**ANNEXURE-A**

TP Western Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPWODL) is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. The entity is formed as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) mode between the Tata Power Company Ltd. (TPCL) and the Government of Odisha. TPCL is the majority shareholder, having 51% of equity share capital and the Government of Odisha has 49 % equity share capital through GRIDCO Ltd. The Company TPWODL has been vested with the business of distribution and retail supply of electricity in the Western Zone of the State of Odisha covering nine revenue districts, with effect from 01.01.2021, by virtue of the vesting Order dated 28.12.2020 of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) passed in Case No.82 of 2020, under the provisions of Section 20 read with Section 21 of the Electricity Act, 2003, obtained license accordingly.

**Historical Reform Process**

1. Odisha’s power generation and distribution was being managed by Odisha State Electricity Board (OSEB). The pre-reform performance-technical commercials and financial of the OSEB was very dismal. Install capacity for power generation was around 2900MW dominated by 5 plants totalling 1700MW of the (OSEB) and 420MW coal fired plant of Odisha Power Generating Corporation (OPGC). There were around 1.3 million consumers of whom less than 50% were metered. Power system losses were officially audited at around 22% but actual losses exceeded 50% consumption was dominated by industrial consumers (54%), only 6% are agriculture consumers.

2. In order to overcome the precarious situation in the power sector, Odisha was the pioneer state in bringing wide spread reforms in the power sector of the State. The reforms were made in two phases. Initially Odisha State Electricity Board (OSEB) was vested with the generation, distribution, transmission of electricity in the State. With the passing of the Orissa Electricity Reform Act 1995. the erstwhile vertically integrated Orissa State Electricity Board (**OSEB**) was unbundled into Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Limited (**OHPC**), which was vested with the hydro generating assets of the State and the Grid Corporation of Orissa Limited (**GRIDCO**), which was vested with the transmission and distribution functions of the erstwhile OSEB. Subsequently, on 25 November 1998, vide Orissa Electricity Reform (Transfer of Assets, Liabilities, Proceedings and Personnel of GRIDCO to Distribution Companies) Rules, 1998, the distribution business of GRIDCO was segregated and vested into four distribution companies, each incorporated as a separate legal entity under the Companies Act. Following this, all the four Distribution Companies (**DISCOMS**) were privatized (through sale of a majority shares i.e.51% equity of each of the DISCOM) with effect from 1st April, 1999. One of the four DISCOMS i.e. Western Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Limited (**WESCO**) was sold to M/s BSES Limited (now RIL).

**Post-Reform Scenario**

On 04.03.2015, OERC revoked the license of the WESCO Ltd. under the provisions of Section 19 of the Electricity Act, 2003, in Case No.55 of 2013. OERC also appointed the C.M.D, GRIDCO Ltd. as Administrator, under Section 20 (1) (d) of the Electricity Act, 2003, by transferring the rights, entitlement, interest and employees of the WESCO with the Administrator, w.e.f.04.03.2015. Subsequently by a transparent bidding process, State Commission took the initiative for sale of utility of WESCO and finally by virtue of the vesting order dated 28.12.2020, the license of WESCO was transferred to TPWODL w.e.f.01.01.2021.