

**Minutes of Meeting of OAU Conference held on 21st January 2015.
Hotel Hilton, Jaipur.**

Open Access Users Association (OAU) organized its first conference in Rajasthan at Hotel Hilton, Jaipur, inviting all the stakeholders and the eminent personalities from statutory bodies and industry. Theme of this conference was 'Issues in Implementing Open Access & Way Forward' in which implementation of UI mechanism, Issuance of NOC and benefits for the Renewable Power generators were discussed and many probable solutions were also suggested by the experts. An innovative concept of a Smart Energy Monitoring System was also introduced. Shri Viswanath Hiremath (Hon'ble Chairman, RERC) was the chief guest during the conference who shared the dais along with Shri Jayant Deo (President, OAU), Shri Raghuvendra Singh Rathore (Honorable member technical, RERC), Shri. D.L Jakhar (Chief Engineer, Rajasthan DISCOM power procurement center), Shri G.K Sharma (Secretary, RERC).

As per the Indian tradition conference began with the lighting of lamp by the Hon'ble Chairman, RERC and other dignitaries invited in the conference.

Proceedings of the conference was further initiated with the welcome address from Shri Jayant Deo (President, OAU) in which he welcomed the chief guest, eminent dignitaries and all the participants for attending the conference. In his address he also covered the issues relating to Implementation of UI mechanism, streamlining the process of NOC and the benefits to be provided for the renewable power generators. He provided an overview of the proposed amendments in the electricity act 2003 and also explained the impact of the proviso 86(1)(a) in the Current electricity Act 2003.

After the welcome note, Shri Rohit Bajaj (Vice president, Indian Energy Exchange) presented the exchange perspective. He provided an overview of the Indian energy market, proceeding further to showing the functions of the IEX. He explained the working of the IEX and also the benefit that a consumer can avail while trading through IEX.

Shri A.K. Arya (Superintending Engineer, System Operation and Load Dispatch) presented the SLDC perspective. He detailed on the reason, as to why some facilities are not being provided to the consumers and also stated that SLDC is currently working on the development of the required software needed to provide these facilities to a consumer and that very soon the consumer can avail the facilities of the UI Mechanism.

Shri A.K Gupta (Executive Engineer, System Operation and Load Dispatch) delivered his views on UI & NOC perspectives. He strongly suggested that the NOC issuance process is currently working with its optimum efficiency and that the consumers would not have any problem during the issuance of NOC. However UI mechanism will very soon be implemented, once the software is developed, which is currently under progress.

Shri A.M Mehta (Senior General Manager, Poddar Pigments Limited.) took on the dais and explained how the consumers are facing problem in Rajasthan. He explained with statistics regarding the financial loss that a consumer is currently bearing. While putting forward the industry perspective, he proposed the introduction of UI mechanism.

Shri Navneet Bisht from Secure Enersoft Limited demonstrated the working of a Smart Energy Monitoring System, which is designed to provide a simple solution to consumers for managing their load. The presentation included the benefit that a consumer can avail from this device along with a live demonstration of the working of this device.

Chief Guest, Shri Viswanath Hiremath (Hon'ble Chairman, RERC) addressed the gathering with an assurance that the issues raised in the conference are under the process of being more refined and streamlined, and that both RERC and SLDC are working together to resolve the issues as soon as possible. Welcoming the initiative of OAU Shri Hiremath clarified the current scenarios of Rajasthan and confirmed that all the issues raised and related will be resolved at the earliest.

Conference was concluded by Shri Jayant Deo. As he answered the questions that were raised regarding Open Access in Rajasthan during the conference, he again stressed on the implementation of the UI Mechanism in Rajasthan. Shri Amit Ailawadi (Secretary, OAU) expressed vote of thanks to all esteemed participants of the conference.

Regards,

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