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Engagement of Consumer Counsel by OERC

In exercise of the powers vested in the Commission under Section 94(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission intend to engage Consumer Counsel(s) to represent the interest of the consumers in Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) proceedings of State Licensees/ Generating Companies for FY 2027-28. The detailed guidelines is available in the OERC website. Interested person or company or body corporate or association or body of individuals must submit their application in the prescribed format enclosed in the Guidelines, so as to reach the office of the Secretary, OERC on or before 30th November, 2026. The Commission reserves the right to cancel the advertisement without assigning any reason thereof.

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General Guidelines for Engagement of Consumer Counsel

In exercise of the powers vested in the Commission under Section 94(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission hereby adopts the following guidelines for the engagement of Consumer Counsel(s) to represent the interest of consumers in the proceedings before it:

1. The main purpose and objective of engagement of a Consumer Counsel shall be to represent the interest of the consumers in the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) proceedings for FY 2027-28.

2. The Commission may engage any person or company or body corporate or association or body of individuals as Consumer Counsel.

3. The Consumer Counsel must have no affiliation or attachment with any Licensee(s) or Generating Company(ies) or with their Holding Company(ies) or with any party(ies) to the proceeding(s).

4. The Commission shall make available the relevant documents related to the proceedings to the Consumer Counsel for study and use.

5. Individual applicant must be an Advocate having minimum 10 years practice in power sector related matters or an Electrical Engineer with minimum 10 years adequate experience in power sector or a Chartered Accountant with minimum 5 years' experience in power sector related matters.

6. If a Company or body corporate or association or body of individuals is interested as an applicant, it must have minimum 10 years' experience in power sector related matters including minimum 3 years' experience in ARR related matters.

7. The Commission may engage separate Consumer Counsel for each DISCOM, for OPTCL, OHPC & OPGC and for GRIDCO. Therefore, the applicants shall specifically mention the name of the entity(ies) in the table available in the application Form (Annexure-I) for whose ARR proceeding he desires to be engaged as such counsel.

8. The Consumer Counsel shall analyse and prepare its initial report in a neutral and objective manner and furnish the same to the Commission within the time limit, specified by the Commission.

9. The Consumer Counsel shall participate in the proceedings before the Commission and make presentation of his/its views/findings with reference to the ARR application in the hearing as well as in the SAC meeting. The Consumer Counsel shall submit a detailed report to the Commission after the conclusion of the hearing for consideration of the Commission.

10. Individual(s) engaged as Consumer Counsel shall be paid one time honorarium of Rs. 50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Rupees) on satisfactory completion of the assignments as per these guidelines. Company or body corporate or association or body of individuals engaged as Consumer Counsel shall be paid a consolidated amount of Rs. 50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Rupees) (including taxes) on satisfactory completion of the assignments as per these guidelines. No separate allowances such as TA, DA etc. shall be payable.

11. Based on the applications (along with supporting documents) received, the Commission shall select the Consumer Counsel. The Commission may go for the short listing of the applications and conduct an interview, if it feels necessary for selection of the Consumer Counsel. Further, submission of an application does not guarantee an engagement, and incomplete applications shall be rejected.

12. The selection of the Consumer Counsel shall be at the sole discretion of the Commission. No correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.

13. The Commission may, terminate the engagement/ assignment of any Consumer Counsel at any time if in its opinion, continuance of the Counsel is found prejudicial to the interest of the consumers.

14. The applications as per the prescribed format (Annexure-I) shall only be considered for the purpose of selection. The last date of receipt of application is **30.11.2026 (5PM).**

15. The engagement of the Consumer Counsel shall be temporary only for the purpose of ARR proceedings which shall automatically stand terminated on 31.03.2027.

The Commission from time to time may amend/modify the above guideline as deems fit without any prior notice.

By Order of the Commission

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Annexure -I

Application for Engagement as Consumer Counsel in OERC

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Status of the Applicant (person or company or body corporate or association or body of individuals) :
3. Communication Address :
4. Contact Number :
5. Eligibility:
   For Individuals

Graduation/ Degree	Institution/University	Current employment	Nos. of years experience in power sector/ power sector related matters	List of Supporting documents for qualification and experience

For Company or body corporate or association or body of individuals

Date of Incorporation	Nos. of years' experience in power sector related matters	Nos. of years' experience in ARR related matters	List of Supporting documents for experience

6. Licencee/ Generating Company for which the applicant is interested to be engaged as Consumer Counsel:

DISCOMs				OPTCL, OPGC & OHPC	GRIDCO
TPCODL	TPNODL	TPWODL	TPSODL		

Tick the box for which the application is being submitted. The applicant may apply for more than one of the above.

7. Account Details:

Name of the beneficiary	
Account Number	
IFSC/MICR Code	
Name of the Bank & Branch	
Document attached as proof	Photocopy of the 1st page of the bank passbook/ cancelled cheque

** The applicants shall furnish the self-attested copies of documents in support of qualification and experience.

8. Declaration:

The information furnished above is correct to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been suppressed. I understand that in the event of this engagement, if it is found at a later stage that any information furnished above is false or misrepresented or any information or fact is suppressed, my engagement as Consumer Counsel is liable to be cancelled.

I further declare that I/we have no affiliation or attachment with any Licensee(s) or Generating Company(ies) or with their Holding Company(ies) or with any party(ies) to the proceeding for which I am applying to be engaged as Consumer Counsel.

Date:

Place: Signature

(Name)