



SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P. LIMITED
19-13-65/A, Vidyut Nilayam, Srinivasapuram, Tirupati (www.apspdcl.in)

From

The Chief General Manager,
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To

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President, Rice Millers Association,
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Lr No.CGM/RAC&IPC/SPDCL/TPT/GM/RAC/F.ARR.Rep.(6) /D.No. 31 /24 dt. 11 -01-2024

Sir,

Sub :- APSPDCL/TPT – RAC – Replies to objections raised by Sri Meesala Basavapunnaiyah, Repalle on ARR for FPT filing for FY 2024-25 - Regarding.

Ref:- Party's representation received dt.28-12-2023

Referring to the objections raised on ARR and FPT filings for Retail Sale of Electricity for FY 2024-25, the reply is furnished as hereunder.

1) When the supply of power by the 3 DISCOMs in the State of A.P to vidyut consumers for all categories and sales was is only one patron and in one manner and then, how unit charges is such heavy different rates in between one and other sub categories and sub slabs? This must be pursued.

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, where all for from natural justice and law and we request this totally, rejected in the interest of vidyut consumes and this must be pursuant clearly.

Reply : The ARR & Tariff proposals for FY 2024-25 are filed as per the Regulations.

3) How and under what rules, law and authority, 3 DISCOMs in the state of A.P, dividing the consumer categories and slabs is to some number of sub categories and sub slabs? This must be pursued and repeal the same.

Reply : As replied at Para No.1

4) How and under what rules, law and authority, 3 DISCOMs will collect the unit charges in such heavy different rates in between one and other APCPDCL, APSPDCL and APEPDCL, then 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 is.

Reply : The DISCOMs filed proposed per unit energy charges along with full cost Tariff (Rs. Per unit) without subsidy as per G.O.Rt.No.161, Dt: 15-11-2021.

5) When the 3 DISCOMs in the State / fixing the unit charges by taking all kinds of expense as A to Z, to supply one unit of power to vidyut consumer, then how and on what rule, law and authority they collecting other electrical charges, in addition to unit charge to pay the same in the manner of some other expenses?

Reply : The DISCOMs are proposing fixed charges as per Section 45 (3) of Electricity Act 2003,

6) The ED Charges being collected by enhancing the same from Rs.0.06 to Rs.01.00 (one rupee) year a turn by violating the law there is? and on what rule, law and authority ? this must be repealed by pursuing the same.

Reply : In exercise of the power conferred under Sub-Section(1), Section (3) of the Electricity Duty Act 1939, the Govt. of A.P has issued G.O.Ms.No.7 Energy) (Power-III) Department, dt.08-04-2022 enhancing the ED charges from Rs.0.06 to Rs.1/-. Hence the Electricity Duty Charge are being collected at the enhanced rate of Rs.1.00/- for Commercial & Industrial consumers.

Suggestions :

1) Suitable capacitors must be provided at each transformer instead of at substation to safeguard the up and down power supply and to save 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 at the time 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 transformers 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 the private workers to meet errors and in all other works of power supply must be repealed.

Reply : No private workers are utilized for meter errors and for power supply works in field.

6) Once in 2 or 3 months the consumers awareness and complaints meeting under the their ADE and DE to place consumer affairs by calling all the public organizations and consumer councils for justice. This must be perused and regularly to take suitable actions.

Reply : Substation level committee meetings are being conducted at 33/11KV substations for consumers awareness and complaints meeting under the field officials to place consumer affairs.

Further, it is to inform that, the Honorable APERC is conducting public hearings on ARR filings for FY 2024-25 & Distribution Business for 5th control period through video conference from Conference Hall, APEPDCL, Visakapatnam. The hearings will be held in respect of all the three DISCOMs on 29-01-2024, 30-01-2024 and 31-01-2024 from 10.30 AM to 1.00 PM and from 2.00 PM to 4.30 PM. APSPDCL 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.

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Yours faithfully

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