

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Right to Information Act, 2005 (No.22 of 2005)

Information under of Section 4(1)(b)(ii) of the Act

1. PARTICULARS OF APERC, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

1.1 Particulars of APERC: -

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission [APERC] was constituted vide G.O.Ms.No.65, Energy (Power III) dated 31.03-1999 as an independent statutory body under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and continued to function as the state Electricity Regulatory Commission under Section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Commission comprises a Chairman and two Members appointed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Pursuant to bifurcation of the State and in terms of the provisions of schedule XII (C) (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 read with section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide G.O.Ms.No. 35 Energy (Power III) Department Dt: 01-08-2014, as amended, vide G.O.Ms.No. 11 Energy (Power III) Department Dt: 17-03-2015.

The Indian Electricity Act, 1910, the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 were repealed by the Electricity Act, 2003 which came into force w.e.f.10.06.2003. The provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 not inconsistent with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 shall apply to the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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1.2 Functions and duties: -

Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 enumerates the functions of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely:
- (a) determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity, wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be, within the State:

Provided that where open access has been permitted to a category of consumers under Section 42, the State Commission shall determine only the wheeling charges and surcharge thereon, if any, for the said category of consumers.

- (b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchases of power For distribution and supply within the State;
- (c) facilitate intra-State transmission and wheeling of electricity;
- (d) issue licences to persons seeking to act as transmission licensees, distribution licensees and electricity traders with respect to their operations within the State;
- (e) promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify, for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee ;
- (f) adjudicate upon disputes between the licensees and generating companies to refer any dispute and for arbitration.
- (g) levy fee for the purposes of this Act;
- (h) specify State Grid Code consistent with the Grid Code specified under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 79;

- (i) specify or enforce the standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees;
 - (j) fix the trading margin in the intra-State trading of electricity, if considered, necessary;
 - (k) discharge such other functions as may be assigned under the Act.
- (2) The Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely: -
- (a) promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry;
 - (b) promotion of investment in electricity industry;
 - (c) reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State;
 - (d) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the Commission by the State Government.
- (3) The Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.
- (4) In discharge of its functions, the Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy published under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

2) POWERS AND DUTIES OF APERC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Officers of the Commission shall aid and assist the Chairman and the Members in discharge of their quasi-judicial, sub-ordinate legislative and administrative functions enumerated under the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and The Electricity Act, 2003. Directory of officers and employees given in column – 9. The officers are assisted by the Supporting Staff such as Private Secretaries (PS), Security Officer, Stenocum – Computer Operators (SCO), Clerk-cum -Computer Operators (CCO), Personnel Assistants (PA), and Office Subordinates (OS), etc.

3) PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS, INCLUDING CHANNELS OF SUPERVISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In discharge of its functions, the Commission follows the procedure laid down in the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 {Regulation No.2 of 1999} as amended from time to time.

4) NORMS SET FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

Wide consultation with different stakeholders of the electricity sector in a transparent manner is the norm set for the Commission by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and The Electricity Act, 2003.

5) RULES, REGULATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, MANUALS AND RECORDS HELD OR UNDER THE CONTROL OR USED BY THE EMPLOYEES FOR DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS

Under the Electricity Act, 2003 the Commission is empowered to notify various Regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act, Regulations notified by the Commission, other Regulations notified by CERC, Rules made by Central & State Governments are used by the officers in discharge of their functions. Regulations notified from time to time are available on the website.

6) STATEMENT OF THE CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT ARE HELD OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF APERC

The following categories of documents are available with the Commission:

- (i) Regulations made by APERC.
- (ii) Orders issued by APERC on the petitions filed before it or suo- motu.
- (iii) Proceedings, Practice Directions, etc issued by APERC in discharge of its functions/duties under the Act.

All the Regulations, Orders and Proceedings issued by the Commission from time to time are also available in the Commission's website www.aperc.gov.in.

7) PARTICULARS OF ANY ARRANGMENT THAT EXISTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR REPRESENTATION BY, THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE FORMULATION OF THE POLICY OR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

Draft Regulations for implementation of the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 are pre-published as required under the Act for comments/suggestions from public and the responses received are considered by the Commission before notification of the Regulations.

Similarly orders determining tariff and grant of consent to Power Purchase Agreements of utilities involving purchase of power from Generating Stations are finalized by the Commission duly following the consultation process and public hearings. Public notices and press releases are issued to invite responses from interested persons and general public and public hearings are conducted to hear those who are desirous of being heard in person and the same are considered before finalization of the Tariff Orders.

8) STATEMENT OF THE BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES CONSISTING OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS CONSTITUTED AS ITS PART OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISE, AND AS TO WHETHER MEETINGS OF THOSE BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, OR THE MINUTES OF SUCH MEETINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR PUBLIC

State Advisory Committee (SAC): APERC notified Regulation No.2 of 2004 (Constitution of State Advisory Committee and its functioning) in accordance with the section 87 of the Electricity Act, 2003. In pursuance thereof, the Commission constituted State Advisory Committee (SAC) with the composition of 17 Members, including the Chairman, APERC who is the Ex-officio Chairman of SAC, vide notifications dt. 31-12-2014 and 24-01-2015. The Members of SAC, represent interests of commerce, industry, transport, agriculture, labour, consumers, NGOs, academic and research bodies in the electricity sector. Objects of the State Advisory Committee shall be to advise the Commission on:-

- (i) major questions of policy;
- (ii) matters relating to quality, continuity and extent of service provided by the licensees;
- (iii) compliance by licensees with the conditions and requirements of their licence;
- (iv) protection of consumer interest; and
- (v) electricity supply and overall standards of performance by utilities.

Co –ordination Forum constituted by the State Government consisting of Chairperson and Members of the Commission and representatives of the generating companies, transmission licensee and distribution licensees for smooth and coordinated development of the power system in the State.

9) DIRECTORY OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Sl.No.	Name S/Sri/Smt	Designation
Commission		
1	Sri Justice G.Bhavani Prasad	Chairman
2	Dr.P.Raghu	Member
3	Sri P.Rama Mohan	Member
Officers		
4	C.Ramakrishna	Director (Admn.)
5	K.Sreedhar Reddy	Joint Director /Engineering
6	Dr.A.Srinivas	Commission Secretary <i>i/c</i> & Joint Director/Law

7	P.Solomon Herme	Joint Director /Planning & Power Procurement
8	B.Ramesh Babu	Deputy Director /Pay & Accounts (&) Deputy Director /Personnel i/c
9	M.S.Vidyasagar	Deputy Director / Planning & Power Procurement
10	P.Mohan Rao	Accounts Officer
Supporting Staff		
11	N.Sasikala	Private Secretary
12	P.V.Padmaja	Private Secretary
13	V.V.R.Acharyulu	Private Secretary
14	V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	Junior Personnel Officer
15	P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier
16	G.Surya Kumari	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
17	V.K.Ratnakar	Steno -cum-Computer Operator
18	G.Nataraju	Steno -cum-Computer Operator
19	P.V.L.Sailaja	Steno -cum-Computer Operator
20	I.Usha Rani	Personnel Assistant
21	G.Venkateswara Rao	Clerk-cum-Computer Operator
22	M.Sudarsan	Receptionist
23	P.Rama Krishna Murthy	Messenger
24	K.Ramu	Messenger
25	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker

10) MONTHLY REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY EACH OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE REGULATIONS

The monthly remuneration and compensation being received by the Officers and employees are as follows:

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SI No	Name	Designation	Gross ₹
1	G.Bhavani Prasad	Chairman	254400
2	Dr.P.Raghu	Member	224800
3	P.Rama Mohan	Member	224800
4	C.Ramakrishna	Director	278528
5	K.Sreedhar Reddy	JD/Engg	262227
6	Dr.A.Srinivas	JD/Law	254224
7	P.Solomon Herme	JD/PPP	261312
8	B.Ramesh Babu	DD/P&A	179828
9	M.S.Vidyasagar	DD/PPP	155538
10	P.Mohan Rao	AO	102208
11	N.Sasikala	PS	93504
12	P.V.Padmaja	PS	88512
13	V.V.R.Acharyulu	PS	85407
14	V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	JPO	72352
15	P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier	72352
16	G.Surya Kumari	SCO	72472
17	V.K.Ratnakar	SCO	68464
18	G.Nataraju	SCO	72432
19	P.V.L.Sailaja	SCO	72352
20	I.Usha Rani	PA	58628
21	G.Venkateswara Rao	CCO	55456

22	M.Sudarsan	Receptionist	45088
23	P.Rama Krishna Murthy	Messenger	43552
24	K.Ramu	Messenger	42470
25	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker	43552

11) BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EACH AGENCY, INDICATING THE PARTICULARS OF ALL PLANS, PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND REPORTS ON DISBURSEMENTS MADE

Budgetary Allocation and Expenditures are as follows:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has allocated a budget of
311-Grants-in-Aid towards Salaries – Rs. 286.65 Lakhs
312- Other Grants in Aid – Rs. 100.00 Lakhs to APERC for the FY 2017-18

12) MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED AND THE DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH PROGRAMMES

Nil

13) PARTICULARS OF RECEIPIENTS OF CONCESSIONS, PERMITS OR AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Nil

14) DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE INFORMATION, AVAILABLE TO OR HELD, REDUCED IN AN ELECTRONIC FORM

Orders, Regulations, Proceedings etc., are available in the Commission's website
www.aperc.gov.in

15) PARTICULARS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION.

All the information regarding the Commission is available in the Commission's website. Specific information can be obtained by making a written request to the State Public Information Officer, APERC on payment of applicable fees and charges.

16) NAMES, DESIGNATIONS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

State Public Information Officer	Sri B. Ramesh Babu Deputy Director /Pay&Accounts A P E RC, # 11-4-660 , 4 th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004 .
Appellate Authority Under RTI Act, 2005	Sri K. Sreedhar Reddy, Joint Director (Engg.) A P E RC, # 11-4-660 , 4 th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004 .

17) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED.

Nil