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Inconsistencies in Bulk Supply Cost Submissions

Reference is made to the NSO letters dated September 04, 2026, September 11, 2026, and September 15, 2026, with regards to the Bulk Supply Cost submission for the 4th quarter of 2026.

In terms of Section 29(10) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 (as amended), electricity tariffs are required to be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, the National System Operator (NSO) was directed to submit the Bulk Supply Cost forecast for the fourth quarter of 2026, by August 17, 2026, to facilitate the commencement of the quarterly tariff review process. However, the NSO's initial Bulk Supply Cost submission for the fourth quarter of 2026 was received only on September 04, 2026, significantly later than the stipulated deadline. Subsequently, on September 11, 2026, the NSO submitted a revised Bulk Supply Cost forecast incorporating amendments to the projected generation energy costs. Further, by letter dated September 15, 2026, the NSO informed the Commission that higher-than-expected hydro inflows are anticipated and indicated its intention to submit a further revised Bulk Supply Cost forecast after receiving the Meteorological Department's forecast expected on October 01, 2026. In this regard, the NSO has requested the Commission to take into consideration the further revised Bulk Supply Cost forecast which is expected to be submitted for the 2026 fourth quarter tariff review.

The Commission wishes to emphasize that Bulk Supply Cost submissions are inherently based on forecasts, including generation dispatch forecasts, which are subject to uncertainty and subsequent revision. Such uncertainty is an inherent characteristic of the forecasting process. This cannot be considered a basis for delaying statutory tariff reviews since forecasting errors are accommodated in the Tariff Methodology in subsequent periods. As NSO's actions affects financial sustainability and operational stability of the electricity sector, the NSO is expected to adhere strictly to the timelines communicated by the Commission for the future submissions of Bulk Supply Cost forecasts. Timely submissions are essential to enable the Commission to fulfil its statutory obligations and to ensure that tariff determinations are made in a predictable and transparent manner, thereby safeguarding the electricity consumer, utilities and other stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Commission expects the NSO to submit future Bulk Supply Cost forecasts within the timelines given in the Tariff Review Procedure Rules.

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