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

## This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012

## **C.G.No:92/2012-13/ Tirupati Circle**

#### Present

Sri K. Paul Chairperson

Sri A. Venugopal Member (Accounts) Sri T.Rajeswara Rao Member (Legal)

Sri K. Rajendra Reddy Member (Consumer Affairs)

#### Between

Sri. M.Thimmaiah S/o Chinna Swamy Puthalapattu (Village, Post & Mandal), Chittoor-Dist Complainants

And

1. Assistant Engineer/Operation/Puthalapattu

Respondents

- 2. Assistant Divisional Engineer/Operation/Rurals-II/Chittoor
- 3. Divisional Engineer/Operation/Town/Chittoor

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Sri. M.Thimmaiah, S/o Chinna Swamy resident of Puthalapattu (Village, Post & Mandal), Chittoor-Dist herein called the complainant, in his complaint dt:23-5-2012 filed in the Forum on dt:23-5-2012 under clause 5 (7) of APERC regulation 1/2004 read with section 42 (5) of I.E.Act 2003 had stated that

- He had applied for one new domestic service for his house at Puthalapattu village and mandal of chittor-Dist.
- 2. He came to know that the extension of supply to his house requires erection of one pole and the necessary line, but he is not in a position to pay the amount towards laying of the said line.
- 3. Requested for extension of supply without erection of the line.

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

The respondent-1 i.e. the Assistant Engineer/Operation/Puthalapattu in his written submissions dt:18-6-2012 received in this office on dt:23-08-2012 stated that

1. He inspected the premises and advised the complainant to pay the cost of the estimate for line extension for which the consumer was not willing to pay the necessary charges.

## **Findings of the Forum:**

- The grievance of the complainant is that he is not in a position to bear the
  cost of the LT line for extension of supply to his house and requested for
  supply by alternative means.
- 2. The respondent reported that he inspected the premises and advised the prospective consumer to pay the line charges for which the complainant expressed his inability.
- 3. The prospective consumer is liable to bear the cost of the entire line for extension of supply to his premises which includes the service wire for a maximum distance of 30 mts and the balance being LT lines.
- 4. As such there is no deficiency of service on the part of the respondents. In view of the above, the Forum passed the following order.

### <u>ORDER</u>

The complainant is advised to pay the cost of the estimate towards laying of line for extension of supply to his house as required

Accordingly the case is allowed and disposed off

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

Signed on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

Forwarded by Orders

**Secretary to the Forum** 

To

The Complainant

The Respondents

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

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

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