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**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting held on 26.02.2018 at ERPC, Kolkata on issues raised by Railway Board regarding BRBCL - Reg.**

Enclosed please find the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26.02.2018 at ERPC, Kolkata on issues raised by Railway Board regarding BRBCL for your kind information and necessary action.

Regards,

  
(J.Bandyopadhyay)  
Member Secretary

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5. Sh. M.K.Singh, GM (O&M), BRBCL.
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## **ERPC: Kolkata**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26.02.2018 at ERPC, Kolkata on issues raised by Railway Board regarding BRBCL.**

List of Participants in the meeting given in Annexure.

Shri **Joydeb Bandyopadhyay**, Member Secretary, ERPC welcomed the participants from Railways, BRBCL, NTPC, BSPHCL, SBPDCL, ERLDC and ERPC in the meeting. He informed that the meeting has been convened in response to the letters dated 30.01.2018 & 02.02.2018 received from East Central Railway and letter dated 15.02.2018 received from Railway Board.

In the letters, Railways have raised the following issues:

- 1) **REA issued by ERPC prior to 02.08.2017 in respect of BRBCL.**
- 2) **Revision of Allocation of Power from Unit I & Unit II.**
- 3) **Consideration of ERPC Membership for Railways.**

#### **Issue No. - 1. REA issued by ERPC prior to 02.08.2017 in respect of BRBCL.**

Railway submitted the followings:

- i) Even though the COD of BRBCL Unit – I was made w.e.f. 15.01.2017, the actual flow commenced from 02.08.2017. Therefore, the cumulative availability for the F.Y. 2017-18 up to the preceding month in Row – 7 for REA for the month of August, 2017 should be taken as 0(zero) instead of the DC reflected by ERPC in the REA issued.
- ii) No Capacity Charges are payable by Railways for the period from 15.01.2017 to 01.08.2017 as the LTA was not operationalized and Scheduling did not commence.
- iii) The basic objective of Railways for establishing the Nabinagar Thermal Power Plant, a joint venture Project between Railways and NTPC was to have cheap power in place of costly power offered by the state DISCOMS. However, if the payment liability of the capacity charges is thrust on the Railways when the power could not be scheduled, the

cost of power becomes very high and the basic objective of establishing Nabinagar Thermal Power Plant gets defeated.

- iv) CERC in its order dated 29.06.2017 against petition No. 24/MP/2017 had not explicitly stated anything regarding reflection of DC of BRBCL in REA prior to operationalization of LTA and commencement of scheduling of power from Nabinagar.
- v) Revision of REA incorporating the DC of BRBCL was done by ERPC secretariat unilaterally without consulting with Railways even though the para 4.4.3 of BPPA between Railways and BRBCL incorporated a clause in this respect.
- vi) Before commencement of scheduling, BRBCL was declaring DC as 100%. However, for reasons best known to BRBCL, the DC has come down significantly after commencement of scheduling,
- vii) In conclusion, Railways requested ERPC secretariat to revise the REA and make the DC prior to 02.08.2017 as 'NIL'.

BRBCL / NTPC submitted the followings:

- i) BRBCL has declared the COD of Unit – I with effect from 15.01.2017 and the unit was ready for generation. Accordingly, BRBCL had been furnishing DC on day ahead basis to ERLDC on regular basis.
- ii) Order for allocating 90% of Nabinagar capacity of BRBCL to Railways was issued much earlier than the date of commercial operation of the unit. Railways had to complete all the necessary formalities like obtaining of LTA from CTU, no objection certificate from the concerned states before the COD of the said unit. BRBCL must not be held responsible for failure on the part of the Railways to complete the formalities. As such, BRBCL cannot also be denied the payment of capacity charges based on the DC declared.