

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 13TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION**

Date: 12th MAY, 2017

Venue: PARK HOTEL, NEW DELHI, INDIA

The meeting was chaired by Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and Chairperson, South Asia Forum of Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR). He extended a warm welcome to all members of the Executive Committee (EC). List of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The Forum thereafter took each of the agenda items for consideration.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 12th Executive Committee Meeting held on 12th November 2016 at Jaipur, India.

The minutes of the 12th Executive Committee Meeting and Action Taken Report as circulated were confirmed, with the following directions:-

- a) The members of the EC were informed that SAFIR Secretariat had written and pursued with all members whose subscription fee is outstanding. After much deliberation it was agreed to pursue with members once again. In case no positive response is received, they would cease to be members of SAFIR.
- b) In view of financial implications, the EC decided not to accept the membership in Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA).
- c) As regards seeking details of nodal officers and data for SAFIR Newsletter, SAFIR Secretariat was directed to pursue with the remaining members.
- d) The EC directed that study on Telecom Sector may be taken up in future and the bid evaluation may be put on hold.

Agenda 2: Approval and adoption of the Audited Accounts of SAFIR for the F.Y. 2015-2016 and Budget for the F.Y. 2017 -2018

SAFIR Secretariat explained the salient features of the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account for the financial year 2015-16 (as per Annexure-II of the said Agenda). After discussion, the Annual Accounts of SAFIR for the financial year 2015-16 were considered and adopted.

The budget for the FY 2017-18, (as circulated) was discussed in detail. The EC approved the budget and advised to take it up for discussion in the Steering Committee.

Agenda 3: New Members of SAFIR

The EC was apprised of the request received from Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of Mongolia for collaborating with SAFIR. In order to expand their international cooperation, they propose to establish a mutually beneficial collaboration with SAFIR so as to share the learning of the members of SAFIR. The SAFIR Secretariat also apprised the EC on the request received from Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) expressing their interest in seeking membership of SAFIR under academic institutions category. The EC consents to initiate steps, within the purview of Memorandum of Association of SAFIR, for both ERC of Mongolia and IICA and also take up for discussion in the Steering Committee.

Agenda 4: "Resolution" for applying for the online viewing facility of the bank statements

The Resolutions were approved by the EC and directed to take suitable action.

Agenda 5: Plan of Action for the Year 2017-18.

- It was brought to notice that Shri Gireesh B Pradhan, Chairperson SAFIR & Chairperson CERC was to demit office in December 2017. As per the Memorandum

of Association of the SAFIR, the Chairperson of SAFIR would be elected on rotation basis (among the countries represented in SAFIR). Considering that Nepal and Pakistan are not attending any meeting of EC, the Executive Committee members proposed to nominate Shri Saliya Mathew, Chairperson Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) as the next Chairperson of SAFIR. It was decided that the recommendation of the EC be taken up for consideration and approval in the Steering Committee.

- Chairperson, PUCSL proposed to conduct the next ECM in the month of November 2017 in Sri Lanka.
- As regards, conducting the next Infrastructure Conference the EC informed that the decision will be taken later.

**List of Participants in 12th Executive Committee Meeting held at
Park Hotel, New Delhi, India**

- 1. Shri Gireesh B. Pradhan**
Chairperson
Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
Chairperson, South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation
- 2. Shri Saliya Mathew**
Chairperson
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
- 3. Shri Md. Abdul Aziz Khan**
Member
Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Bangladesh
- 4. Ms. Rashmi Somasekharan Nair**
Deputy Chief, Regulatory Affairs
Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India