BEFORE THE FORUM FOR REDRESSAL OF CONSUMER GRIEVANCES OF SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P LIMITED TIRUPATI

This the 2nd day of November 2012

C.G.No:171/2012-13/Ongole Circle

Present

Sri K. Paul Sri A.Venugopal Sri T.Rajeswara Rao Sri K. Rajendra Reddy Chairperson Member (Accounts) Member (Legal) Member (Consumer Affairs)

Between

Sri B.Chenna Venkata Subbaiah & Others Chinthlapalem Village & Post, Besthavaripeta Mandal, Prakasam-Dist-523333 Complainant

And

- 1. Assistant Engineer/Operation/Besthavaripeta
- 2. Assistant Divisional Engineer/Operation/Cumbum
- 3. Divisional Engineer/Operation/Markapur
- 4. Superintending Engineer/Operation/Ongole

Respondents

Sri B.Chenna Venkata Subbaiah & Others Resident of Chinthlapalem Village & Post, Besthavaripeta Mandal, Prakasam-Dist-523333 herein called the complainants, in their complaint dt:14-9-2012 filed in the Forum on dt:14-9-2012 under clause 5 (7) of APERC regulation 1/2004 read with section 42 (5) of I.E.Act 2003 have stated that

- 1. They have applied for new agricultural service connections and paid the required amount through DDs.
- 2. The poles were erected, but the wire is not fixed.
- 3. The transformer and the related materials are also not provided.
- 4. Requested for early erection and release of their services.

Notices were served upon the respondents duly enclosing a copy of complaint.

The respondent-1 i.e. the Assistant Engineer/Operation/Besthavaripeta in his written

submission dt:08-10-2012 received in this office on dt:25-10-2012 stated that:

1. The estimate was sanctioned vide sanction number: A-0050-03-02-11-0027 for

newly registered agl, bores on dt:04-05-2012 and the consumer paid required

deposits on dt:12-06-2012.

2. The services will be released as per the priority duly providing the distribution

transformer and lines.

3. The target for the year 2012-13 was not declared, policy matter.

Findings of the Forum:

1. The grievance of the complainant is that the release of agl. services for which

they have applied is delayed with partial execution of the related works.

2. The respondents reported that the complainants paid the deposits on 12-06-2012

and the services will be released as per the priority duly providing the

distribution transformer and lines.

3. Since the quota for the financial year 2012-13 was not declared and the

complainant paid the amounts during this financial year, the services will be

released on priority and it is a policy matter.

4. The respondents reported that the services can be released as per priority for

2012-13 where as the complainants reported that the poles were already erected.

5. It is not understood how the poles were erected when there is no provision for

release of the services in favour of the complainants.

6. In accordance with the Guaranteed Standards of Performance and the electricity

supply code, new agricultural services shall be released depending upon the

priority list prepared based on the date of application instead of the date of

payment as felt by the respondents.

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7. As such the respondents shall revise their priority list purely based on the date of application instead of the date of payment of development charges and other charges and release the services in favour of the complainants accordingly.

In view of the above, the Forum passed the following order.

ORDER

- 1. The respondents are directed that they shall revise the agricultural priority list according to the date of registration of the LT applications and release the services accordingly.
- 2. They are directed that they shall submit a list of the revised priority list covering the complainants and others of the mandal by 15-11-2012 to the Forum besides displaying the same on the notice board of the section office.

Accordingly the case is allowed and disposed off

If aggrieved by this order, the complainant may represent to the Vidyut Ombudsman, O/o the APERC, 5th floor, Singarenibhavan, Redhills, Hyderabad-500004, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

Signed on this the 2^{nd} day of November 2012.

Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Sd/- Member (Legal) Member (C.A) Member (Accounts) Chairperson

Forwarded by Orders

Secretary to the Forum

To

The Complainant

The Respondents

Copy submitted to the Honourable Ombudsman, APERC, 5th floor, Singarenibhavan, Redhills, Hyderabad-500004.

Copy to the General Manager/CSC/Corporate office/Tirupati for pursuance in this matter.