

# Revenue and Tariff Analysis for Electric Utilities (RATE) model for Andhra Pradesh

*Scenario based Analysis and Observations*  
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## Utility Business Model at crossroads

### Renewable energy boom

- ↓ Solar PV, wind price
- Wheeling ,CSS concessions
- Net metering
- RE – 175 GW

### Uncertainty in Demand Growth

- ACOS @ Rs. 6/unit and ↑
- ↑ in open access, captive sales migration
- Impact of EE efforts
- Unmetered demand
- Make in India

### Generation and Power Procurement

- Performance of power plants
- Backing down
- Coal, gas: ↑ prices, issues with availability, quality

- New thinking needed for power procurement
  - Surplus management: Backing down strategies, sale of surplus power
  - New opportunities for medium term contracts
- Tariff design needs to be re-imagined
  - Sales migration leaves little room to ↑ cross subsidy
  - Additional surcharge, increased fixed charges etc. could encourage further migration to captive
- **Major trends → inter-related → need to think of assessing cumulative impacts**
  - An analytical tool for 'what-if' scenario based sense making of various trends/possibilities

## RATE Model: Features and Possibilities

- **Features**

- Excel-based financial and performance analysis model *developed by Prayas*
- Provision for disaggregated inputs for various components of utility operations
- Structured to assess cumulative impacts of changes in various parameters
- Useful for medium term sense making (5-6 year time horizon)
- Annual treatment of most cost and performance heads
- Customisable to suit State/DISCOM/Genco needs

- **Possibilities with RATE**

### What RATE can help with:

- 'What-if?' scenario impacts
- Understanding cumulative impacts
- Identification of key issues
- Evaluate innovative ideas, regulatory decisions
- Sense making for different stakeholders

### What RATE is not designed for:

- Dispatch modeling
- Accurate ARR estimation
- Monthly, quarterly seasonal analysis
- Transmission pricing
- Load profile estimation

## Background and Context

- PEG developed RATE, a scenario building model to inform power sector decision making
- RATE in other states
  - customized for Maharashtra
    - Used for regulatory interventions in Genco and DISCOM matters
  - Gujarat RATE adaptation in 2018
    - Based on consultations with the GUVNL and GERC
- APERC requested PEG to adapt model for AP
  - RATE-AP developed between June and October 2017
  - Model based on discussions with APERC staff, relevant regulations, orders and petitions, state government policies
  - Model is highly flexible and thus key assumptions can be changed as required
  - All assumptions and estimations for the model are made by PEG

## Purpose of the presentation

- **Scope of Presentation**
  - Showcase usefulness and functions of RATE-AP
  - Not about numbers and conclusions but about ways in which model can be used
  - Sense-making scenarios to compare order of magnitude impacts due to changes.
  - Presentation is part of the documentation that goes with the excel-based model along with user guide, narrative on scenarios
- **Scenarios and Results**
  - The results and scenarios presented are by PEG
  - The scenarios and results are not prescriptive. They are only examples to demonstrate the functions of the model
  - Any sense-making and scenario building for prescriptive purposes can be done by APERC, utilities, consumers and other stakeholders

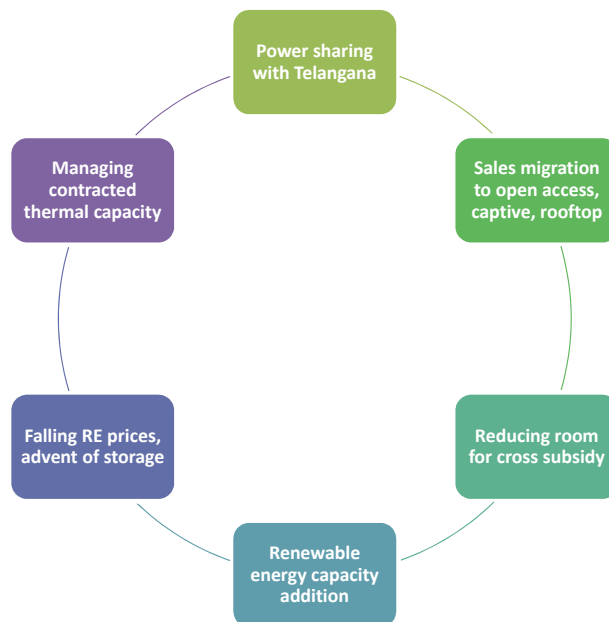
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## ABOUT RATE-AP

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2. *Features*
3. *Structure*

## Need for sense-making for AP utilities



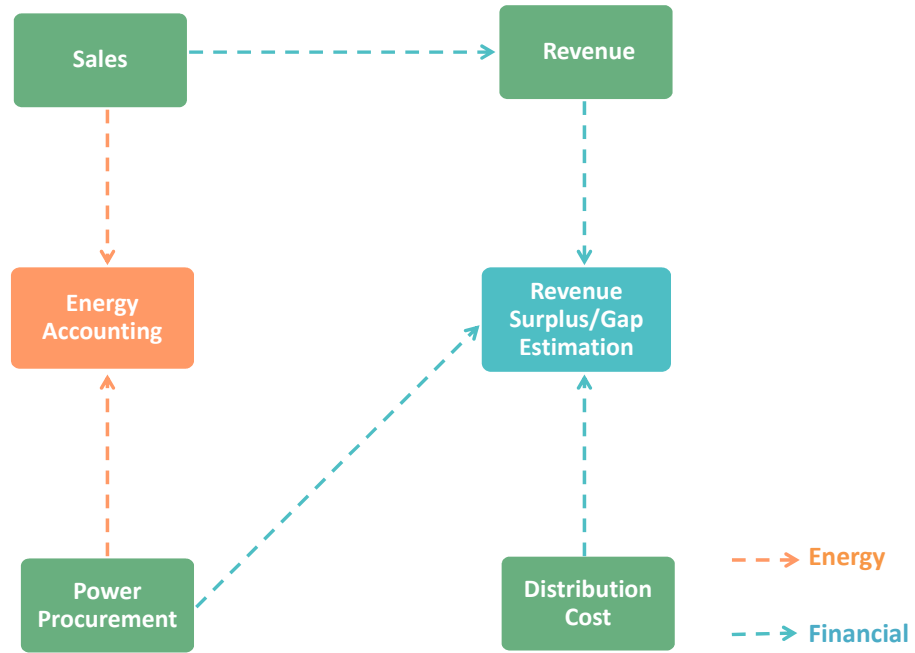
## Features of RATE-AP: Power Procurement

- **Firm power procurement**
  - Station-wise disaggregation of generation and costs
  - Treatment of costs based on type of PPA
  - Option to specify PLFs and escalation rates for fixed and variable costs
  - Reconciliation of RE capacity addition with RPO targets
  - Possible to assess cost impact of capacity addition in excess of RPO
- **'Surplus'/Shortage management**
  - Annual estimates for backing down in the face of surplus
  - Options for purchase/sale in case of annual shortage/surplus
- **Intra/inter-state transmission charges**
  - Based on historical trends
  - Bottom up calculation not present

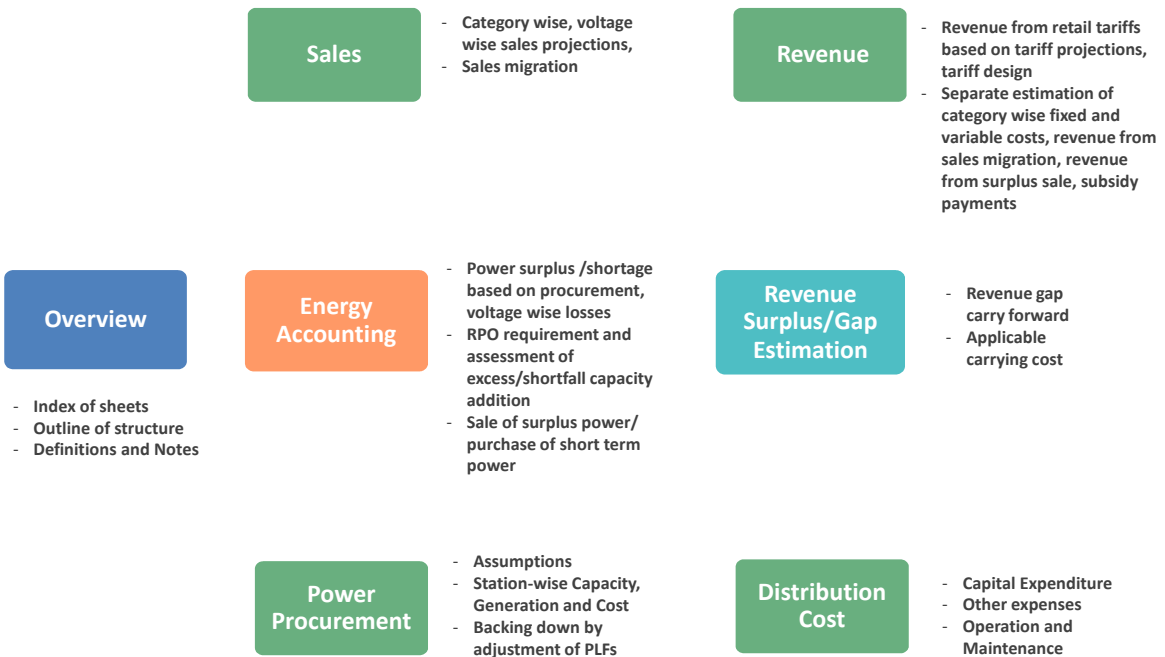
## Features of RATE-AP: Distribution

- **Separate treatment for APEPDCL and APSPDCL**
- **Category wise sales and revenue from tariff estimates**
  - Further differentiation based on voltage and tariff slabs.
  - Option to input tariff increase and change tariff design
  - Energy accounting based on transmission and distribution loss trajectories
- **Category wise sales migration**
  - Due to Open Access, Captive and Rooftop solar
  - Estimation of revenue from sales migration charges
- **Distribution cost**
  - Capital Expenditure (Tariff regulations)
  - Operation and Maintenance (past trends)

# Structure



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# SCREENSHOTS OF THE MODEL

## Power Procurement

Plant specification			Contracted Capacity										Availability										
Unit	Fuel	Date of Commercial Operation (COD)	Capacity- AP Share (MW)										Normative Availability - NAPAF (%)	Availability (%)									
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22		FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22		
NITPS-I	Coal	U1-1/11/1979 U2-10/10/1980	160	160	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	80%	81%	95%	76%	70%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%		
NITPS-II	Coal	U3-5/10/1989 U4-23/08/1990	160	160	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	80%	81%	95%	76%	70%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%		
NITPS-III	Coal	U5-31/03/1994 U6-24/02/1995	160	160	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	80%	81%	94%	76%	70%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%		
NITPS-IV	Coal	28.1.2010	190	190	231	231	231	231	231	231	231	80%	90%	101%	68%	78%	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%		
Rayalaseema-I	Coal	U1-31.3.1994 U2-25.2.1995	160	160	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	80%	69%	84%	69%	68%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%		
Rayalaseema-II	Coal	U1-12.8.2007 U2-29.3.2008	160	160	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	80%	82%	95%	76%	66%	82%	82%	82%	82%	82%		
Rayalaseema-III	Coal	10.2.2011	80	80	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	80%	76%	89%	72%	70%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%		
Rayalaseema-IV	Coal	01-Oct-17	0	0	0	0	600	600	600	600	600	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	85%	85%	85%	85%		
Sanjeevaiah I	Coal	01-Mar-14	0	305	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	80%	0%	40%	44%	70%	78%	78%	78%	78%	78%		

Plant name, fuel type, CoD

Availability ...



# Sales Migration

**% Sales Migration**

Sales migration due to Open Access		% of total sales to OA non-RE				Sales to OA (MU)				
		FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21
<b>HT Industrial</b>						53	79	109	144	184
	EHV	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	32	48	66	86	110
	33kv	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%	11	16	22	29	37
	11kv	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%	1.1%	11	16	22	29	37
<b>HT Others</b>						13	20	27	36	46
	EHV	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	10	15	20	27	34
	33kv	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	1	1	1	2	2
	11kv	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	3	4	5	7	9
<b>HT Total</b>						66	99	137	180	229
<b>LT Domestic</b>						0	0	0	0	0
	LT Domestic Small					0	0	0	0	0
	LT Domestic Medium					0	0	0	0	0
	LT Domestic Large					0	0	0	0	0
<b>LT Commercial</b>						0	0	0	0	0
	LT Commercial Small					0	0	0	0	0
	LT Commercial Medium					0	0	0	0	0
	LT Commercial Large					0	0	0	0	0
<b>LT Industrial</b>						0	0	0	0	0
	LT industrial small					0	0	0	0	0
	LT industrial large					0	0	0	0	0
<b>LT Agriculture</b>						0	0	0	0	0
	With DSM					0	0	0	0	0
	Without DSM					0	0	0	0	0
<b>LT Others</b>						0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total LT</b>						0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total (LT+HT)</b>						66	99	137	180	229
<b>RESCO 11 kv</b>						0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total (LT+HT+RESCO)</b>						66	99	137	180	229

Category-wise/ slab-wise sales
Quantum of Sales Migration



# Revenue

**Revenue**      **Average Billing Rate**

Consumer Category & Consumption Slab		Revenue (Rs. Cr)				% Annual increase in Average billing rate					Average billing rate (Rs/kvoh)			
		FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
<b>HT Industrial</b>		4913	5024	5126	5217	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6.85	7.00	7.21	7.44
	EHV	1618	1664	1712	1762	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6.26	6.42	6.65	6.89
	33kv	2252	2296	2334	2363	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6.67	6.80	6.99	7.19
	11kv	1043	1063	1079	1092	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8.60	8.76	9.01	9.27
<b>HT Others</b>		2290	2725	3245	3861	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7.08	7.12	7.24	7.35
	EHV	798	943	1116	1322	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	6.41	6.40	6.46	6.51
	33kv	309	370	442	529	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	6.59	6.65	6.78	6.92
	11kv	1183	1412	1685	2011	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7.79	7.87	8.03	8.19
<b>HT Total</b>		7203	7748	8369	9078	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	6.91	7.03	7.22	7.41
<b>LT Domestic</b>		3882	4872	6115	7675	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	3.22	3.44	3.67	3.91
	LT Domestic Small	722	912	1152	1454	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	1.99	2.13	2.28	2.44
	LT Domestic Medium	2056	2596	3277	4138	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	3.15	3.38	3.61	3.86
	LT Domestic Large	1104	1365	1686	2083	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	5.59	5.98	6.40	6.85
<b>LT Commercial</b>		2007	2229	2475	2749	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	9.33	9.61	9.90	10.19
	LT Commercial Small	99	111	125	140	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	8.43	8.69	8.95	9.22
	LT Commercial Medium	878	986	1107	1242	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	9.38	9.66	9.95	10.25
	LT Commercial Large	1030	1132	1244	1366	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	9.38	9.66	9.95	10.25
<b>LT Industrial</b>		801	896	1002	1121	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7.17	7.31	7.46	7.61
	LT industrial small	352	399	452	511	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7.17	7.31	7.46	7.61
	LT industrial large	448	497	551	610	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7.17	7.31	7.46	7.61
<b>LT Agriculture</b>		28	34	41	50	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
	With DSM	27	32	39	47	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	Without DSM	1	2	2	3	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	3.69	3.88	4.07	4.28
<b>LT Others</b>		866	971	1089	1221	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4.96	5.01	5.06	5.11
<b>Total LT</b>		7584	9003	10723	12816	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2.70	2.77	2.85	2.94
<b>Total (LT+HT)</b>		14788	16751	19093	21894	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4.02	4.01	4.04	4.08
<b>RESCO at 11kv</b>		19	23	27	31	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	0.32	0.35	0.39	0.43
<b>Total (LT+HT+RESCO)</b>		14807	16774	19119	21925	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3.96	3.96	3.99	4.03

Consumer Categories
Tariff Increase



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## Scenarios and Key Variables

1. *Brief Description of Scenarios*
2. *Variables, assumptions related to*
  - i. *Power Procurement*
  - ii. *Sales and sales migration*
  - iii. *Cost escalation and tariffs*

## Baseline Scenario: Power Procurement

Conventional Capacity Addition	FY 18	RTPP IV (600 MW)	
	FY 20	SDSTPS III (800 MW)	
		VTPS V (800 MW)	
	FY 22	Polavaram HEP (960 MW)	
PLF for GENCO Projects	Across Years	80%	
Capacity Charge Escalation Rate	Across Years	2-5%	
Energy Charge Escalation Rate	Across Years	4%	
RE Tariffs (Rs./kWh)	Year	FY 18	FY22
	Wind	4.20	3.50
	Solar	4.00	3.00
	Biomass	5.15	5.07
	SHP	2.33	2.33
Transmission Losses	Across Years	~3%	
Transmission Cost Escalation	Across Years	13%	

## Baseline Scenario: Distribution

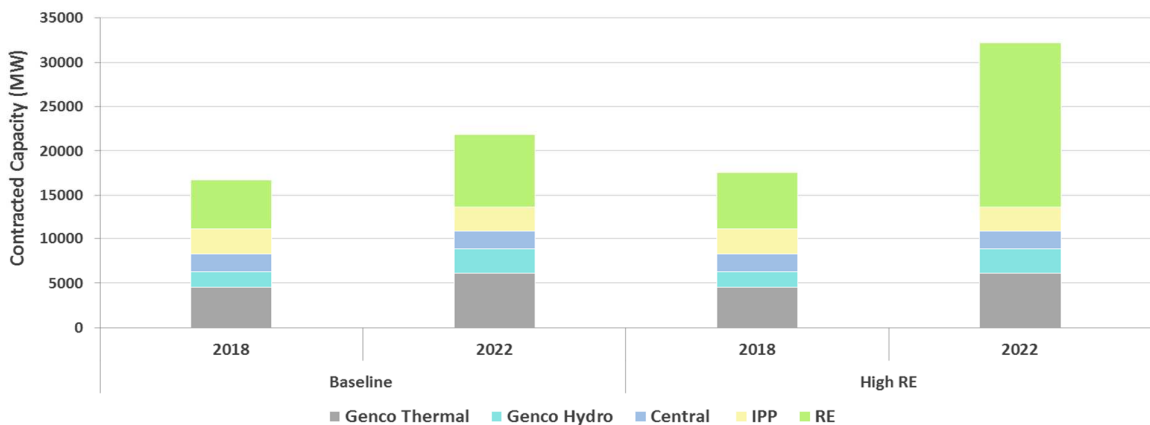
Power Purchase Share	SPDCL	66%
	EPDCL	34%
Sales growth projections	SPDCL	7.2% p.a
	EPDCL	12.7% p.a
Sales migration charges	CSS	As per NTP
	Additional Surcharge	Rs.1/kWh from 2018
	Wheeling	As per FY17 charges
	RE rebates	100% of wheeling charges 100% of CSS for in-state solar
% tariff increase	Overall, across years	1.2% p.a
Distribution cost escalation rates	Across Years	14-16%
Strategy and Rate of Sale of Surplus	Power Exchange	30% sale @ Rs. 2.70/kWh
	Bilateral	50% sale @ Rs. 3.00/kWh
	DSM	20% sale @ Rs. 1.25/kWh

# Scenario Assumptions

Assumptions by FY 22	Baseline Scenario	High RE Scenario	Sales Migration Scenario	No sharing Scenario	Sales Migration + High RE Scenario	Sales Migration + High RE + No Sharing Scenario
RE Capacity	4,687 MW	15,053 MW	Same as Baseline Scenario	Same as Baseline Scenario	Same as High RE Scenario	Same as High RE Scenario
Sales Migration	HT sales: 9-10% RTPV: 1.3-1.6%	Same as Baseline Scenario	HT sales: 46-50% RTPV : 6.3-8.8%	Same as Baseline Scenario	Same as Sales Migration Scenario	Same as Sales Migration Scenario
Sharing of Power	AP: 46% TS: 54%	Same as Baseline Scenario	Same as Baseline Scenario	AP: 100% TS: 0%	Same as Baseline Scenario	Same as No Sharing Scenario



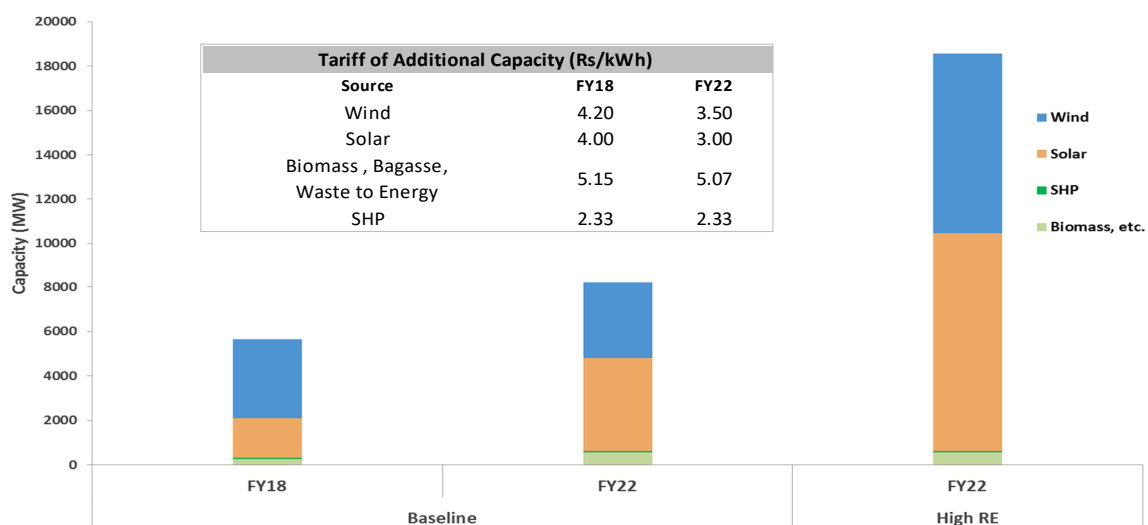
## Assumptions: Total capacity contracted across scenarios



- FY 18: Rayalseema IV- 600 MW
- FY 20: Sanjeevia III - 800 MW and VTPS V- 800 MW
- FY 22: Polavaram HEP - 960 MW
- Due to issues with gas availability, gas based IPP plants shut down
  - Spectrum Kakinada, Lanco Kondapalli, GMR Vemagiri and Rajahmundry etc.



## Assumptions- RE contracted capacity and prices



- Solar RPO: 3% in FY 18 → 7% in FY 22
- Non Solar RPO: 6% in FY 18 → 10% in FY 22
- RE assumed must-run in all scenarios

## Assumptions: Surplus Management strategy

### PLF and surplus

- Normative PLF of 80% in all scenarios
- In case of surplus, utility can sell power or back down
  - ~1,000 MU of surplus available for sale, rest is backed down
- Backing down : modeled by PLF adjustments
  - TS units are first backed down to 0%
  - Then, reduce PLFs to 50% for plants with highest variable cost as per Merit Order
  - In high surplus scenarios, reduce PLFs to 25% or 0% as applicable
- Strategy assumed for sale of surplus power
  - 50% of power through bilateral traders @ Rs. 3/unit, 30% through power exchanges @ Rs. 2.70/unit and 20% via DSM at Rs. 1.25/unit
  - Average sale of surplus is at Rs 2.56/unit, i.e., **18% lower** than the average variable cost of backed down units at Rs. 3.12/ unit

### Plants often backed down as per MoD across scenarios in FY 22:

Name of Unit	Variable charges (Rs./kWh)
RTPP I –IV	3.57
Simhadri I & II	3.04
NTTPS I –III	3.03
NTTPS IV-V	2.74

## Assumptions : Sales and sales migration

- Sales Projections
  - Gross sales growth at 7.2% p.a for EPDCL and 11.9% p.a for SPDCL

### Sales migration assumptions and impact on sales growth

Scenarios	Sales Migration Assumptions
Baseline	
High RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~10% of total HT sales move to open access and captive sources</li> <li>• ~1.5 % of total LT sales move to rooftop solar</li> </ul>
No sharing	
Sales Migration	
Sales Migration +High RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~50% of to total HT sales move to open access and captive sources</li> <li>• 6-9 % of LT total move to rooftop solar</li> </ul>
All combined	

- Power loss trajectories same as AP DISCOM Resource Plans :
  - Transmission Losses at 3% across years
  - Distribution Losses :
    - SPDCL @ 11% in FY 18 and FY 22, EPDCL @ 10% in FY 18 and 9% in FY22

## Assumptions: Sales Migration potential and charges

- **Sales migration potential**
  - In FY 17, 60% of non-agricultural sales in EPDCL and SPDCL is eligible - have tariffs above Rs.5/unit
  - With a 10% increase in tariff, about 70% of sales will have tariffs above Rs.5/unit
  - At this rate, even LT consumers can migrate to rooftop solar options
- **Sales migration charges across scenarios**
  - CSS: as per NTP formula, Additional Surcharge : Levy of Rs.1/kWh from FY 18
  - Wheeling charges: FY17 estimates used across years, scenarios
  - Rebates for RE : Wheeling and CSS
  - Standby power: 1.5 times applicable tariff, based on assumed deviation for RE and conventional power.

## Assumptions: Cost escalation and tariffs

- Power Procurement
  - Variable cost escalation at average of 4% p.a
  - Fixed cost escalation at average of 2-5% p.a
- Distribution : Capex and O&M related costs to increase at 14% p.a
- Subsidies: Assumed to be Rs. 4000 crores for both DISCOMs from FY 17 to FY 22.
  - Share of SPDCL is Rs. 2800 crores and Share of EPDCL is Rs. 1200 crores
- Tariffs : Considering today's tariffs (without subsidy) , overall tariff escalation at 1.2% p.a
  - based on 3 year and year on year trends

Consumer category	% of total sales (FY 17)	FY 17 ABR (Rs/kWh)	Tariff increase per annum
HT Consumers	35%	6.89	2%
LT Domestic	28%	3.17	6%
LT Commercial	6%	9.30	3%
LT Industrial	3%	7.18	2%
LT Agriculture (Average for with and without DSM)	23%	0.03	2%

*Weighted average tariff escalation is lower than category-wise tariff escalation due to change in sales mix due to variations in sales growth, migration*

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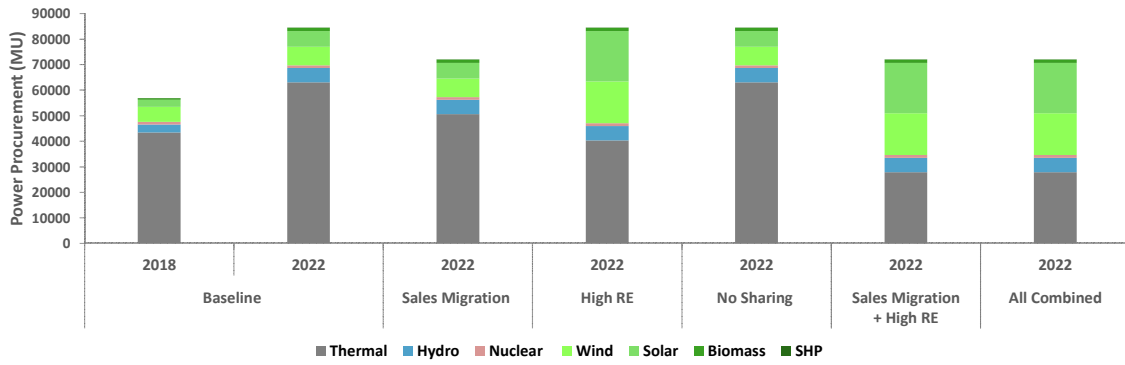
- *Power Procurement costs under various scenarios*
- *Impact of surplus management strategies with High RE capacity*
- *Impact of strategies to eliminate revenue gap*
  - Increase tariff
  - Increase subsidy
  - Sale of surplus at rates high enough to compensate revenue gap (theoretical)
- *Tariff design to manage sales migration*
  - Increase fixed cost while keeping average tariffs the same
  - Levy of additional surcharge, concessions for renewable energy based open access

## Power Procurement across scenarios

1. *Costs impact across scenarios*
2. *Sensitivity of cost related parameters*
3. *Impact of backing down across scenarios*
4. *Impact of surplus management strategies with high RE capacity*



## Power Procurement across scenarios



Particulars	Year	Baseline	Sales Migration	High RE	No sharing	Sales Migration + High RE	All Combined
% RE Generation	FY 22	17%	21%	44%	17%	52%	52%
Surplus (MU)	FY 22	8,800	21,300	31,600	12,000	45,200	48,400
APPC (Rs./unit)	FY 18	3.69	3.74	3.78	3.80	3.85	3.89
	FY 22	4.10	4.25	4.23	4.14	4.52	4.55
Total power procurement cost across scenarios (Rs Cr.)*	FY 18	21,000	-1.9%	2.2%	2.8%	0.9%	2.0%
	FY 22	34,700	-11.6%	3.2%	1.0%	-6.0%	-5.3%

\*Order of magnitude analysis- all numbers rounded off to nearest hundred. All % to one decimal point



## Power Procurement costs across scenarios

**Baseline** 5 year growth in power procurement : 13% ↑ in APPC, 84% ↑ in total costs.

**Sales Migration** : In spite of backing down, total power purchase cost falls by 12% due to savings in variable cost. However, APPC goes up by 4%.

**High RE**: Cost increases by 3% with 10,366 MW additional RE capacity addition by FY22.

**No sharing**: Additional ~320 Cr increase in fixed costs. Deviation reduces due to variable costs saving with increased backing down.

**Combination Scenarios**: 10%-11% increase in APPC due to cumulative effects.



## Sensitivity to cost assumptions

Parameter	Values	Changed Range	Effect on Power Purchase Cost across scenarios in FY22
<b>Fixed Cost</b>	Escalation: 5% 2% for depreciated plants	-2% to +2%, +1% to -1% for depreciated plants	-2% to 2.1%
<b>Thermal Variable Cost</b>	Escalation: 4%	-2% to 1%	-3.7% to 1.9%
<b>Solar Tariff</b>	Rs. 3 in FY22	-1 to +1 Re/unit in FY22	-0.8% to 0.8% in Baseline -2.5% to 2.5% in High RE
<b>Wind Tariff</b>	Rs. 3.5 in FY22	-1 to +0.7 Re/unit in FY22	-0.4% to 0.3% in Baseline -1.7% to 1.5% in High RE
<b>Cumulative Cost Impact</b>			-6.9% to 5.1% in Baseline -8.4% to 7.2% in High RE

- Significant uncertainty in RE costs
- Above changes result in 7% variation in non-RE costs, 13% variation in RE costs
- Variation in total power purchase costs :
  - 7% in baseline scenario , 8.5% in the High RE scenario

## Extent of backing down across scenarios

Year	Scenarios	Fixed cost payments as a % of total power procurement costs	'Surplus' Power Backed down (MU)
FY 18	Baseline	30%	16,600
FY 22		30%	8,200
FY 22	Sales Migration	34%	20,600
	High RE	29%	30,900
	No sharing	30%	11,400
	Sales Migration + High RE	32%	44,400
	All Combined	33%	47,700

*Order of magnitude analysis- all numbers rounded off to nearest hundred.*

- As RE tariffs are accounted as variable costs, share of fixed cost payments is lower in High RE scenarios
- Higher share of fixed cost in Sales migration scenarios and No sharing scenarios due to backing down
- Impact of backing down is high in Sales Migration and High RE scenarios where about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fixed cost paid to generators is due to backing down
- Impact is aggravated in the combination scenarios with more than ½ the fixed cost payments to generators is for capacity that is backed down.

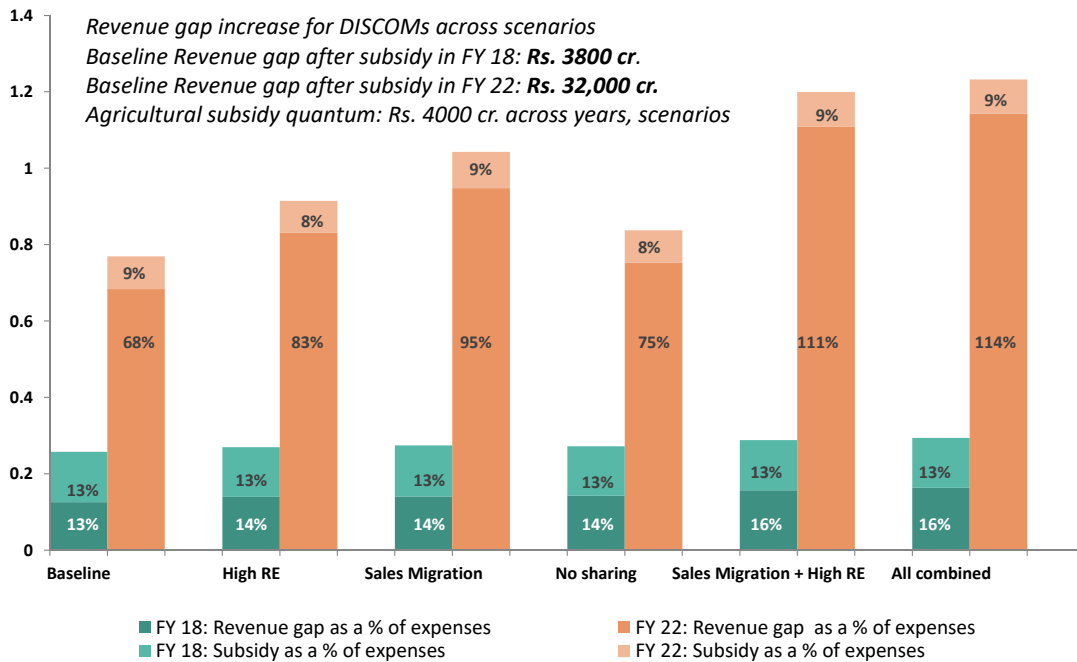
## Surplus Management Strategies with High RE Capacity

- Significant surplus of 30,000 MUs with High RE capacity addition
  - Backing down with average PLF at 45%
  - MoD based scheduling may not be able to address balancing and seasonal issues due to VRE
- **Strategy 1: Shut down high cost plants all year, in case of significant all year surplus**
  - Rs 500 to Rs 600 Cr savings as compared to MoD
- **Strategy 2: To facilitate integration, run plants at >50% PLF and sell surplus at market rate (less than VC)**
  - ~Rs 2600 Cr additional variable cost as opposed to shutting down high cost units.
- Managing VRE has significant cost implications

## Strategies to manage revenue gap

1. Revenue gap across scenarios
2. Strategies to manage revenue gap
  - Increase tariffs
  - Increase subsidy

## Revenue gap across scenarios



## Revenue gap across scenarios...2

- **Baseline:**
  - Over 5 years, revenue gap after subsidy ↑ from Rs. 3,800 cr. to Rs. 32,000 cr.
  - This accounts for about 13% to 68% of total expenses.
- **Observations in scenarios:**
  - Revenue gap higher in scenarios due to significant increase in costs (RE capacity addition, No sharing with TS) and fall in revenue (sales migration)
  - Sales migration scenarios responsible for highest losses
- **Unsustainable operations:**
  - 70% increase in revenue gap per annum due to increase in cost and fall in revenue in Baseline itself
  - Revenue gap deterioration is significant in combination scenarios

% Excess revenue gap over baseline	Sales Migration	High RE	No sharing	Sales Migration + High RE	All Combined
FY 18	10%	12%	15%	25%	31%
FY 22	25%	25%	11%	53%	59%

# Strategies to eliminate revenue gaps

- **Strategy 1: Increase tariff till full revenue recovery**
  - Increase in tariff for each category based on average overall tariff increase required
  - Cross subsidy and tariff design remain the same
- **Strategy 2 : Increase in subsidy to meet revenue gap**
  - This is over and above the current assumed Rs. 4000 crores for both DISCOMs

## Strategy 1 -Tariff increase

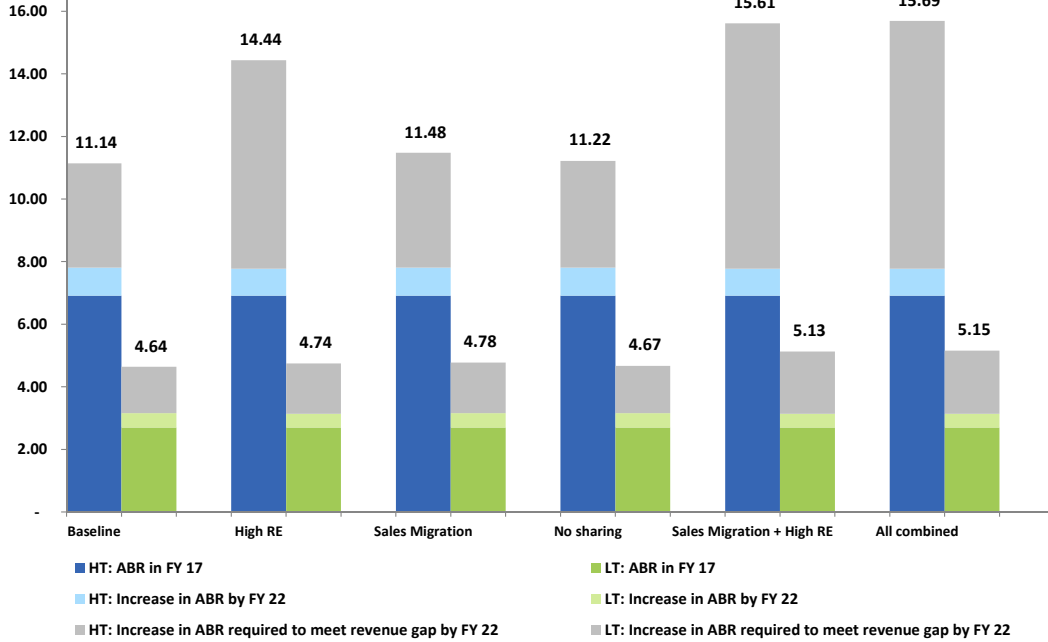
- Without meeting revenue gap
  - Average tariff increase over five years in Baseline: 7.5% (HT: 14%, LT : 17%)
  - Average tariff about 1% (FY18) to 8% (FY 22) lower in Sales Migration

Tariff increase required to eliminate revenue gap over five years	Scenarios
23% to 24%	Baseline, No Sharing
26% to 31%	High RE, Sales Migration
37% to 38%	Sales Migration + High RE, All combined

- Tariffs will now have to increase by 4% to 7% p.a
- Skipping tariff increase for 1 year would > double tariff increase required next year.
- Rate of increase can be determined based on desired cross subsidy design
- Unsustainably high tariffs will encourage sales migration

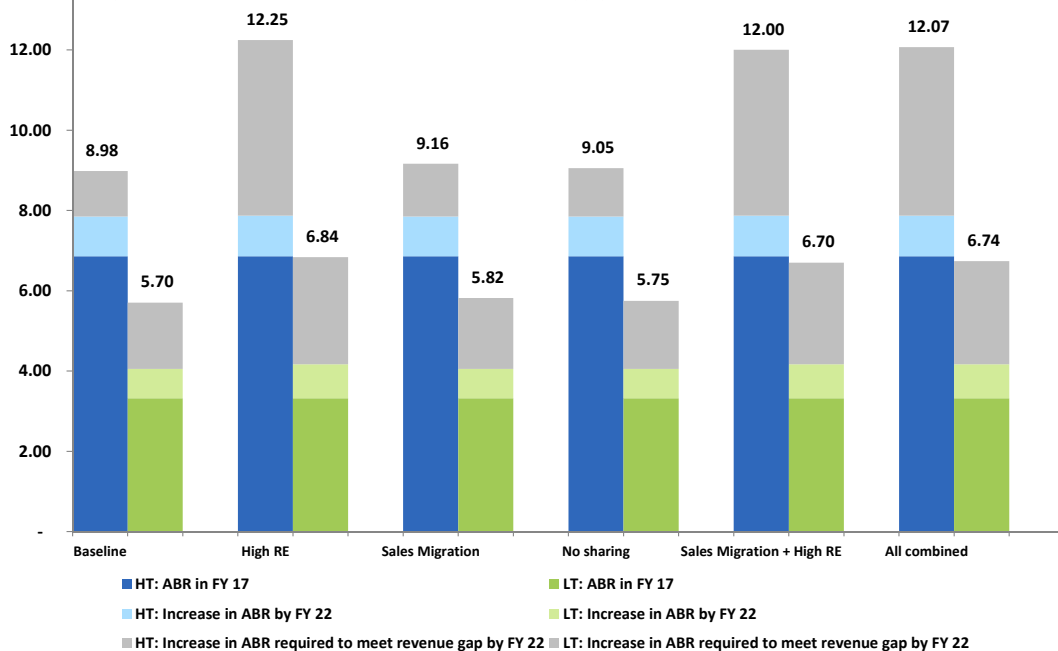
### SPDCL: Tariff increase required to meet revenue gap with current tariff design

Average HT ABR across scenarios @ Rs. 13.26/ unit – 121% higher than the cost of oversized stand alone PV system with battery backup (Rs. 6/unit for day-time supply)



### EPDCL: Tariff increase required to meet revenue gap with current tariff design

Average HT ABR across scenarios @ Rs. 10.59/ unit – 77% higher than the cost of oversized stand alone PV system with battery backup (Rs. 6/unit for day-time supply)



## Strategy 2 –Increase Subsidy

FY 22	Unit	Baseline	Sales Migration	High RE	No sharing	Sales Migration +High RE	All combined
Revenue Gap	Rs. Cr.	32,100	40,100	40,000	35,600	49,200	50,900
Additional Subsidy	Rs. Cr	8,600	10,900	9,800	8,900	12,900	13,100

Order of magnitude analysis- All numbers rounded off to nearest hundred. Rates specified up to two decimal points.

- Subsidies at Rs. 8,600 crores to Rs. 13,100 crores per year by 2022
  - This does not include the Rs. 4000 cr assumed across scenarios in the baseline
  - Subsidy is 3 to 4 times the current assumed subsidy of Rs. 4,000 crores
  - If only 65% of the subsidy payments are given annually:
    - additional Rs. 11,200 crores - Rs.17,800 crores carrying cost will be incurred by FY22.

## Strategies to deter sales migration

1. Increase fixed costs while keeping average tariffs the same
2. Rationalise additional surcharge, concessions for RE- based open access.

## Strategies to deter sales migration

- Scenarios with higher sales migration have the highest revenue gaps
- ERCs can tweak tariff design to deter sales migration and compensate DISCOM for costs by:
  - **Strategy 1: Change in tariff design**
    - Increase fixed charges for all consumers while keeping average tariffs the same
  - **Strategy 2: Variation in RE rebates and additional surcharge**
    - Both the options under Strategy 2 can be incremental in nature to assess individual effects

## Strategy 1: Change in tariff design

*Impact of 100% increase in fixed charges with the same average tariff*

Category	Average per unit fixed cost in 2022 (Rs./kWh)		Average per unit variable cost in 2022 (Rs./kWh)		% decrease in variable cost	
	APEPDCL	APSPDCL	APEPDCL	APSPDCL	APEPDCL	APSPDCL
HT Industrial	2.08	2.40	5.16	5.50	17%	18%
LT Commercial	1.16	0.92	9.56	9.89	5%	4%
LT Domestic	0.46	0.53	3.08	3.93	13%	12%
LT Industrial	1.54	1.45	6.42	6.47	11%	10%
Overall	1.09	0.77	4.21	3.38	13%	13%

- Variable cost reduction not enough to prevent sales migration, still higher than indicative rooftop solar prices (Rs.5/unit)
- Annual fixed cost payments for 1MW+ consumers increase of Rs.60 lakhs/year/MW to Rs.1.25 crores/year/MW
- This is comparable to 13% to 28% of capital costs needed for a 1 MW solar PV system.
- Thus increase in fixed cost might incentivize migration to captive options



## Sales migration

### Strategy 2: Variation in rates/concessions

Strategies	EPDCL			SPDCL		
	FY18	FY20	FY22	FY18	FY20	FY22
% change in revenue from sales migration due to removal of additional surcharge	-23%	-24%	-26%	-22%	-23%	-23%
% change in revenue from sales migration due to removal of all renewable energy related open access concessions	23%	27%	32%	19%	24%	29%

- Additional surcharge removal results in a loss in revenue from sales migration of about 22-26% as compared to the sales migration scenario in each year.
- Removal of RE rebates results in additional revenue from sales migration of about 29-32% as compared to the sales migration scenario in each year.
- Removal of RE concessions results in a 2-6% increase in revenue as compared to a levy of Additional Surcharge on all consumers.

## Key Observations

- AP DISCOMs may face severe financial crisis in the near future, especially with sales migration
- Need for transition support is critical to ensure uninterrupted supply to small consumers
- Tweaks in tariff design may not make significant impacts

## Way Forward

- *Role of PEG*
  - PEG has designed the scenario building model for use in Andhra Pradesh
  - We would like to thank APERC for support in customizing the model
  - However, the responsibility for scenarios and results in this presentation is with PEG
  - The model and the necessary documentation will be submitted to APERC
  - Request APERC to upload the model and the documentation on their website
- *Need for analysis from various stakeholders*
  - PEG scenarios demonstrate utility of model and showcases options available for analysis
  - Consumer groups, ERCs, utilities must develop own scenarios
  - Different scenarios and strategies need to be compared to arrive at a way forward

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