NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, Etc.

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulation No 03 of 2019

(3rd Amendment to APERC Electricity Supply Code Regulation 5 of 2004)

INTRODUCTION:

The Commission notified Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) Regulation, 2004 under section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to provide for the following:

(i) Recovery of electricity charges,
(ii) Intervals for billing of electricity charges,
(iii) Disconnection of supply for non-payment thereof
(iv) Restoration of supply of electricity,
(v) Measures for preventing tampering, distress or damage to electrical plant, or electrical line or meter,
(vi) Entry of Licensee’s officials for disconnecting supply and removing the meter, and
(vii) Entry for replacing, altering or maintaining of electric lines, or electric plant or meter.
2) The principal Regulation (Regulation No. 5 of 2004) was published in the gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 17-03-2004. The Commission notified “Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) First Amendment Regulation, 2006” and published the said regulation in the Gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 04-03-2006. Subsequently, the Commission notified “APERC (Electricity Supply Code) Second Amendment Regulation, 2013 and the same was published in the gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 05-08-2013.

3) Further, the Commission reviewed the “Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) Regulation, 2004” as amended from time to time and noticed that the said Regulation requires certain further amendments. Accordingly, the Commission prepared a draft amendment Regulation and the same was hosted in the Commission’s website seeking comments/suggestions from interested persons/stakeholders. Considering all the comments /suggestions, the Commission makes the following amendments to the “Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulation, 2004”.

4) In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (x) of sub section (2) of section 181 read with section 50 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, namely: -

(1) **Short title, commencement and interpretation:**

(i) This Regulation may be called the “Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) third Amendment Regulation, 2019”.

(ii) This Regulation shall be applicable to all Distribution Licensees in their respective licensed areas, in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(iii) This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette.

(2) The following details shall be inserted in clause 4.2 (n) (12):

“4.2 (n) (12) Others

(i) Security deposit available

(ii) Indicative Security Deposit to be maintained.”
(3) The following proviso shall be appended to the clause 4.6.1:
“Provided that the licensee shall not grant instalments without obtaining bank guarantee, towards security.”

(4) In clause 4.7.3, the number “24%” shall be substituted with the number “18%”.

This Order is signed by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission on 13-02-2019

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

C. RAMAKRISHNA
SECRETARY (I/C)

HYDERABAD
Dt: 13-02-2019

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