



Grid Modernization: Regulatory Environment

Currently Individual Discoms submits their own plan for Smart Grid, which includes:

- Replacement of existing meters by Smart Meters
- Automation of switching operations
- Establishment of communication network for Smart Grid
- Operating System & IT infrastructure

There is a need for coordinated efforts by Discoms to enable Regulators to specify guidelines for Smart Grid capex & its approval.



Benefits of coordination amongst DISCOMs

Inter-Discom collaboration can help optimizing overall cost in following way-

- Adoption of common technology specifications
 - Geographically connected Discoms have common communication network
- Cost reduction on economics of scale
- Bridge gap between developing and pioneering utilities
- Sharing of training Cost with additional resources
- Help capacity building at ERC

Collaborative voice will bring Cost effective & efficient services to Customers



Success Stories

Success Story : EESL LED replacement

75% lower cost through bulk procurement

- ❖ LED Bulbs : ~ 31 Cr distribution and ongoing
- ❖ Avoided Peak Demand: ~8100 MW
- ❖ Cost Savings : ~ Rs. 16, 000 Crs



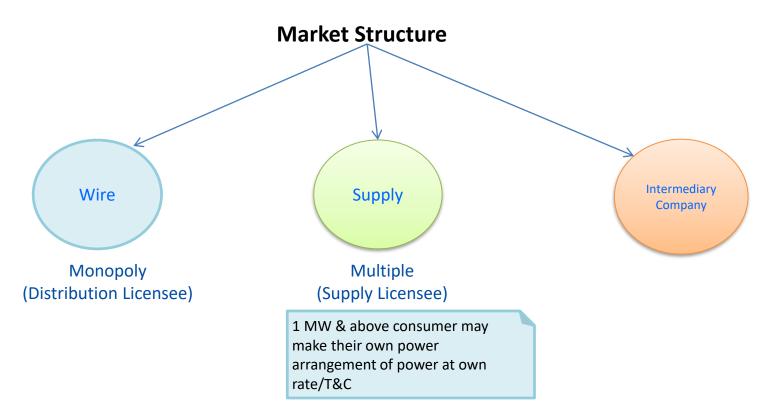
Segregation of Wires & Supply: Electricity Act Amendment

Objectives:

- ✓ Distribution (Wire) & Supply (Retail) : Business Separation
- ✓ To make Central Govt. Policies mandatory for ERCs to follow
- ✓ Create Intermediary Company to take over existing PPAs & subsequent power procurement to Promote
 - Ancillary Services,
 - RE Energy Hydro Power, RGO for new plants
 - Smart Grid,
 - Distributed Generation & net metering
- ✓ Grid Security by introducing spinning reserve & by imposing higher penalties for not adhering to direction of system operators.



Proposed Market Structure





Other Key Highlights

- 1. Promote Competition
 - ✓ Ceiling tariff
 - ✓ Choice to Customers
- 2. Subsidy payments through direct Benefit transfer
- 3. Bulk Customers (1 MW & above) "Direct sourcing of power from Market"
- 4. Allowing to serve notices through any electronic mode
- 5. Smart meters to be installed from Generators to Consumers for accounting
- 6. Severe Penalties for Non Compliance to Grid Security
- 7. Development of forward market and futures contract



Ancillary Services

1. Purpose

✓ Helps to improve Grid stability and Security

2. Worldwide Practices

- ✓ Frequency Support
- ✓ Voltage or reactive power support
- ✓ Black Start Support

3. Challenges

- ✓ Development of compensation mechanism
- ✓ Contract types (Short term / Long Term)
- ✓ Business assurance not guaranteed restrict participation



We're listening.



