MINUTES OF THE 37TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

OF

THE FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)

Venue : 3rd Floor Conference Room

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission

New Delhi

Date : 10.10.2014

The 37th Governing Body meeting of the Forum of Indian Regulators was chaired by Sh. S. Krishnan, Chairperson, PNGRB / Hony. Chairman, FOIR. The list of participants is **enclosed** at **Annexure-I**.

2. Sh. Gireesh B. Pradhan, Chairperson, CERC and Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR welcomed the Members of the "FOIR" Governing Body. Thereafter, the Governing Body took up the agenda items for discussion and decision thereof.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY OF FOIR HELD ON 17.7.2014 AT NEW DELHI.

The minutes of the 36th meeting of Governing Body of FOIR held on 17.7.2014 at CERC's Office, New Delhi as circulated were confirmed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATORY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (RRI).

A presentation was made by Shri Sushanta K. Chatterjee, Joint Chief (RA), CERC, on the progress made in respect of the options available for housing the Regulatory Research Institute at CBIP Campus & CERC Campus, besides the funding requirement for carrying out the activities of RRI initially for two years on pilot basis.

The Governing Body, after considering the funding requirement vis-à-vis the budget estimates as projected decided as under :-

- In order to make RRI a sustainable proposition, it would be desirable that the funding requirement is met primarily from the resources generated by way of subscription fee of Members.
- With due regard to the budgetary provisions of FOIR and support required for setting up of RRI, the annual subscription fee be increased from the present `2.50 Lacs. p.a. to `4.00 Lacs. p.a. and for regulatory bodies of NE States, fee be increased from the present `1.00 Lac. p.a. to `2.00 Lacs. p.a.

- Remaining funding requirement in respect of RRI may be met out
 of available funds under "Research, Training & Information" &
 "Reserves & Surplus" of FOIR, in that order of preference.
- Pending final approval of the above proposal in the meeting of the Annual General Body, the FOIR Secretariat may initiate the preliminary process relating to establishment of RRI.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: MODIFICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FOIR

The Governing Body decided to defer the matter for discussion in a subsequent meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: RESTRUCTURING OF GOVERNING BODY OF FOIR

After discussion, the Governing Body decided the broad contours of restructuring of Governing Body on the following lines:-

- The GB should have a maximum of 12 Members, out of which six Members will be from the Electricity Sector and six from the sectors other than electricity sector:
 - o Hony. Chairman (1)
 - o Hony. Vice-Chairman (1)

- Hony. Members (10), including Hony. Secretary (1) &
 Hony. Treasurer (1)
- Hony. Chairman: One position of Hony. Chairman, which is to be held in rotation by the senior most Chairperson of a Central Regulatory Body / Authority.
- Hony. Vice Chairman: One position of Hony. Vice-Chairman, which is to be held by the Chairperson, CERC. In the event of his/her elevation as Hony. Chairman, FOIR, and till he/she holds that position, the Senior-most Chairperson of a Central level Regulatory Commission / Authority shall hold the position of Hony. Vice-Chairman, FOIR.

• Hony. Members:

- Five Members from non-electricity sectoral Regulatory
 Bodies / Authorities on rotation basis.
- Three Members from electricity sector Regulatory Bodies on rotation basis.
- The position of Hony. Secretary (1) shall be held by the senior most Member of CERC.
- The position of Hony. Treasurer (1) shall be held by the next senior-most Members of CERC.

- Positions of Hony. Chairman and Hony. Vice-Chairman, shall be held by the incumbents as long as they continue to hold their regular positions in their respective Regulatory Commissions / Authorities / Bodies.
- The Hony. Members shall be on the rolls of GB for a minimum period of two years. Upon completion of a tenure of two years, the positions shall be replaced by fresh nominations. However, in case of the Members who demit their positions in their respective Regulatory Commissions / Authorities / Bodies, prior to completion of their tenure, fresh nomination may take place.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP BASE OF FOIR

The GB noted the progress in this regard and directed the Secretariat to continue their efforts to reach out to other Regulatory Bodies / Commissions / Authorities for membership.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP OF ASCI & TERI

The Governing Body considered the request from TERI seeking exemption from payment of Membership fee and decided that all such Members who had not

paid their Membership fee be once again requested for payment of fee within three months, failing which their Membership would be processed for cancellation. FOIR Secretariat may send suitable communication to ASCI & TERI on the above lines.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The Governing Body decided that a Special Meeting of the General Body may be held back to back with the FOIR Workshop on 11.12.2014 at Kochi. The Secretariat may take necessary steps to convene the meeting.

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

$\underline{\textbf{LIST OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE 37}^{TH}\ GOVERNING\ BODY\ MEETING}$

<u>OF</u>

FORUM OF INDIAN REGULATORS (FOIR)

HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER, 2014 AT CERC, NEW DELHI

NAME & DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION
Sh. S. Krishnan	PNGRB
Chairperson	
Sh. Ashok Chawla	CCI
Chairperson	
Sh. Gireesh B. Pradhan	CERC
Chairperson	
Sh. M.R.Sreenivasa Murthy	KERC
Chairperson	
Sh. Rakesh Sahni	MPERC
Chairperson	
Sh. T.S.Balasubramanian	TAMP
Acting Chairperson	
	CERC
Member	
Sh. A.K.Singhal	CERC
Member	
	UERC
	JSERC
O	UPERC
	TNERC
	CEDC
	CERC
	CERC
	CERC
	CERC
	CLIC
	Sh. S. Krishnan Chairperson Sh. Ashok Chawla Chairperson Sh. Gireesh B. Pradhan Chairperson Sh. M.R.Sreenivasa Murthy Chairperson Sh. Rakesh Sahni Chairperson Sh. T.S.Balasubramanian Acting Chairperson Sh. M.Deena Dayalan Member Sh. A.K.Singhal