 In the point of gaming raised in the petition Mr. Mediratta clarified that the provision for IEX given in the Electricity Act to enhance the competition in power sector. So it is not a

gaming to buy cheaper power from IEX. The Boards are always free to be competitive by revising the tariffs & introducing the TOD tariffs.

6.3 In the point of submitting the schedules to HVPN 5 days before Mr. Mediratta suggested that schedule for Day Ahead is issued as per the timelines of NLDC. There is no possibility to submit the same 5 days before. He also clarifies that Open Access transactions are in the tune of 400 to 500 MW in daily basis which is very small in the percentage. The Boards can easily handle the same.

7. Mr. Rajesh Mediratta, Mr. Rajan Ghai & Mr. Amit Ailawadi suggested that all the industries can come together in the Open Access User's Association & Association on their behalf can take up all these issues with the concerned authorities.
8. Mr. Rajan Ghai suggested approaching all the Open Access consumers in Haryana for Membership in the Association. He further suggested finalizing a lawyer who has good knowledge in the CERC / HERC / Power Market Regulations etc. The name of Mr. Sanjay Sen was proposed and accepted.
9. Open Access Users Association shall be a non profit organization & no membership fee is applicable at present.
10. The expenses incurred for the legal charges for taking up the above matters shall be shared by the members of the Association from Haryana. It was proposed that a charge on prorata basis shall be fixed per MW of connected load of each member. The cost shall be assessed and communicated at the earliest.

Regards,

For Open Access Users Association