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Proposed electricity tariff revision by CEB

Reference is made to your letters (Ref-DGM(CS&RA)/TRF/Trf. 2023) dated Sep 4, 2023 and Sep 26, 2023.

The Commission observe following deviations in the assumptions made by CEB in the tariff filing;

1. Increase in demand

CEB has forecasted demand of 44.70 GWh/day for September 2023 and 42.88 GWh/day on average for Oct-Dec 2023. However, actual generation demand of September 2023 is 41.01 GWh/day and October 2023 is 41.30 GWh/day. Therefore, assumed demand in your proposal can not be substantiated with latest data.

2. Depleted hydro

CEB forecasted a starting hydro storage for October 2023 of 503 GWh and for November 2023 635 GWh. As at today hydro storage is 668 GWh, and Inflow for Oct 1 to Oct 12, 2023 is 314 GWh which exceeds the estimates by considerable margin.

3. Coal dispatch

For Oct-Dec 2023 CEB has forecasted a total coal dispatch of 1,444 GWh in May 15, 2023 submission and 1,334 GWh in Sep 4, 2023 submission. However, the Commission envisage a drop in demand higher than the drop of coal dispatch. Further coal price has dropped from 68.6 LKR/kg in May 15, 2023 submission to 52.6 LKR/kg in Sep 4, 2023 submission. The impact of coal dispatch reduction can not be justified with latest data.

Therefore, you are hereby required to submit a revised tariff submission considering the latest available data before October 18, 2023.

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