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ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulation No.3 of 2013

(First Amendment to Regulation No. 6 of 2004)

Introduction:

The Commission issued Regulation No.6 of 2004 making a provision authorizing the Distribution Licensee to collect security deposit from the consumers requiring electricity supply towards amounts due to him in respect of the electricity supplied or towards the cost of providing any electric line / electric plant or electric meter for supply of electricity pursuant to Section 43 of the Act.

As per the existing regulation i.e., clause 4(3), if any person requiring supply under LT or HT is prepared to take the supply through a pre-payment meter, the distribution licensee is not entitled to collect the security deposit from such person.

The Commission examined the licensee's proposal and draft regulation was prepared to cause suitable amendment to the said regulation for public consultation. Public hearing was conducted on 17-06-2013. Considering the comments / suggestions, the Commission finalised the Regulation.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 181 read with sub-sections (1) and (4) of section 47 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulation, dealing with the Security Deposit to be provided by the Consumer and matters incidental and ancillary thereto:-

1. Short title, commencement and interpretation:

- (i) This Regulation may be called the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) First Amendment Regulation, 2013.
- (ii) This Regulation shall be applicable to all Distribution Licensees in their respective licensed areas, in the State.
- (iii) This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

2. For clause 2(c), the following shall be substituted:

“Consumption Charges” means energy charges for consumption of electrical energy (calculated on the basis of kWh or kVAh rate as applicable), and includes Demand / Fixed charges, Fuel Surcharge Adjustment (FSA) charges, customer charges, wherever applicable.

3. For clause 4(3), the following shall be substituted:

The distribution Licensee shall extend power supply through a correct meter of the following types depending upon load requirement of a consumer

- (i) LT whole current meters
- (ii) Current Transformer operated meters
- (iii) HT meters

The choice of providing pre-payment meters lies with distribution licensee.

If the distribution licensee provides a choice to consumers to opt for pre-payment meter, and if any consumer intending to avail/avails supply through a LT whole current prepayment meter, the distribution licensee shall not be entitled to collect security deposit from such person. In case, a security deposit already stands collected by the Licensee from such a consumer, the same shall be refunded by adjustment of the then outstanding dues to the Licensee or any amount becoming due to the Licensee immediately thereafter.

Consumers availing power supply through a Current Transformer (CT) operated meters or HT meters are not eligible to avail power supply through prepayment meters, as such meters with proven technology and technically viable meters are not available in the market.”

4. Clause 10 shall be omitted.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

**HYDERABAD
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