

EIGHTEENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING- MINUTES OF MEETING

**Hotel Four Seasons, Mumbai, India
September 23, 2011**



SOUTH ASIA FORUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION

C/o CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
3RD & 4TH FLOOR, CHANDERLOK BUILDING, 36, JANPATH
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MINUTES OF THE
EIGHTEENTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH ASIA FORUM OF INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATION (SAFIR)

Venue : **Hotel Four Seasons**
Mumbai (Maharashtra), India

Date : **23rd September, 2011**

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

Shri Rajiv Bansal, Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission extended warm welcome to all members of SAFIR in the eighteenth 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 17th meeting of SAFIR held on 10th December, 2010 at Kathmandu and the Action Taken Report.

The Steering Committee noted and discussed the Action Taken Report and endorsed the minutes of meeting held on 10th December, 2010.

Agenda Item No. 2:

To adopt audited annual accounts of SAFIR for the year 2010-11.

The annual accounts of SAFIR for the year 2010-11 were considered and adopted. However, while adopting audited annual accounts a few members wanted to know as to whether SAFIR was exempted from income tax. The officials of SAFIR

Secretariat apprised that the application of SAFIR for tax exemption was not accepted by the Tax authorities and in view of nature of receipts and activities of SAFIR tax consultant has advised that the affairs/activities of SAFIR be managed under the “**concept of mutuality**”. Member, APERC also stated that there might not any tax liability if SAFIR is run as per the principles of mutuality. The Steering Committee was briefed about the concept of mutuality. The concept of "Mutuality" means the contributors and the beneficiaries are identical.

Agenda Item No. 3 :

Plan of Action for 2011 – 12

Forthcoming Core Course of SAFIR -

SAFIR Secretariat reported that IIM Calcutta expressed its inability to host the core course for SAFIR in the given time period. Prof. Usha Ramachandran proposed that ASCI (Administrative Staff College of India) can host the event. It was decided that limited enquiry be solicited from IIM (C), IIM (I), IIM(K), ASCI and the venue may be finalized based on evaluation by SAFIR secretariat.

Representative from PTA (Pakistan Telecom Authority) proposed that a study on telecom sector may be conducted by SAFIR Secretariat. It was agreed that the study could be conducted with the assistance of PTA in preparing the terms of reference for the study and subject to availability of funds.

Membership base of SAFIR -

To increase the membership base it was proposed that the membership may be extended to infrastructure sector utilities. A proposal was also put forth to include

associations (e.g. Water sector associations) as members of SAFIR. Membership may also be extended to transportation sector utilities (e.g. Metro / BEST).

Functioning of Virtual Working Group was discussed and the need for on increasing participation from all South Asian countries was emphasized.

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.	Ms. Rani A. Jadhav	Chairperson	Tariff Authority of Major Ports	India
03.	Mr. Umesh Narayan Panjar	Chairperson	Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
04.	Mr. P.D. Sudhakar	Chairperson	Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
05.	Mr. P.K. Mishra	Chairperson	Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
06.	Mr. Subhash Chander Negi	Chairperson	Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
07.	Mr. T.T. Dorjee	Chairperson	Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
08.	Mr. Rajesh Awasthi	Chairperson	Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
09.	Mr. C.R. Sekhar Reddy	Member	Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
10.	Mr. T. Munikrishnaiah	Member	Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
11.	Mr. P. Parameswaran	Member	Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
12.	Mr. Bijoy Kumar Misra	Member	Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
13.	Mr. K. Venugopal	Member	Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
14.	Mr. V. Ranganathan	RBI Chair Professor	Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore	India
15.	Mr. B.S. Negi	Member	Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board	India
16.	Prof. Usha Ramachandra	Professor, Energy Area	Administrative Staff College of India	India
17.	Dr. Suparna Karmakar	Senior Fellow	CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition	India
18.	Ms. Malahat Obaid	Dy. Director	Pakistan Telecom Authority	Pakistan
19.	Ms. Meera K.S.	Jt. Director	Central Power Research Institute	India
20.	Mr. Rajiv Bansal	Secretary	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission	India
21.	Mr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee	Dy. Chief (Regulatory Affairs)	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission	India



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