

### Multi Year Tariff (MYT) Application by MSEDCL for FY 2008 to 2010

**Comments/Suggestions** 

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## **Preliminary Observations**

#### I True-up for FY 2005-06

- Need to consider actual revenue earned
- Reconciliation of actual FAC recovered by MSEDCL with total revenue is required

#### O&M Expenses

- Consists of highly controllable and predictable expenses
  - Employee
  - Repairs & Maintenance
  - Administration & General
- è Should be considered as a controllable parameter



## Multi Year Tariffs – Key Issues

### Key controllable parameters

- Distribution Loss (Technical and Commercial)
- O&M Expenses
  - I Employee Cost
  - I R&M Cost
  - I A&G Cost



## **Distribution Loss**



Loss reduction of 2% per annum is envisaged by MSEDCL in the MYT control period

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Transmission Loss (%)	4.5%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
Distribution Loss (%)	35.0%	33.0%	31.0%	29.0%	27.0%
Total T&D Loss (%)	37.9%	36.2%	34.3%	32.4%	30.5%

- è No significant reduction in the T&D losses
- Even in 2010, total T&D losses in the state are projected to be 30.5% !



## **Distribution Loss**



- According to Planning Commission guidelines for XI plan ATC loss in the country should be reduced to 15% in next 5 years
  - This requires steep reduction in the distribution losses and aggressive targets for the control period
- According to MERC Tariff Regulations, consumers will be bearing 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of any loss even on account of controllable factors
   Somewhat higher distribution losses are inherently passed on to consumers
- è Consumers should not be burdened for MSEDCL's inefficiency

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# **Capital Expenditure**

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- One of the most crucial parameter that needs be monitored in the control period
- MSEDCL planning for a CapEx of Rs 20,000
  Cr in next 3 years
- Has long term bearing on the consumer tariff
  Thorough data and information should be collected
- No project could be considered without inprinciple clearance by the MERC



## **Capital Expenditure**



MERC should specify the CapEx data submission formats in this order

 MSEDCL can maintain the data in the same format during the next year

 Data formats suggested by Prayas during last year's ARR process

 A thorough third party audit of the CapEx data should be carried out by MERC



### **Power Purchase**

#### Availability and Load Shedding

- Extremely uncertain scenario in the context of availability of power, load shedding and hence sales projections during the control period
- è Significant dangers of "Gaming"
- MERC has to be extremely cautious in approving the sales forecast and power purchase (MUs as well as Rs Cr)
- Power purchase (especially high cost/short term power), sales projections and load shedding should not be approved beyond a period of 1 Year



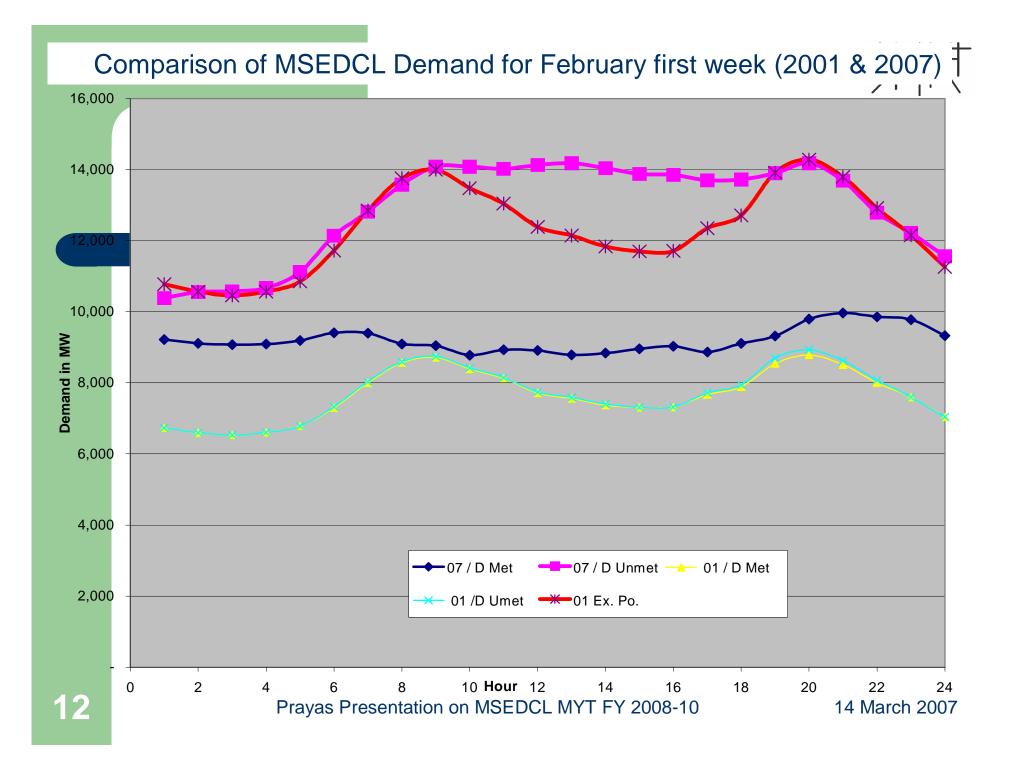
## **Quality of Supply and Service**

- Ensuring Quality of Supply and Service and implementing SoP and Supply Code Regulations is at the very heart of the MYT process
- Very stringent data monitoring processes required
  Improvement in metering and billing
- Need to publish Quality of Supply/Service reports regularly
  - è New and reliable data collection processes need be devised



## **Load Shedding**

- Need to improve the data collection processes
  - Feeder level load shedding data than division/zone level figures
  - Accounting for demand variations to avoid anomalies in the data
  - Necessary steps for getting reliable Load
    Shedding Data





# Making MSEDCL accountable ...1

### MSEDCL staff should be made accountable

- AT & C loss
- Compliance with MERC regulations and directives
- Regional public hearings specifically on T & D loss
- Third party audit of key data such as CapEx, Energy Audit, Billing etc
- Circle wise supply quality monitoring reports should be published
- Incentives / disincentives for employees based on performance
- Proceedings under Sec 142 / 146 for non-compliance



## Making MSEDCL accountable ...2

### Need for Milestones Based Tariff

- Any future tariff increase should be linked with the compliance with MERC directives such as
  - Achievement of feeder and DTC metering targets
  - Compliance with Quality of Service regulations (Supply Code and Standards of Performance)



### **Other Issues**

### I Simple tariff structure

 Tariff (mainly energy charges and ASC) should be published by MERC in the form of a matrix for every division



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