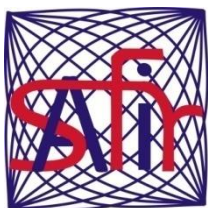


NINETEENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING

**HOTEL PAN PACIFIC, SONARGAON,
DHAKA- 09-10 MAY, 2012**



SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION

C/o CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF THE
NINETEENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION (SAFIR)

Venue : **Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon
Dhaka (Bangladesh)**

Dates : **09th – 10th May, 2012**

The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Shri Sushanta K. Chatterjee, Deputy Chief (Regulatory Officer), Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) extended warm welcome to all members of SAFIR in the nineteenth meeting of Steering Committee of SAFIR.

The Steering Committee thereafter took agenda items for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 1:

Confirmation of the minutes of the 18th meeting of SAFIR held on 23rd September, 2011 at Mumbai and the Action Taken Report.

The Steering Committee noted and discussed the Action Taken Report and endorsed the minutes of meeting held on 23rd September, 2011.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Financial Statement of SAFIR for the year 2011-12 and Budget for 2012-13.

Shri S.K. Chatterjee explained the salient features of the Income and Expenditure account and Balance Sheet for the year 2011-12 (contained in Annexure-I and II of the said Agenda). After discussion, the annual accounts of SAFIR for the year 2011-12 were considered and adopted. However, it was observed that the Balance Sheet to be prepared in future should also cover figures of the previous financial year.

The budget for the year 2012-13 as circulated was discussed in detail. It was highlighted that the subscription fees were due from several members. This poses challenge in carrying out the activities of SAFIR effectively. Specifically, it might be difficult to organize the next Core Course in the absence of receipt of fees from the members during the current financial year. After deliberations, the proposed budget was approved for the year 2012-13.

Agenda Item No. 3 :

Report of 11th Core Course and conducting of the next Core Course on Infrastructure Regulation and Reforms.

The Steering Committee noted the report of the 11th Core Course.

Agenda Item No. 4 :

Next Chairmanship of SAFIR.

After discussion, Shri Syed Yusuf Hossain, Chairman, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Dhaka (Bangladesh) was unanimously elected the next Chairman of SAFIR for one year.

Agenda Item No. 5 :

Secretariat of SAFIR.

After discussion, it was agreed that while CERC can continue to house permanent Secretariat of SAFIR, one resource person/secretarial staff may be provided to BERC Chairman during his tenure as SAFIR Chairman.

Agenda Item No. 6 :

Virtual Working Groups.

The members underscored the need for greater visibility of SAFIR. It was explained that efforts were made in this regard during the previous years by organizing two International Conferences on Investment on Infrastructure - one in New Delhi and the other in Mumbai. The idea for Virtual Working Group was conceived with due regard to the constraints of travelling between countries. After discussion, it was agreed that the Executive Committee of SAFIR should meet to discuss and finalize the strategy of further enhancing the effectiveness of SAFIR and also for drawing the plan of action for the ensuing years.

Agenda Item No. 7 :

SAFIR Conclave on Enabling Regulations for Investment in Energy Sector held on 22nd – 23rd September, 2011 in Mumbai.

This was noted with appreciation.

Agenda Item No. 8, 9 & 10 :

Extending Membership Base of SAFIR; Plan of Action for the year 2012-13; and Comprehensive programme/plan for upcoming years.

After discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee of SAFIR should meet and evolve measures to enhance participation of members from other organizations/associations and also for preparing the road map for future activities of SAFIR.

A vote of thanks was extended by Shri Sushanta K. Chatterjee, Deputy Chief (RA), CERC. He conveyed his sincere thanks to all the dignitaries present in the meeting and conveyed his gratitude and appreciation for the entire team of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) led by their Chairman Shri Syed Yusuf Hossain for organizing the Steering Committee meeting at Dhaka (Bangladesh). He also thanked the staff of “SAFIR” Secretariat for their arduous efforts at organizing the meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

| S. No. | NAME | DESIGNATION | ORGANISATION | COUNTRY |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|
| 01. | Dr. Pramod Deo | Chairperson | SAFIR / Central Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 02. | Mr. Syed Yusuf Hossain | Chairman | Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission | Bangladesh |
| 03. | Dr. Bandula Perera | Dy. Chairman | Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka |
| 04. | Mr. S. Jayaraman | Member | Central Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 05. | Mr. V.S. Verma | Member | Central Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 06. | Mr. M. Deena Dayalan | Member | Central Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 07. | Mr. Digvijai Nath | Chairperson | Arunachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 08. | Mr. Jayanta Barkakati | Chairperson | Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 09. | Mr. Manoj Dey | Chairperson | Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 10. | Mr. P.D. Sudhakar | Chairperson | Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 11. | Mr. P.K. Mishra | Chairperson | Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 12. | Mr. R.N. Prasher | Chairperson | Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 13. | Mr. Subhash Chander Negi | Chairperson | Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 14. | Mr. Mukhtiar Singh | Chairperson | Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 15. | Dr. V.K. Garg | Chairperson | Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission of all UTs except Delhi | India |

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| 16. | Mr. M.R. Sreenivasa Murthy | Chairperson | Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 17. | Mr. V.P. Raja | Chairperson | Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 18. | Mr. Anand Kumar | Chairperson | Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 19. | Ms. Romila Dubey | Chairperson | Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 20. | Mr. T.T. Dorji | Chairperson | Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 21. | Mr. Prasad Ranjan Ray | Chairperson | West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 22. | Mr. R. Ashoka Chari | Member | Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 23. | Mr. Mathew George | Member | Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 24. | Mr. B.K. Misra | Member | Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 25. | Mr. S. Nagalsamy | Member | Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |
| 26. | Mr. K.K. Jha | Member | Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board | India |
| 27. | Mr. T.S. Balasubramanian | Member | Tariff Authority for Major Ports | India |
| 28. | Prof. Usha Ramachandra | Professor, Energy Area | Administrative Staff College of India | India |
| 29. | Mr. Shahid Hasan | Associate Director | The Energy & Resources Institute | India |
| 30. | Mr. I. Mohamed Jawsu | Assistant Director | Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka | Sri Lanka |
| 31. | Mr. Avinash Dadhich | Associate Fellow | CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition | India |
| 32. | Mr. Ashok K. Juneja | Addl. General Manager (Com.) | National Thermal Power Corporation | India |
| 33. | Mr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee | Dy. Chief (Regulatory Affairs) | Central Electricity Regulatory Commission | India |