



**ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
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From  
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To  
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(Non-trading)  
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**Lr.No.CGM/RAC/GM/PP&RAC/CP/VJA/F.No.76/D.No. 344 /24, Dt: 17.01.2024**

Sir,

Sub: APCPDCL - Replies to objections raised by Sri Meesala Basavapunnaiiah, President, Andhra Pradesh State Hire Working (Non-trading) Rice millers Association on ARR & Tariff Proposals of Retail Supply Business for the FY 2024-25 in OP No. 72 of 2023 - Reg.

Ref: Party's representation, dt.20-12-2023.

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Referring to the objections raised by Sri Meesala Basavapunnaiiah, President, Andhra Pradesh State Hire Working (Non-trading) Rice millers Association on ARR and FPT filings for Retail Sale of Electricity for FY 2024-25, the reply is furnished as hereunder.

**Objections & Replies:**

1. When the supply of power by the 3 discoms in the state of AP to Vidyuth consumer for all categories and slabs was only in one patron and in one manner and then, how and under what Rule; law and authority of the 3 Discoms in the state of AP will fix the unit charges in such heavy different rates in between one and other sub categories and sub-slabs? This must be pursual.

**Reply: As per Section 62 (3) of Electricity Act 2003, the Honourable Commission while determining the tariff under the Act may differentiate according to the consumers load factor, power factor, voltage, total consumption of electricity during any specified period or the time at which the supply is required or the geographical position of any area, the nature of supply and the purpose for which the supply is required. Hence the DISCOMs are proposing tariffs for different sub categories and slabs and the Honourable APERC is issuing Tariff Orders duly considering all the aspects.**

2. The total submission of ARR Tariff Proposals for the FY 2024-25, were all far from natural justice and law and we request this must be totally rejected in the interest of Vidyut consumer and this must be pursuant\_clearly.

**Reply: The ARR & Tariff proposals for FY 2024-25 are filed as per the Hon'ble APERC Regulations.**

3. How and under what rule; law and authority the 3 Discoms in the state of AP, dividing the consumer categories and slabs is to some number of sub-categories and sub-slabs? This must be pursued and repeat the same.

**Reply : As replied at Para No.1**

4. How and under what rule; law and authority the 3 Discoms will collect the unit charges in such heavy different rates in between one and other APCPDCL, APSPDCL and APEPDCL, that the unit charges fixed for the FY 2024-25 in LT Category, as they like against the submissions. This was against to natural justice and law there in.

**Reply 4: The APDISCOMs have filed the ARR & Tariff proposals in accordance with the directions of Government of A.P vide G.O.Rt.No.161, dt.15-11-2021, wherein the DISCOMs have to file the tariff proposals without taking into account any Government Subsidy and the Hon'ble APERC was queted to notify the Government subsidy for different consumer categories as part of Annual Tariff Order from FY 2022-23 onwards.**

5. When the 3 Discoms in the state, fixing the unit charges by taking all kinds of expenses as A to Z, to supply one (1) unit of power to vidyuth consumer, then how and on what rule, law and authority they collecting other electrical charges, in addition to unit charges to pay the same in the manner of some other expenses?

**Reply: The fixed charges are being proposed in accordance with Section 45(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to recover the fixed costs which the DISCOMs have to pay to the generators, transmission licensees etc. Accordingly, fixed charges are being collected as per the successive orders of the Hon'ble APERC on Tariff for Retail Sale of Electricity. True-up/down charges are being collected as per the directions of the Hon'ble APERC.**

6. The ED charges having collected by enhancing the same from Rs. 00-06 to Rs.01-00 (One Rupee) yet a turn by violating the law therein? And on what rule, law and authority? This must be rejected by pursuing the same.

**Reply: ED Charges are being levied as per the Andhra Pradesh Electricity duty Act,1939. As per G.O.Ms.No.7 dt:08/04/2022, Energy (POWER-III) Department, ED of Rs.1.00 (One Rupee) per KWh on energy sales for the Commercial and Industrial Consumers is being levied. For domestic consumers, the existed electricity duty of 6 paise per KWh shall continue to be levied while Agriculture consumers are exempted from levy of any such duty.**

**Suggestions:**

1. Suitable capacitors must be provided at each transformer instead of at sub-stations to safeguard the up and down power supply and to same the consumer electrical goods.

**Reply: The capacitors are being provided at the agricultural consumer end as part of DSM measures.**

2. Suitable jumpers may be provided at transformers to avoid obstructions and to avoid power supply earthing on other lines. Yet the lines of attending errors and fuse of calls.

**Reply: Double jumpers are provided at transformers and at cut points to avoid unnecessary interruptions to consumers on regular basis.**

3. Suitable electrical meters must be provided at each transformer to notice easily where the power thefts being occurred.

**Reply: Special vigilance wing is being monitoring for theft of energy in their jurisdictions. The energy audit is being carried out 11KV feeder wise for evaluating the line losses. Meters are proposed to be installed at transformers under RDSS Scheme.**

4. The too old conductor of main lines may be replaced to avoid obstructions and errors in supply of power.

**Reply: Reinforcement of conductor is being done where ever conductor is damaged.**

5. Utilizing of untrained and unknown person in attending of all errors in power supplies and in taking of Monthly consumption Readings consumers in the electrical meters.

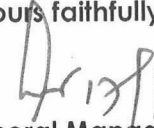
**Reply: No untrained & unknown workers are utilized for attending the errors in power supply works and meter readings.**

6. Once in 2 or 3 months the consumer awareness and complaints meeting under the chair of ADE and DE to place consumer affairs by calling all the public organisations and consumer councils for justice. This must be perusal and requesting to take suitable actions.

**Reply: Substation level committee meetings are being conducted at 33/11KV substations for consumers awareness and to attend complaints.**

**It is to inform that, the Honourable APERC is conducting public hearings on Retail and Distribution businesses through video conference from Conference Hall, APEPDCL, Visakapatnam. The hearings will be held in respect of all the three DISCOMs on 29-01-2024 to 31-01-2024, from 10.30 AM to 1.00 PM and from 2.00 PM to 4.30 PM. APCPDCL has facilitated Video Conference at all offices of Superintending Engineer / Operation at district headquarters and at all remaining offices of Executive Engineer / Operation. Specification of the date and time for objector is under the purview of Honourable Commission.**

Yours faithfully



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