

***Meeting with Director (Projects) and Managing Director, UPPTCL***

On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, IEEMA Power Divisions members met Mr. Ravi Prakash Dubey, Director (Projects) and apprised him about the issue of shorter delivery periods in the tender documents for supply of Power Transformers. The delegation was led by Mr. Vinamra Agarwal, Member, IEEMA. Representatives from ABB, Siemens, Toshiba, TBEA, BHEL and T&R also participated in the meeting. Mr. Anuj Chaturvedi, State Head, U.P, participated from IEEMA. The issues were discussed in detail, however Director (Projects) expressed his inability to reduce the time of supply because of administrative pressure from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for timely completion of the various electrification projects. But he assured the members full support in reducing the time for design approval and inspection time which will give additional time of 35-40 days. The delegation later met Mr. Anuj Gupta, Managing Director, UPPTCL and apprised him about the issue in detail.

***Meeting with Director (Projects) & Director (Operations), MSETCL***

On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Power transformer division delegation comprises of Mr. Shouvik Bhattacharya – Vice Chairman, IEEMA Power Transformer Division, Mr. Manil Moorthy - Western Region Head, TBEA, Mr. Vikrant Joshi – General Manager, CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd., Mr. B. R. Salgaonkar – GM, Marketing, IMP Powers Ltd and Mr. Suryakant Patil, EMCO met Mr. Ravindra D Chavan, Director- Project giving him the representation for the ideal delivery period for supply of Power Transformers in MSETCL tenders. Mr. Ninad Ranade, Director, IEEMA and Mr. Rajesh Parab, Sr. Executive, IEEMA also participated in the meeting. Members informed Director (Projects) about the 2 months delivery period in one of the tender of MSETCL. Director Project informed the members that now they have extended the time period to 4 months for the 132 and 220 KV voltage Class transformers. He also informed the members that they should also meet Mr. Ganpat Munde, Director Operations as all the projects come under him. Members met Mr. Munde he also agree with the members concern and accepted that the standardisation for this delivery period is must at the same time he informed that the period amendment to 4 months have been implemented in the recent tenders.

Both the directors informed that there is a need to explain the matter & convince the CMD again as it has been recently discussed with him to make it 4 months henceforth for all tenders.

***Smart Grid R&D Conclave***

On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018: IIT Delhi, Mr. Akeel Khan along with the 15 Members of IEEMA from Meter and Smart Grid Division participated in the Smart Grid R&D Conclave organized by Department of Science and Technology (DTS), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM). DST and NSGM has identified need for early collaboration with utilities for right focusing R&D as well as effective deployment of indigenous developed products. In order to take-up these technologies under various stages of development to the next level i.e. involving the industry / utility companies from the stage of development to its commercialization, DST and National Smart Grid Mission (NSGM) had organized Smart Grids R&D Conclave. The objective of this conclave was to serve as an exceptional platform to bring together experts from academia, R&D labs, Industry and utilities.

***Meeting with Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power***

On 30<sup>th</sup> August, Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General, IEEMA, Mr. Sunil Singhvi, Executive Council Member, IEEMA, Mr. Ashwani Sharma, Member, IEEMA and Mr. Uttam Kumar, Executive Officer, IEEMA met Mr. Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power to discuss on the high testing charges levied by CPRI and NHPTL. Mr. Sahai acknowledged the issue and advised IEEMA to provide the relevant supporting documents, so that he can discuss the issue with CPRI during his visit in October 2018. Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General, IEEMA also extended invitation to Mr. Sahai for joining the IEEMA Annual General Meeting scheduled on 15<sup>th</sup> September at Mumbai.

***Training Program on "Finance for Non-Finance Executives"***

IEEMA organized One Day Training Program on "Finance for Non-Finance Executives" on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at Mayfair Banquets, Worli, Mumbai. The training was conducted by CA Jignesh Thakkar of M/s Satvam Consulting Pvt. Ltd. The objective of organizing this training was to add dimension of finance to non-finance executives in their decision making for business, the decisions that are involving budgets, cost-savings and growth strategy.

23 non-finance delegates from IEEMA Member companies & from IEEMA Secretariat Office at Mumbai attended the Training and gave overwhelming feedback. .

**Policy Advocacy**

**Non-compliance of CEA advisory on domestic bidding for domestically funded projects (PSDF funded schemes on reliable communication using Optical Ground Wire, OPGW)**

On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018, IEEMA submitted a representation to Member (Power Systems), Central Electricity Authority regarding non-compliance of said advisory by state utilities that have or are expected to invite tenders through global competitive bidding for PSDF funded schemes.

IEEMA recommended that CEA should ensure that all PSDF funded projects invite tenders through local competitive bidding only, mandating compliance of CEA advisory, both in letter and in spirit, during the sanction of PSDF grant.

**Inverted Duty Structure in Manufacturing of Electrical Contacts - HS Codes 85381010, 85381090 and 85389000**

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018, IEEMA submitted a representation to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion and the Tariff Commission, Government of India, regarding Inverted Duty Structure in manufacturing of Electrical Contacts, under HS Codes 85381010, 85381090 and 85389000, leading to cost dis-advantage for domestic manufacturers' vis-à-vis imports of the same.

The manufacturers of Electrical Contacts procure their main raw material, i.e. Silver, from the domestic market. The dealers fix the price of Silver by adding Basic Customs Duty of 10% (under Chapter Heading 71 - Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver contents not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under chapter sub-heading 7106) on LME rates, plus premium, plus freight insurance and dealer margin. This makes the cost of input raw material high for the manufacturers of Electrical Contacts, mainly on account of expensive Silver (at 10% BCD) which form major portion of raw material, approx. 90%. Therefore, the Electrical Contacts sold by domestic manufacturers have high cost of production. Whereas, the finished Electrical Contacts, under ITC HS Codes 85381010, 85381090 and 8538 9000 attract a Basic Customs Duty of 7.5%.

IEEMA requested the Government of India to correct this inverted duty by increasing the Basic Customs Duty of Electrical Contacts from 7.5% to 10% (HS Codes 85381010, 85381090 and 85389000).

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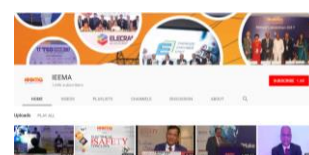
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