

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 10TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION**

Date: 14TH JANUARY, 2016

Venue: SHANGRI LA- EROS HOTEL, NEW DELHI, INDIA

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Samdrup K Thinley, CEO, Bhutan Electricity Authority (BEA) and Chairperson, South Asia Forum of Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR). Mr. Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) extended a warm welcome to all members of the Forum. 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 9th Executive Committee Meeting held on 26th March 2015 at Thimpu Bhutan.

The minutes of the 9th Executive Committee Meeting and Action Taken Report as circulated were confirmed.

Agenda 2: Outstanding membership fee from the Members of SAFIR and withdrawal/cessation from/of the membership of SAFIR

Secretary, CERC & SAFIR informed members of the Executive Committee that SAFIR Secretariat had written and pursued with all members whose subscription fee is outstanding. In response, only a few members such as NTPC, ASCI and Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission have paid the subscription fee.

Chairperson, BEA informed that he had written to all the members from whom the subscription fee of SAFIR is pending. However no acknowledgement or reply was received. Prior to this, the previous Chairpersons of SAFIR (Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) also had

pursued with the members from whom the subscription fee of SAFIR was pending. However they too received no positive response.

After much deliberation it was agreed to pursue with the members once again.

Agenda 3: Proposal for SAFIR Annual Training Programme – Core Course

Secretary, CERC& SAFIR, India apprised the EC that Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) had volunteered to organize the next Core Course at Jaipur, India.

After deliberations it was agreed that the next Core Course be conducted by CUTS at Jaipur, India. It was also agreed to explore the possibility to organize the visit to renewable energy plants (Solar and Wind) in the region.

Agenda 4: Plan of Action for the Year 2016-17.

- Chairperson, CERC suggested conducting the ECM more frequently so as to enable regular interactions amongst the members. Accordingly, it was proposed to conduct the ECM on quarterly basis which was agreed by all the Members. The Members decided to convene the next ECM in the month of April 2016 in India.
- The proposal for conducting the next Core Course at CUTS, Jaipur, India was accepted by all the Members

It was brought to notice that the tenure of Shri Samdrup K Thinley, Chairperson SAFIR & CEO, BEA was coming to an end and therefore in the absence of any representation from the countries of Nepal and Pakistan in this meeting, the Executive Committee members proposed to nominate Shri Gireesh B Pradhan, Chairperson CERC 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.

**List of Participants in 10th Executive Committee Meeting held at
Shangri La-Eros Hotel, new Delhi, India**

- 1. Mr. Samdrup K. Thinley**
CEO
Bhutan Electricity Authority, Bhutan
Chairperson, South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation
- 2. Mr. Gireesh B. Pradhan**
Chairperson
Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
- 3. Mr. A.R.Khan**
Chairperson
Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Bangladesh
- 4. Mr. Saliya Mathew**
Chairperson
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and
- 5. Ms. Shubha Sarma**
Secretary
Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India
Secretary, South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation
- 6. Dr. S.K. Chatterjee**
Joint Chief, Regulatory Affairs
Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, India