

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CODE

Regulation No.7 of 2013

(Second Amendment to the Regulation No.5 of 2004)

INTRODUCTION

Section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 requires the State Commission to specify an Electricity Supply Code 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.

Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (x) of sub-Section (2) of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 the Commission notified "Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) Regulation, 2004 and published the same in the Gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 17-03-2004.

Subsequently, in exercise of the powers vested with it U/S 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission notified "Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) First Amendment Regulation, 2006" and published in the Gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 04-03-2006.

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 formulated a draft Amendment Regulation. The draft Regulation was hosted in the Commission's website seeking comments/suggestions from interested persons and stakeholders. Public hearing was conducted on 17-06-2013. Considering all comments/suggestions, the Commission makes the following Amendments to the "Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply code) Regulation, 2004".

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) Second Amendment Regulation, 2013.
- (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. 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. In clause 4.2 (d), the following words shall be appended as 4.2(d) (iii), namely:-  
"(iii). Security Deposit".
4. For clause 4.2(m), the following shall be substituted:  
"Date of the bill, due date of payment and due date of disconnection (if payment is not made by due date)."
5. In clause 4.2(n) (7), for the words "Surcharge for low power factor" the words "Meter rent" shall be substituted.
6. In clause 4.3.5(i), for the words "Up to Rs.5,000/- —By cash":  
The words "Up to Rs.10,000/- - By cash" shall be substituted.
7. For clause 4.3.5(ii), the following shall be substituted:  
Any amount by NEFT/ RTGS or by Cheque/Banker's Cheque/Demand Draft payable at par of any Scheduled Bank as indicated on the Electricity Bill.
8. For clause 4.3.5(iii), the following shall be substituted:  
"Any consumer who wants to pay by way of crossed Cheque shall present the Cheque to the Licensee at least three working days before the due date of payment."
9. For clause 4.6.1 the following shall be substituted:  
"Number of installments should not be more than twelve in any case. In case of grant of installments, such consumer shall be required to pay the interest charges at the rate of 18% per annum on the arrears amount for which installments are allowed. The distribution Licensee shall not levy additional charges for delayed payment on the outstanding amount for which installments are granted."
10. For clause 4.8.1 the following shall be substituted:  
"Disconnection due to non-payment: Where a consumer neglects to pay any consumption charge for electricity or any other sum due from him to a Licensee, by the due date mentioned in the bill, in respect of supply of energy to him, the licensee may, after giving not less than fifteen (15) clear days' notice in writing to such person and without prejudice to his rights to recover such charge, cut off supply of electricity and for that purpose disconnect any electric supply line or other works being the property of such licensee or the generating company through which electricity has been supplied, and may discontinue the supply until such, charge or other sum, together with any expenses incurred by him in cutting off and reconnecting the supply are paid.  
In cases of all supply connections, where disconnection date for non-payment of electricity charges is mentioned in the bill, a separate disconnection notice is not required.  
Where any consumer defaults in payments of Charges for the supply of electricity, and / or any other sums payable to the Company under the contract of supply agreement, the Company, may, without prejudice to its other rights cause to disconnect all or any of the other services of the consumer within the area of supply of the Licensee, though such services be distinct and are governed by separate agreements and though no default occurred in respect thereof.  
In case of default on customer charges payable by agricultural consumers, other category of services of such agricultural consumers shall not be disconnected.

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

Hyderabad,  
05.08.2013.

M.D. MANOHAR RAJU,  
Commission Secretary.

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