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Abbreviations

A.P./AP	Andhra Pradesh
Act 2003	The Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No. 36 of 2003)
Act 2014	The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Act No. 6 of 2014)
APCPDCL	Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited
APEPDCL	Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited
APSPDCL	Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited
APERC	Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission
APGENCO	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited
APSLDC	Andhra Pradesh State Load Dispatch Centre
APTRANSCO	Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited
ATE	Appellate Tribunal for Electricity
CAG	Comptroller and Auditor General of India
CEA	Central Electricity Authority
CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
CGRF	Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum
DISCOM	Distribution Company/Distribution Licensee
FOIR	Forum of Indian Regulators
FOR	Forum of Regulators
FY	Financial Year
G.O.	Government Order
GoAP	Government of Andhra Pradesh
HT	High Tension
I.A.	Interlocutory Application
kV	Kilo-Volt
LAN	Local Area Network
LT	Low Tension
MW	Mega Watt
NCE	Non-Conventional Energy
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
O.P.	Original Petition
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
SAC	State Advisory Committee
SERC	State Electricity Regulatory Commission

CHAPTER-I

ORGANISATIONAL SETUP & ADMINISTRATION

1.1 The Commission:

1.1.1 The Government of India enacted the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as the Act 2003) consolidating the laws relating to the generation, transmission, distribution, trading and use of electricity and generally for taking measures conducive to the development of electricity industry; promoting competition therein; protecting the interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas; rationalization of electricity tariff; ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies; promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies; constitution of Central Electricity Authority (CEA); Regulatory Commissions and establishment of Appellate Tribunal and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto and the said Act 2003 came into force w.e.f. 10-06-2003. While repealing the three earlier enactments viz., the Indian Electricity Act, 1910; the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998, the Act 2003 saved the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act 2003 and they will continue to apply in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

1.1.2 In terms of the provisions of Schedule XII (c) (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Central Act 6 of 2014, hereinafter referred to as the Act 2014) read with Section 82 of the Act 2003, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted SERC to be known as the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission, with one Chairman and two Members, vide G.O.Ms. No. 35, Energy (Power III) Department, dt. 01-08-2014. Subsequently, GoAP issued an amendment notifying that the Commission shall be called Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide G.O.Ms. No. 11, Energy (Power III) Department, dt. 17-03-2015.

1.1.3 The names of the incumbent, Chairman & Members of the Commission are shown below:

Present Commission		
Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy	Chairman	Since 30-10-2019 onwards
Sri P. Raja Gopal Reddy	Member	Since 26-02-2020 onwards
Sri Thakur Rama Singh	Member	Since 26-02-2020 onwards

1.2 Functions and Duties of the Commission:

1.2.1 Section 86 (1) of the Act 2003 enumerates the functions of SERCs 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 Commission shall determine only the wheeling charges and surcharges 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 purchase 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 the disputes between the licensees and generating companies and to refer any dispute for arbitration;
- g) levy fee for the purposes of the 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 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 this Act.

1.2.2 Further, Section 86 (2) of the Act 2003 states that the Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely:

- (i) promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry.
- (ii) promotion of investment in electricity industry;
- (iii) reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State;
- (iv) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the Commission by that Government.

1.2.3 Section 86 (3) of the Act 2003 mandates that the Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.

1.2.4 Likewise, Section 86 (4) of the Act 2003 states that in discharge of its functions, the State Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy published under Section 3 of the Act, 2003.

1.3 Infrastructure:

1.3.1 **Office Building:** The Commission continued to occupy the 4th Floor in the rented premises bearing D.No.11-4-660, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500 004.

1.3.2 **Local Area Network (LAN):** All the Computer systems installed in the Commission's office are connected through a Local Area Network (LAN) enabling access to any reference information and sharing of data. LAN enables information access at various locations more so in Conference Hall during meetings and in the Court Hall during hearings. The necessary peripheral hardware together with standard software items have also been provided in the office for increasing the efficiency and compatibility.

1.3.3 **Internal Workflow:** The Commission has its own customized software designed & maintained for file movement and approval. The software system has been envisaged and designed to make use of the Google Workspace suite of software.

1.3.4 **Intranet & Email:** With an endeavour to make information available to all users, computers available in the office of the Commission are connected through intranet. Each user in the office is given access to email. All useful information is thus made available to the officers and staff of the Commission, which helps users communicate and transfer files and makes sharing of information easy.

1.3.5 **Website (Internet):** The website of APERC has been in operation with URL address www.aperc.gov.in. All acts, decisions and orders of the Commission are being uploaded on the website from time to time. The website is also used for announcing the dates of Public Hearings and Court Hearings being conducted by the Commission; Public Notices, Press Releases, Concept Papers, Proceedings, etc., issued by the Commission; Regulations notified by the Commission. It also provides information on CGRFs and Vidyut Ombudsman. Further, the details regarding the Right to Information Act, 2005 are uploaded and regularly updated from time to time to provide transparency, easy access and wide publicity to consumers and other stakeholders.

1.3.6 **Library:** Various books, periodicals, law journals and other documents pertaining to the electricity sector as required from time to time were procured during the year. The Commission has also subscribed to “SCC Online” and “India Power Regulation”, which are web based sources of case law and nationwide Electricity Regulation databases.

1.4 Notification of Regulations:

1.4.1 The Commission notified the following Regulations during the year:

1. The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission - 3rd amendment Regulation, 2021 (Licensee’s Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 (Regulation No. 3 of 2021) dt: 04-06-2021.
2. In the matters of making suitable amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation 4 of 2005), concerning the specification of Fuel & Power Purchase Cost Adjustment Formula (FPPCA) for Pass-Through of Power Purchase Cost Variation on Quarterly basis instead of annually (regulation No. 4 of 2021) dt: 02-07-2021.
3. The sixth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business Regulations, 1999 (Regulation No. 5 of 2021) dt: 08-12-2021.
4. Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee’s duty for Supply of Electricity on Request) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 6 of 2021) dt: 31-12-2021 and
5. The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for procurement/sale of power on short term basis by the Distribution Licensees) Regulation, 2022 (Regulation No. 1 of 2022) dt: 10-02-2022.

1.5 Staffing Position:

1.5.1 The Commission has been organized into five wings viz., Secretariat, Administration, Engineering, Law & Tariff and is being supported by Officers comprising of Electrical Engineers, Economists, Financial Analysts, Legal Personnel, Administrators and other required staff. The services of the Commission employees are governed by APERC (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Officers and Staff) Regulation, 1999 [Regulation No.3 of 1999] notified on

22-07-1999 read with its First Amendment Regulation notified on 25-04-2006 and supplementary Regulation notified on 30-07-2013.

1.5.2 The officers and staff who are regular employees of the Commission are assigned duties as shown below:

Sl. No.	Name of the employee S/Sri/Smt.	Designation
1	B.Ramesh Babu	Deputy Director / Pay & Accounts
		Deputy Director / Personnel <i>etc.</i>
2	N.Sasikala	Private Secretary
3	P.V.Padmaja	Private Secretary
4	V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	Junior Personnel Officer
5	P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier
6	P.V.L.Sailaja	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
7	G.Nataraju	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
8	G.Surya Kumari	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
9	V.K.Ratnakar	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
10	I.Usha Rani	Personnel Assistant
11	G.Venkateswara Rao	Clerk-cum-Computer Operator
12	M.Sudarsan	Receptionist
13	P.Ramakrishna Murthy	Messenger
14	K.Ramu	Messenger
15	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker

1.5.3 The services of Sri D.Ramanaiah Setty, Assistant Divisional Engineer, TSTRANSCO, who is working on deputation as Deputy Director (Tariff - Engineering) in the Commission, are extended for a further period of one year.

1.5.4 The services of Sri J.Sreenivasulu, Superintending Engineer, APCPDCL, who is working on deputation as Joint Director (Engineering) in the Commission, are extended for a further period of one year.

1.5.5 Sri A.V.S.S.C.S.M.Sarma, Deputy Registrar, High Court for the State of Telangana, who is working on deputation as Deputy Director (Law) in the Commission was repatriated to his parent department w.e.f. 21-02-2022 AN.

- 1.5.6 Sri P.Rajanikantha Reddy, Executive Engineer, APSPDCL was appointed in the post of Deputy Director (Planning & Power Procurement) on deputation w.e.f. 29-04-2021 FN.
- 1.5.7 Sri C.Ramakrishna was appointed as Director (Administration) and Commission Secretary *in charge* on contract basis w.e.f. 01-09-2021 FN.
- 1.5.8 Sri K.Raja Bapaiah was appointed as Director (Engineering) on contract basis w.e.f. 25-02-2022 AN.
- 1.5.9 The Commission has continued the services of Sri P.Murali Krishna as Consultant (Tariff & Engineering), Smt M.R.A.Srilakshmi as Legal Consultant and appointed Sri M.Nageswara Rao as Senior Consultant (Law) on 23-02-2022 under Section 91(4) of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- 1.5.10 The Commission continued to engage security staff, janitorial services and other housekeeping functions on an outsourcing basis through a service provider in the interest of economy and efficiency.

1.6 State Advisory Committee (SAC):

- 1.6.1 The SAC has been constituted as required under Section 87 (1) of the Act, 2003 read with Regulation No. 3 of 2016, vide gazette notification dt. 15-07-2021 of the Commission with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission as the Ex-Officio Chairman of SAC. The objectives of the SAC are 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.
- 1.6.2 16th meeting of the State Advisory Committee: APERC discussed the following agenda points during the meeting held on 20-09-2021 at Corporate Office, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam through video conferencing.
- (1) Amendment of Generation Tariff Regulations in line with CERC Generation Tariff regulations of 2019
 - (2) Open Access settlements for captive consumers by SLDC.
 - (3) Reduction of cost of service of the DISCOM power to compete with IEX energy suppliers.

- (4) Solar and wind projects: Handling legacy issues of power purchase from the existing solar and wind RE; Required follow-up consequent to the order dated 22-08-2021 of the Hon'ble APTEL in Appeal No. 197 of 2019 and IA No. 1706 of 2019 regarding RE Curtailment, MoP draft rules on promoting green energy (dated 16-08-2021) etc.
- (5) Mid-term review of the Load Forecast and resource plan prepared in 2019.
- (6) Strengthening the role of APERC in the Electricity sector.
- (7) Measures for reducing DTR failures.
- (8) Practices to be adopted for releasing new services within SoP norms.
- (9) Technical measures required to be taken for reducing fault trippings of 33 kV and 11kV feeders as part of SAIDI & SAIFI.
- (10) Recent Developments in market:
 - i. Market updates - DAM, RTM, GTAM.
 - ii. New products to be introduced in market.
 - iii. Regulatory and Policy Enables for Market Development.

1.6.3 17th State Advisory Committee: Agenda points during the meeting held on 28-01-2022 at Corporate Office, APEPDCL, Visakhapatnam through video conferencing.

- i. ARRs & FPTs of A.P. DISCOMs for FY 2022-23.
- ii. Any other subject/s with the permission of the Chair.

1.7 State Coordination Forum:

1.7.1 In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (4) of Section 166 of the Act 2003 the Government of Andhra Pradesh reconstituted "State Co-ordination Forum" with the Chairman, APERC as Chairman of the Forum and the Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO as the Member Convenor for the smooth and coordinated development of the power system in the State.

1.8 Constitution of a committee in each district of the State

1.8.1 Under Section 166 (5) of the Act 2003, it is a mandatory requirement to constitute a committee in each District of the State of Andhra Pradesh (a) to coordinate and review the extension of electrification in each district; (b) to review the quality of power supply and consumer satisfaction; and (c) to promote energy efficiency and its conservation. In exercise of such powers, the Government of Andhra Pradesh

issued notification dt. 28-01-2004 constituting district committees for all the districts of the State with the following composition.

1	Collector and District Magistrate	Chairperson
2	Superintending Engineer (Operation)	Member Convenor
3	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad	Member
4	Additional Superintendent of Police	Member
5	All Divisional Engineers (Operation in District)	Member
6	District Panchayat Officer	Member
7	Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Department	Member
8	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation / Municipalities in the District	Member
9	General Manager, District Industries Centre	Member
10	Joint Director, Agriculture Department	Member
11	Representative from Domestic Consumer Organization	Member
12	Representative from Agriculture Consumer Organization	Member
13	Representative from Industrial Consumer Organization	Member

1.9 Southern Electricity Regulators Forum (SERF)

1.9.1 The Southern Electricity Regulators Forum (SERF) is a society registered under the provisions of Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. The Forum was constituted to understand and review issues specific to the Southern Region that shared similar characteristics and concerns. The Forum aims at an important coordinated role to address several issues confronting the Power Sector in order to bring in the reforms in real terms. The Chairpersons of all Southern State Electricity Regulatory Commissions constitute the Executive Committee and the General Body Meeting of the Forum shall be held once in 3 months on a rotation basis.

1.10 Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR):

FOIR is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Registration No.S.36509 dt. 04-02-2000) to promote transparency in the working of regulatory bodies, protect consumer interest and develop consumer advocacy organizations, develop human and institutional capacities in regulatory bodies, utilities and other stakeholders, research the efficiency and effectiveness of independent regulation, provide an information base on regulatory law and practice and regulatory economics, collaborate with academic and research institutions, professional bodies and NGOs in India and internationally in areas of interest to the society. To discuss the aspects of regulatory development in the electricity sector in various states.

1.11 Forum of Regulators (FOR):

1.11.1 In order to coordinate the activities of CERC and SERCs, FOR has been constituted by the Government of India u/s 166 (2) of the Act 2003, which is responsible for harmonization, coordination and ensuring uniformity of approach amongst the SERCs across the country and to achieve greater regulatory certainty in the electricity sector. The following FOR meetings were conducted during FY 2021-22:

SI.No.	FOR Meeting	Date & Place	Attended by
1	74 th Meeting	9 th April, 2021 (through video conferencing)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
2	75 th Meeting	30 th April, 2021 (through video conferencing)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
3	Special Meeting	10 th & 11 th May, 2021 (through video conferencing)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
4	76 th Meeting	1 st October, 2021 at New Delhi (through video conferencing)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
5	77 th Meeting	17 th December, 2021 at Lucknow (Through MS Teams)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
6	78 th Meeting	3 rd to 5 th March, 2022	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman

1.11.2 Sri Thakur Rama Singh, Member, APERC attended the Fifth meeting of “Standing Technical Committee for Implementation of Framework on Renewable at State Level Group-I&II” on 16-04-2021, sixth meeting on 17-05-2021 and 07-02-2022 through video conferencing on MS Teams.

1.12 South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR):-

The South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) was established in May 1999 with the support of the World Bank. SAFIR aims to provide high quality capacity building and training on infrastructure regulation & related topics, in South Asia and to stimulate research on the subject by building a network of regional and international institutions & individuals that are active in the field. It also aims at facilitating effective and efficient regulation of utility and infrastructure industries, initiating beneficial exchange of knowledge and expertise and setting the trend of rapid implementation of global best practices.

- 1.12.1 Sri P. Rajanikantha Reddy, Deputy Director (Planning and Power Procurement) attended the 20th Core being conducted by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM-Ahmedabad), Gujarat under the aegis of the South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) in Association with Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) from 21st to 23rd February 2022 via online mode.
- 1.12.1 Sri J. Sreenivasulu, Joint Director (Engineering), APERC attended the Regulatory Framework in the Power Sector in the ICER's Virtual Working Group 3 (VMG#3) via online mode from 17th to 18th February 2022.

CHAPTER-II

LICENCES, INVESTMENT APPROVALS, ETC

2.1 Licences/Exemptions:

2.1.1 APERC granted the following licenses under the provisions of the Reform Act and the Corporation/Company concerned shall be deemed to be a licensee under the Act 2003 in terms of the proviso to Section 14 thereunder. Further, the conditions contained in the licences issued to them under the Reform Act shall be deemed to have been specified u/s 16 of the Act 2003, vide APERC (Deemed Licence Conditions) Regulation, 2004.

- i) Licence No.1 of 2000 (Transmission and Bulk Supply Licence) to Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited with effect from 01.02.2000 for a period of 30 years.
- ii) Licence No.12 of 2000 to the Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, with effect from 01-04-2001 for a period of 30 years, vide order dt. 29-12-2000 O.P. No. 646 of 2000.
- iii) Licence No.15 of 2000 to the Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, with effect from 01-04-2001 for a period of 30 years, vide order dt. 29-12-2000 in O.P. No. 645 of 2000.
- iv) Licence No.1 of 2020 to the Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited, with effect from 01-04-2020 for a period of 25 years, vide order dt. 31-03-2020 in O.P. No. 13 of 2020.

2.1.2 In terms of provisions of the Electricity Act 2003, exemption from the application of provisions of Section 12 of the Electricity Act 2003, in respect of three (3) Rural Electric Cooperative Societies viz., Anakapalli, Cheepurupalli and Kuppam was granted for a period of one year from 10-06-2004 to 09-06-2005, subject to terms and conditions of the licences earlier granted to them under the provisions of the Reform Act, 1998, vide Exemption Order No. 46, dt.15-06-2004. The exemption granted is being extended from time to time and was renewed up to 31-03-2020. During FY 2021-22, the Commission has not renewed the exemption for Anakapalli and Cheepurupalli as GoAP has not given any recommendation. The Commission has renewed the exemption for Kuppam RESCO upto 31.12.2021.

2.1.3 Commission issued order on Revival of Sick Industries through rationalisation of procedures in respect of collection of minimum charges vide letter No. E-273/JD(Engg)/2020/D.No. 332/2021, Dated: 05-07-2021.

2.1.4 Commission granted exemption from obtaining the license to Kuppam RESCO up to 31.12.2021 vide Proceedings No. APERC/Secy/E-221/ 12/ 2021 dated 26-11-2021.

2.2 Investment approvals – Transmission and Distribution schemes:

The Commission approved investment to the extent of Rs. 636.82 Crores during the period from **01-04-2021 to 31-03-2022** for the following schemes proposed by APTRANSCO & DISCOMs:

S.No.	Investment Scheme Name	Approved Amount Crs.
1	Erection of 132/33 KV substation at Ramanakkapeta in Krishna district submitted by APTRANSCO	22.52
2	Erection of grid connections to hamlets which were not previously electrified through grid and electrification of newly formed habitations in tribal areas in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts submitted by APEPDCL	35.87
3	Extension of 24 hours 3 phase supply to substation headquarters villages in all the districts of APEPDCL	37.67
4	Erection of 33 KV interlinking lines for providing alternate supply to 33 KV substations and bifurcation of overloaded 33 KV feeders in all the districts of APEPDCL	71.14
5	Providing intermediate spun poles in 33 KV feeders within 50 km from the sea coast in all the districts of APEPDCL	99.76
6	Extension of 3 phase supply in place of 1 phase supply in LWE affected villages in Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam and East Godavari districts in APEPDCL	33.19

7	Erection of 33/11 KV Indoor substations in all the districts of APEPDCL		164.31
8	Conversion of LT distribution HVDS for agriculture services in West Godavari district of APEPDCL		143.93
9	Laying of 132 KV 630 sq mm XLPE UG capable (SC) from 132/33 KV Ongole SS to Loc. No. 495 of 132 KV Ongole - Inkollu line in Prakasam district submitted by APTRANSCO.		28.43
	Total		636.82

2.3 Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs):

I. LIST of PPAs consented during the FY 2021-22

S.No.	Name of the Developer	Capacity (MW)	Type	Date of conditional consent /consent	Remarks
1	M/s. Villoo's Poonawalla Greenfield Farms	6.3	Wind	22.07.2021	PPA Amendment
2	M/s Vibrant Greentech India Pvt. Limited	2	Wind	23.07.2021	PPA Amendment
3	M/s Sembcorp Energy India Ltd	230.55	Thermal	07-09-2021	PPA Amendment

ii. Orders issued :

O.P No 57 of 2014 dt 20.06.2021: Determination of capital cost and consequential re-determination of tariff for the first 10 years of operation of M/s Sardar Power Ltd. from 17.07.2008 (being COD of the project) pursuant to the judgement of Hon'ble APTEL dt. 20.12.2012 in Appeal No. 172 of 2011 and batch.

CHAPTER-III

TARIFFS

3.1 Tariff for short-term procurement of power from 01.04.2021 to 31.05.2021

The tariff has been finalised for short-term procurement of power from Lanco Kondapalli Power Ltd & Spectrum Power Generation Ltd by APDISCOMs for the period from 01.04.2021 to 31.05.2021 vide Proceedings. No.1/T- 52/2021, Date:22-04-2021.

3.2 Clarification on fixed charges to be collected from the LT Domestic Consumers during the FY 2021-22

The clarification has been issued regarding the fixed charges to be collected from the LT Domestic Consumers during FY 2021-22 as per RST order dated 25.03.2021 by the letter no 196 dated 27.04.2021.

3.3 DO letter to the Chief Secretary/GoAP on the tariff subsidy and dues from the government departments.

The DO letter 248 dated 25.05.2021 has been addressed to the Chief Secretary to GoAP to clear the electricity tariff subsidy dues from GoAP & electricity consumption arrears from the Government departments & local bodies receivable by APDISCOMs as of 31.03.2021.

3.4 Approval for short-term procurement of power from 01.06.2021 to 05.07.2021

The approval has been issued for short-term procurement of power from Lanco Kondapalli Power Ltd & Spectrum Power Generation Ltd by APDISCOMs for the period from 01.06.2021 to 05.07.2021 vide Proceedings. No. 3/T- 52/2021, Date:01-06-2021.

3.5 Approval for short-term procurement of power from 06.07.2021 to 30.09.2021

The approval has been issued for short-term procurement of power from Lanco Kondapalli Power Ltd & Spectrum Power Generation Ltd by APDISCOMs for the period from 06.07.2021 to 30.09.2021 vide Proceedings. No.5/T- 52/2021, Date: 07-07-2021.

3.6 Advisory on Unblocking of the leading kVARh feature in meters

The advisory has been issued to the DISCOMS on Unblocking of the leading kVARh feature in meters for applicable consumers vide letter no 371 dated 22.07.2021.

3.7 Approval for short-term procurement of power from 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2022

The approval has been issued for short-term procurement of power from Lanco Kondapalli Power Ltd & Spectrum Power Generation Ltd by APDISCOMs for the period from 01.10.2021 to 31.03.2022 vide Lr. No. APERC /Secy/ F:T-52 /D.No.500/2021, Date: 22.09.2021.

3.8 Approval for short-term procurement of power from 02.10.2021 to 31.10.2021

The approval has been issued for procurement of power during the period 02.10.2021 to 31.10.2021 through the DEEP e bidding portal vide the Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F:T-52/D.No.517/2021, Date:01.10.2021

3.9 Directions to the DISCOMS on pending dues from the GoAP

The directions have been issued to the DISCOMS to collect the pending dues from the Govt. towards tariff subsidy, and consumption (CC) charges from the local bodies and government departments vide the letter no 581 dated 09.11.2021.

3.10 Directions to the licensees on transparency measures

The directions have been issued on transparency measures to be followed by the licensees vide Proceedings. No.14/T-04/2021/637 Date:07 -12-2021.

3.11 Directions to the DISCOMS on EE & EC measures

The directions have been issued to the DISCOMs on the Roadmap for the deployment of modern appliances by all their consumers and EE & EC measures vide letter no 636 dated 07.12.2021.

3.12 Approval for short-term procurement of power during February 22 and March 22

The approval has been issued for procurement of power on a short-term basis during February 22 and March 22 by letter no 64 dated 31.01.2022.

3.13 Regulation 4 of 2021 on FPPCA

Regulation 4 of 2021, second amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff for wheeling and retail sale of electricity) Regulation 2005 has been issued.

3.14 Regulation 1 of 2022 on procurement/sale of power on short-term basis

Regulation 1 of 2022, Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for procurement /Sale of power on a short term basis by the Distribution Licensees) Regulation, 2022 has been issued.

3.15 The Order on Retail Supply Tariff for FY 2022-23 and True-up of past periods

Issued the Commission's Order dated 31-03-2022 in O.P.No.122 of 2021, O.P.No.123 of 2021 & O.P.No.124 of 2021 in the matter of Tariff for Retail Sale of Electricity during FY 2022-23, in O.P.No.15 of 2021 and O.P.No.37 of 2021 in the matter of True-up of Retail Supply Business for FY 2019-20, in O.P.No.30 of 2020 and O.P.No.41 of 2020 in the matter of determination of Distribution Business for 3rd Control Period (FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19), and in O.P.No.46 of 2020 in the matter of True-up of Transmission Business for 3rd Control Period (FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19).

CHAPTER-IV

LEGAL MATTERS

4.1 Legal matters:

4.1.1 **Empanelled Advocates** : Sri Sridhar Potaraju is continued to be the Panel Counsel to appear before the APTEL and the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India; and Sri V.R.N.Prashanth, Advocate and Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Advocates, are continued to be the Panel Advocates before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

4.2 **Orders Passed by the Commission:** The following Original Petitions (O.Ps.), Review Petitions (R.Ps.), Execution Petitions (E.Ps.) and Interlocutory Applications (I.As.) have been disposed of by the Commission during the period 01-04-2021 to 31-03-2022:

Orders passed by the Commission during FY 2021-22		
Sl. No	Case Number & Date of Order	Particulars of the parties and the nature of the relief sought for
1	OP.No. 39 of 2021 dt. 07-04-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited Vs APSPDCL., and another.</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec.62(1), 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 2003 R/w Clause (55) of the APERC Conduct of Business Regulations, for release of the Balance Fixed costs payment of Rs.16.04 Crores to the petitioner for the FY 2018-19.</p>
2	Review Petition No.2 of 2019 In O.P.NO.47 of 2017 and Review Petition No.1 of 2020 In O.P.No.47 of 2017 dt. 08-04-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Andhra Pradesh Power Development Company Limited (APPDCL) Vs APSPDCL and others</p> <p>Review Petitions filed U/Sec.94(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking Review of the Order dated 02-03-2019 passed in O.P. 47 of 2017 for determination of tariff from 05-02-2019 to 31-03-2019 for the electricity supplied by APPDCL from SDSTPS to the Distribution Licensees in Andhra Pradesh.</p>

3	OP.No.18 of 2019 dt. 12-04-2021	<p align="center">M/s. Satya Maharshi Power Corporation Ltd. Vs. APTRANSCO and 6 others</p> <p>Petition filed U/sec. 86 (1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to direct the 2nd respondent to pay the fixed costs of Rs.54,25,085/- on deemed generation at Rs.1.37/- per unit from 09.06.2017 to 18-07-2017, at 80% PLF damages incurred during the period of stoppage to the applicant company with interest at 18% .</p>
4	OP.No. 61 of 2019 dt. 16-04-2021	<p align="center">M/s. SBG Cleantech Project Co. Pvt. Ltd.. Vs. A.P. State Load Despatch Centre and others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 33(4) read with Section 86(l)(e), 86(l)(f), and 86(l)(k) of the Electricity Act, 2003, and Regulation 8 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 as amended from time to time, inter alia seeking directions to the Respondents - i) to implement the MUST RUN status accorded to the Petitioner's Solar Project in letter and spirit, ii) to refrain from illegally curtailing the solar energy generated therefrom; and iii) to compensate the Petitioner for the unlawful and arbitrary curtailment of generation from its Solar Project.</p>
5	O.P.No.6 of 2020 dt. 28-04-2021	<p align="center">M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited Vs. APSPDCL and others</p> <p>Petition filed U/s. 86 (1) (3) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause (55) of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 to declare the action of the respondents in unilaterally deducting the rebate amount @ 2.5% on the gross amounts of the monthly energy bills submitted by the petitioner as being illegal and consequently to direct the respondents to pay the petitioner-company the amounts of rebate availed from the monthly energy bills for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (till October 2019) along with applicable interest till the date of payment.</p>
6	R.P.No.1 of 2021 In Proceedings No.T-52/2020/09 dt. 05-05-2021	<p align="center">M/s. Lanco Kondapalli Power Limited Vs. AP DISCOMs</p> <p>Review Petition filed under Regulation 49(1) of the APERC (Conduct of Business Rules), 1999 R/w Sec. 94(1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking to review the impugned Order dated 01.10.2020 passed by this Commission in Proceedings</p>

		No.T-52/2020/09 to the extent of the value of the Tariff by adopting the factual values and correcting the arithmetic mistake in the said impugned Order, and to direct the Respondents to pay to the Petitioner as per such Revised Tariff as decided by this Commission from 01.10.2020.
7	OP.No. 57 of 2014 dt. 10-06-2021	M/s Sardar Power Pvt. Ltd Vs. APEPDCL Petition filed for re-determination of the Capital Cost and the Tariff pursuant to the Judgement dated 20-12-2012 in Appeal No.172 of 2011 and batch of the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, New Delhi.
8	OP.No. 76 of 2019 dt. 30-06-2021	M/s. Axis Wind Farms (Anantapur) Pvt. Ltd. & others Vs. APSLDC and another Petition filed U/sec.33(4) R/w Sec.86(1)(e), 86(1)(f) and 86(1)(i) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking various declaratory and substantive reliefs for wrongful curtailment of generation from each of the first and second petitioners' 105 MW Wind Power Plants.
9	Common order in O.P.No.33 of 2020 and O.P.No.35 of 2020 dt. 30-06-2021	APEPDCL & APSPDCL O.P.No.33 of 2020 - Petition filed seeking amendments to Regulation No.4 of 2005 (Terms & Conditions for determination of Tariffs for Wheeling & Retail Sale of Electricity), pursuant to Clause 8 (1) of Regulation No. 2 of 1999 for specification of Fuel & Power Purchase Cost Adjustment Formula (FPPCA) for pass through of power purchase cost variation on quarterly basis instead of annually. O.P.No.35 of 2020 - Petition filed seeking approval of this Commission to consider issuing suitable amendment to Clause 12.5 of Regulation No. 1 of 2014, pursuant to Clause 8 (1) of Regulation No. 2 of 1999 for specification of Fuel & Power Purchase Cost Adjustment Formula (FPPCA) for pass through of power purchase cost variation on quarterly basis instead of annual basis.
10	OP.Nos. 9 and 20 of 2020 dt. 05-07-2021	M/s. Vibrant Greentech India Pvt. Ltd. Vs APSPDCL and anr and Batch. OP.Nos. 9 of 2020 - Petition filed U/Sec. 86(1)(b) r/w 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 R/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking to direct the APSPDCL to act upon the PPA dated 30-03-2017 entered into with the petitioner for purchase of power from its 4.25 MW Wind Power

		<p>Project and to to pay for the power generated and supplied from the petitioner's project, for the period from the date of COD i.e., 30-03-2017 onwards along with interest and to direct APSPDCL to open an irrevocable revolving letter of credit as per Article 5.4 of the PPA dated 30-03-2017.</p> <p>OP.No. 20 of 2020 - Petition filed under section 86(1)(b) r/w. 86 (i) (f) of the Electricity Act 2003 r/w APERC Conduct of Business Regulations 1999 to direct the APSPDCL-Licensee to act upon the PPA dated 30.03.2017 entered into with the petitioner for purchase of power from its 0.8 MW Wind Power Project and direct to pay for the power generated and supplied from the petitioner's project, for the period from the date of commissioning i.e. 29.03.2017 onwards along with interest and to direct the APSPDCL to open an irrevocable revolving letter of credit as per Article 5.4 of the PPA dated 30.03.2017</p>
11	OP.No. 63 of 2019 dt. 07-07-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Jindal Aluminium Ltd. Vs. APSPDCL and others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act 2003 R/w APERC Conduct of Business Regulation 1999 seeking a direction to the Respondents to make Payment of amounts against the monthly bills for the period 01.08.2018 to 31.07.2019 and the amounts deducted towards rebate from monthly power bills for the period from May, 2018 to June, 2018 along with interest in terms of PPA dated 14.08.2015.</p>
12	OP.No. 60 of 2019 dt. 07-07-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Green Infra Wind Solutions Limited Vs. APPCC and others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act 2003 R/w APERC Conduct of Business Regulation 1999 seeking the following reliefs;</p> <p>(a) To direct APSPDCL/APPCC to release payments due to GIWSL set out in paragraph 3 of the petition which have been unlawfully withheld; (b) to direct APSPDCL to set up a payment security mechanism as required under the PPA; (c) to direct APSPDCL/APPCC to pay 75% of the outstanding amounts to GIWSL within one week, pending final adjudication, and (d) to direct the respondents to pay carrying cost to the petitioner to be determined by the Commission.</p>

13	OP.Nos. 42 of 2020 and O.P.No.47 of 2020 dt. 07-07-2021	<p align="center">Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd</p> <p>OP.No. 42 of 2020 - Petition filed for determination of Tariff for Intra-State Transmission lines of APTRANSCO carrying interstate power for the FY 2015-16 & FY 2016-17 to include the same in the PoC Mechanism.</p> <p>OP.No. 47 of 2020 - Petition filed for determination of Tariff for intra-State transmission lines of APTRANSCO carrying interstate power for the FY 2020-21 to include the same in the PoC Mechanism.</p>
14	OP.No. 73 of 2019 dt. 26-07-2021	<p align="center">M/s. Aditya Birla Renewables SPV Vs. APSPDCL and another</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 R/w APERC (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulations, 2005, against the respondents, seeking the following reliefs:</p> <p>(i) to declare and hold that the Respondent No.1 (APSPDCL) is not entitled to recover wheeling charges and losses from the Petitioner w.r.t. the connectivity of the Petitioner's Project with the 132/33 kv Sambepally sub-station of Respondent No. 2 (APTRANSCO) through the 33 kv dedicated transmission line; and</p> <p>(ii) to direct the Respondent No.1 not to claim any wheeling charges and losses from the Petitioner w.r.t. the connectivity of the Petitioner's Project with the 132/33 kv Sambepally sub-station of Respondent No.2 through the 33 kv dedicated transmission line in any manner whatsoever.</p>
15	Review Petition No.2 of 2020 in O.P.Nos.68 and 69 of 2019 dt. 28-07-2021	<p align="center">APSPDCL and APEPDCL</p> <p>This Review Petition is filed seeking to review the Retail Supply Tariff order dated 10-02-2020 passed by this Commission for the FY 2020-21.</p>
16	OP.No. 64 of 2019 dt. 02-08-2021	<p align="center">M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited Vs. APSPDCL and anr</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, R/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking a direction to the respondents - i) for releasing payment against the outstanding monthly invoices towards sale of wind energy along with the interest/delayed payment</p>

		<p>surcharge on such delayed payments; ii) payments of the amounts deducted towards 1% rebate from monthly invoices; and iii) interest on delayed payment as per Articles 2.2 and 5.2 of the Power Purchase Agreements dated 08.05.2012, 31.03.2012, 21.03.2013 and 18.07.2014.</p>
17	<p>Review O.P.No.65 of 2021 dt. 04-08-2021</p>	<p>Review Petition filed u/s 94 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause 49 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking to review the Common Order dt.26-11-2020 issued by the APERC on True-up filings for FY 2014-15, FY 2016-17, FY 2017-18 & FY 2018-19.</p>
18	<p>I.A.No.1 of 2021 In O.P.No.62 of 2021 dt. 04-08-2021</p>	<p>M/s. Texonic Instruments Vs. APTRANSCO and another</p> <p>Petition filed U/sec 86 (1)(a), 86(1)(b) and 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking approval of generic tariff at Rs. 3.43/- per unit for sale of wind power to the AP DISCOMs for PPA dated 16-12-2010 in the State of AP after expiry of the ten year period in terms of the Order dated 01-05-2009 passed by this Commission in OP.Nos. 6 & 7 of 2009</p>
19	<p>O.P.No.14 of 2021 dt. 04-08-2021</p>	<p>Sree Jayajothi Cements Private Limited Vs. APSLDC</p> <p>Petition filed U/sec 86(1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 R/w Clause 9 of the APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2017, praying this Commission to clarify and/or exempt the petitioner company from the Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO) and that the energy consumed from its WHRS plant through co-generation process is to be considered for setting off, the petitioner's RPPO requirement qua its consumption from other conventional sources, under the Regulation No. I of 2017, in view of the consumption of power from its co-generation WHRS unit through waste heat received from flue gases and to pass any such other order/s in the facts and circumstances of the case.</p>
20	<p>I.A.No.34 of 2020 and I.A.No.1 of 2021 In O.P.No.30 of 2016 dt. 06-08-2021</p>	<p>M/s. Siflon Drugs Vs. APTRANSCO and another</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Regulation 55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 for violating and dis-obeying the orders passed by the Commission</p>

		<p>dt.31-03-2018 in OP No.30 of 2016.</p> <p>I.A.No.1 of 2021 filed by Respondent No.2/APSPDCL under Clause 55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 r/w. Section 152 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 seeking amendment/modification of the order dated 31-03-2018 in O.P.No.30 of 2016.</p>
21	<p>IA No.19 of 2019 in OP No.35 of 2019 dt. 09-08-2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Vayu Urja Bharat Private Limited Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003, inter alia, seeking specific directions to the Respondent for non-compliance of the directions issued by this Commission in the final order dated 31.08.2019 in O.P. No. 35 of 2019 in letter and spirit; and consequently, seeking issuance of directions ensuring compliance of the unequivocal directions set out in Judgement dated 31.08.2019.</p>
22	<p>I.A.No.1 of 2021 in O.P.No.37 of 2020 dt. 11-08-2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Indian Railways Vs. Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Ltd and Ors.</p> <p>This application is filed by Respondent No.1/APTRANSCO under Clause 55 r/w 59 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation No. 2 of 1999 for extension of time in OP No. 37 of 2020.</p>
23	<p>O.P.No.80 of 2021 dt. 18-08-2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Aquawave Biotech Pvt. Ltd Vs. APCPDCL and Others</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec.129, 142 & 143 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking a direction to set aside the Notice vide Lr.No.SE /O/ GNT/SAO/JAO/HT/A1/D.No.612/21, dated 30-04-2021 issued by the 2nd respondent demanding the petitioner to pay the consumption charges of Rs.66,16,897/- (Rupees sixty six lakhs sixteen thousand eight hundred and ninety seven only) and the consequential Memo No. SE/O/GNT/SAO/JAO/HT/A1/ D.No. 790/21, dated 10-0-2021 issued by the 2nd respondent for disconnection of service No.HT SC No.GNT3787, being illegal, arbitrary and not in consonance with the order passed by this Commission in OP No.24 of 2016 dated 17-03-2018.</p>

24	<p>O.P.No.82 of 2021 dt. 25-08-2021</p> <p>The above order dated 25-8-2021 was amended subsequently by order dated 27-10-202, which was uploaded on the website.</p>	<p>M/s. Bharathi Cement Corporation Pvt. Ltd. Vs. APSLDC</p> <p>Petition filed U/sec 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 R/w Clause 9 of the APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy / Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2017 seeking to clarify and/or exempt the petitioner company from the Renewable Power Purchase Obligation(RPPO) and that the energy consumed from its 7 MW WHRS plant through co-generation process is to be considered for setting off, the petitioner's RPPO requirement qua its consumption from other conventional sources, under the Regulation No. 1 of 2017, in view of the consumption of power from its co-generation WHRS unit through waste heat received from flue gases and to pass any such other order/s as this Commission may deem just and equitable in favour of the Petitioner.</p>
25	<p>IA No. 1 of 2021 in O.P.No.27 of 2021 dt. 25-08-2021</p>	<p>M/s. Mayura Steels Pvt. Ltd Vs. APTRANSCO and another</p> <p>Petition filed U/sec 86 (1)(a), 86(1)(b) and 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of the generic tariff at Rs. 3.43/- per unit for sale of wind power to the AP DISCOMs for PPA dated 22-04-2010 in the State of AP after expiry of the ten year period in terms of the Order dated 01-05-2009 passed by this Commission in OP.Nos. 6 & 7 of 2009.</p>
26	<p>OP. Nos. 34 and 41 of 2020 - True up of Distribution Business for the 3rd control period. dt. 27-08-2021</p>	<p>APSPDCL and APEPDCL</p> <p>O.P. No. 34 of 2020 - "Petition filed by APSPDCL seeking Determination of the True up for distribution business for 3rd control period (FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19) under Clause 19, Page 11 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation No. 4 of 2005.</p> <p>O.P. No. 41 of 2020 - Petition filed by APEPDCL seeking determination of the True up for distribution business for 3rd control period (FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19) under Clause 19, page-14 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity)' Regulation No. 4 of 2005.</p>

	OP.Nos.1 to 13 of 2021 batch dt. 08-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Sri. Puchakayala Chenna Reddy Vs. Collector & District Magistrate, Machilipatnam and anr</p> <p>These petitions are filed under Section 142 & 146 of Electricity Act, 2003 and AP Works of Licensee Rules 2007 r/w Rules 3(5) 13(1), 13(2) against the respondents for issuing compensation proceedings.</p>
28	OP No.45 of 2020 dt. 15-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Steel Exchange India Limited Vs. APSLDC</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(e) of The Electricity Act, 2003 R/w Clause 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewal Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2017 seeking to clarify and/or exempt the petitioner company from the Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO) and that the energy consumed from WHRS and from burning of dolochar in CFBC boiler through co-generation process is to be considered for setting off the petitioner's RPO requirement qua its consumption from other conventional sources under the APERC Regulation No.1 of 2017 in view of the consumption of power from co-generation WHRS units through waste heat received from flue gases and from burning of dolochar arising as a waste byproduct in DRI Kilns through CFBC boiler.</p>
29	Revision Petition No.1 of 2020 and Revision Petition Nos. 1 to 3 of 2021 dt. 21-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">R. Ramamurty Naidu, Vs. The District Collector & District Magistrate, SPS Nellore District and Others</p> <p>These Revision Petitions are filed under Section 13(2) of the A.P. Works of Licensees Rules 2007 against the respective orders of the District Collectors of Nellore, Krishna and West Godavari Districts awarding compensation to the land owners/farmers in respect of erection of certain towers and laying of transmission lines by the A.P. Transco.</p>

30	IA No.1 of 2021 in O.P.No.28 of 2019 dt. 22-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Bharat Wind Farm Ltd Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Application under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 as amended, on behalf of petitioner, seeking appropriate order against the respondent for non-compliance of the order dated 11-09-2019 passed by this Commission in OP.No. 28 of 2019.</p>
31	IA No. 1 of 2021 in O.P.No.21 of 2019 dt. 22-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. RCI Power Ltd Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Application under Section 142 of the EAct, 2003 read with Regulation 55 of the APERC (CONduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 as amended on behalf of petitioner seeking appropriate order against the respondent for non-compliance of the order dated 11-09-2019 passed by this Commission in OP.No. 21 of 2019.</p>
32	OP No.37 of 2019 dt. 22-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Ch. Chandramouli &another Vs. A.Md. Imtiaz, I.A.S, Collector & District Magistrate, Krishna District & Ors</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 142 & 146 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Rule 3 (5) & 13 (1) 13 (2) of AP Works of Licensee Rules 2007) seeking to punish the respondent for violation of order dated 30-06-2018 in OP.No.51 of 2017.</p>
33	OP No.36 of 2020 dt. 24-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited Vs. APTRANSCO & 2 Others</p> <p>This Petition is filed under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act 2003 r/w. Clauses 9 and 10 of the APERC (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations 2017 and Clause 57 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999 seeking exercise of power to issue directions to remove difficulty in implementation of the RPO Regulations in respect of capping of Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO) and for a direction that the RPPO targets notified by this Commission for the captive power plants for FY 2015-16 (5%) would be applicable to the petitioner for all the subsequent years till such time there is capacity addition by the petitioner.</p>

34	OP No.81 of 2021 dt. 29-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s.GMR Energy Trading Ltd., Vs. APPCC & 2 Others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking a direction against the respondents for payment of the agreed tariff to the Petitioner (Solar Power Developer) as per the Power Purchase Agreement dated 04.12.2014 with the Respondents and unilaterally paying an unviable tariff of Rs.2.44/kWh as against the escalated tariff of Rs.6.356/kWh as on 05.12.2020.</p>
35	OP No.40 of 2021 dt. 29-09-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s.Compucom Software Ltd., Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Petition under Section 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking direction to the Respondent for releasing payment against the outstanding monthly invoices towards sale of wind energy along with interest/delayed payment surcharge on such delayed payments as per Articles 2.2 and 5.2 of the petitioner's PPA dated 22-04-2010.</p>
36	IA No. 1 of 2021 in OP No. 52 of 2021 and Batch dt. 06-10-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Vikram Traders and ors Vs. APTRANSCO and anr</p> <p>This Petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents for payment of generic tariff at Rs. 3.43/- per unit for sale of wind power to them (the AP DISCOMs), as per PPA dated 18-03-2010 in the State of AP, pending disposal of the main OPs.</p>
37	The Commission decided to take up suo-motu revision of its order dated: 27-08-2021 in OP Nos. 34 and 41 of 2020 - with corrigendum dt. 08-10-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">APSPDCL and APEPDCL</p> <p>To recall order dt. 27-08-2021 passed in OP No. 34 and 41 of 2020 (Order recalled)</p>
38	Common Order passed in O.P.No.83 of 2021 and O.P.No.84 of 2021 dt. 15-12-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">Blyth Wind Park Private Limited Vs. APPCC and Others Vs. Atria Wind Power Private Limited Vs. APPCC & Others</p> <p>Petitions filed U/Sec 86(I)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adjudication of the dispute arising from the action of the Andhra Pradesh Power Coordination Committee and Southern Power Distribution</p>

		Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited in delaying the processing of and consequently withholding payment for unutilised banked energy in respect of the Petitioners' wind power projects for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in contravention of the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Interim Balancing and Settlement Code) Regulations, 2006 and the amendments thereto.
39	Order passed in O.P.No.65 of 2019 dt. 20-12-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. TGV SRAAC Limited Vs. APTRANSCO Others</p> <p>Petition under Section 86 (l)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adjudication of the disputes between the parties in respect of giving credit of about 73,68,6101 units of Wind power generated and evacuated into Grid between April, 2016 to July, 2019 in the energy bills of the petitioner.</p>
40	Order passed in Review Petition No.5 of 2021 In O.P.No.73 of 2019 dt. 22-12-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">APSPDCL Vs. M/s. Aditya Birla Renewables SPV1 Ltd and others</p> <p>Review petition filed under section 94 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w clause 49 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations,1999 to review the order dated 26-07-2021 passed in O.P.No.73 of 2019.</p>
41.	Common Order passed in O.P Nos. 69, 71 and 79 of 2021 and O.P.Nos. 68, 72 and 73 of 2021 dt. 31-12-2021	<p style="text-align: center;">APDISCOMs</p> <p>The DISCOMs - APCPDCL, APEPDCL and APSPDCL - filed these petitions on 19.04.2021, 19.04.2021 and 15.04.2021 respectively requesting the Commission to make suitable amendments to clause 8(4) of the Regulation 4 of 2013 to enable them to recoup the distribution transformer cost and erection arrangements from all the prospective LT consumers, except agricultural consumers, whenever dedicated distribution transformer is erected.</p>
42	Order passed in RP No.06 of 2021 in OP No. 37 of 2020 dt. 05-01-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">APTRANSCO and Others Vs. Indian Railways</p> <p>Review Petition filed under section 94 of the Electricity Act read with Clause 49 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 to review the order dated 23-12-2020 in O.P.No.37 of 2020 for deleting the words "Deemed Distribution Licensee".</p>

43	Order passed in O.P.No. 77 of 2021 dt. 05-01-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">ITC Vs. APSLDC & APSPDCL</p> <p>Petition filed u/s 86 (1) (f), 86 (1) (h), 86 (1) (e), 86 (1) (k), 32, 33 of the Electricity Act, 2003, r/w. Clause 8 of the APERC Regulation No. 4 of 2017 and the inherent Regulatory Power and Jurisdiction of the Commission under the Electricity Act and the Regulations thereunder, to set aside the Demand Notice issued by the 2nd Respondent-Distribution Licensee for Deviation Charges by Letter No. SE/O/ATP/SAO/JAO HT/D.No. 728/2021 dated 23.03.2021 as being void and nonest in law being without jurisdiction and lawful authority and for consequential directions.</p>
44	Order passed in O.P.No.30 of 2020 dt. 02-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Tadas Wind Energy Private Limited Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(b), Section 86(1)(e) and Section 86 (1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to direct the Respondent APSPDCL for immediate strict compliance of the provisions of the various Power Purchase Agreements entered into between the parties and release of the amount due to it.</p>
45	Order passed in O.P.No.15 of 2020 dt. 02-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Vish Wind Infrastructure LLP Vs. APTRANSCO and Others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 86 (1)(b), 86(1)(e) and 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, for specific performance of the Power Purchase Agreements dated 29-05-2010 and for a direction against the Respondents for the payments of the outstanding amounts.</p>
46	Order passed in O.P.Nos.87 and 88 of 2021 dt. 02-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. NSL Sugar (Tungabhadra) Ltd Vs. APPCC and Others,</p> <p>These two Petitions are filed u/s 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Regulation 55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 to punish the Respondents 1 to 4 for not complying the orders/directions issued in the Common Order dated 30.03.2019 passed by this Commission in O.P. Nos. 33 and 34 of 2017.</p>

47	Order passed in O.P.No.14 of 2020 dt. 02-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Vish Wind Infrastructure LLP Vs. APTRANSCO and Others</p> <p>Petition filed under Section 86(1)(b), 86(1)(e) and 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, for specific performance of the Power Purchase Agreements dated 29-05-2010 and for a direction against the Respondents for the payments of the outstanding amounts.</p>
48	Order passed in O.P.No.90 of 2021 dt. 16-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Mytrah Vayu (Krishna) Pvt. Ltd Vs. APSPDCL</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking appropriate directions(s)/order(s) from this Commission against the Respondent-APSPDCL in relation to the issues regarding the delay in execution of minor amendments directed by this Commission to the Power Purchase Agreement dated 12.02.2014, which is severely prejudicing the rights and interests of the Petitioner.</p>
49	Order passed in O.P.No.75 of 2021 dt. 16-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. M.G.M. Springs Private Ltd., Vs. APTRANSCO and another</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(b), 86(1)(e) and 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for specific performance of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 05-06-2012 and for a direction against the respondents for the payments of the outstanding amounts</p>
50	Order passed in O.P.No.74 of 2021 dt. 16-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. G Shoe Export Vs. APTRANSCO and another</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(b), 86(1)(e) and 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for specific performance of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 05-06-2012 and for a direction against the respondents for the payments of the outstanding amounts</p>

51	Order passed in O.P.No.78 of 2021 dt. 25-02-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Blyth Wind Park Pvt. Ltd Vs. A.P. TRANSCO, and Others</p> <p>Petition filed U/Sec 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking adjudication of the dispute arising from the action of Respondent No.1/APTRANSCO in directing the Petitioner to pay (Inter-Discom) transmission charges and transmission losses in kind for 17.2MW capacity for the period 01.04.2020 to 06.11.2020 in contravention of the terms of the Long Term Open Access Amendment Agreement dated 06.11.2020 and Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation No.2 of 2005) and the Amendments thereto.</p>
52	Order passed in OP.No. 92 of 2021 dt. 23-03-2022	<p style="text-align: center;">M/s. Sree Venkata Sreedevi Power LLP Vs. APSPDCL and another</p> <p>Petition under Section 86(1)(l) read with Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, Regulation 8 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations,1999 as amended, from time to time, read with Article 5.2 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated.16.02.2002 and Amendment Agreements dated.18.10.2003 and 25.05.2019, seeking a direction to the APSPDCL and the APPCC for releasing payment against the outstanding interest on delayed payment of invoices towards sale of biomass energy as per the PPA.</p>

CHAPTER-V

CONSUMER ADVOCACY & RIGHT TO INFORMATION

5.1 Consumer Advocacy:

5.1.1 As already mentioned, the APERC Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum, Vidyut Ombudsman and Consumer Assistance Regulation, 2016 [Regulation No.3 of 2016] came into force during FY 2015-16. In the discharge of its obligation to protect and to promote the interest of the consumers, the Commission continues to be guided by the APERC (Consumer's Right to Information) Regulations, 2000 [Regulation No.7 of 2000], the APERC (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 [Regulation No. 7 of 2004] and other regulations concerned as amended from time to time.

5.2 Standards of Performance (SoP) of Discoms:

5.2.1 APERC (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 as amended from time to time contains provisions relating to (a) guaranteed SoP, being the minimum standards of service that a distribution licensee shall achieve to individual consumers; (b) overall Service Standards which the licensee shall seek to achieve in the discharge of obligation as a Licensee; and (c) compensation payable and manner of payment of compensation to consumers for non-compliance of the Standards in terms of provisions of Section 57 of the Act, 2003.

5.2.2 The following are the details of the Citizen Charter / Guaranteed SoP and Compensation payable by Discoms in case of violation.

Sl. No.	Service Area	Time Standard	Compensation payable in case of violation of Standard	
			To individual consumer if the event affects a single consumer	To individual consumer if the event affects more than one consumer
1	Normal Fuse-off			
i	Cities and towns	Within 4 working hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 12 working hours		
2	Overhead Line/cable breakdowns			
i	Cities and towns	Within 6 hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 24 hours		

3	Underground cable breakdowns			
i	Cities and towns	Within 12 hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 48 hours		
4	Distribution Transformer failure			
i	Cities and towns	Within 24 hours	Rs.200 in each case of affected	Rs.100 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 48 hours		
5	Period of Scheduled Outage			
i	Maximum duration in a single stretch	Not to exceed 12 hours	Rs.200 in each case of default	Rs.100 to each consumer affected
ii	Restoration of supply	By not later than 6 PM		
6	Voltage fluctuations			
i	No expansion/ enhancement of network involved	Within 10 days	Rs.100 for each day of default	Rs.50 to each Consumer affected for each day of default
ii	Up-gradation of distribution system required	Within 120 days	Rs.200 for each day of default	Rs.100 to each Consumer affected for each day of default
iii	Erection of Substation	Within the time period as approved by the Commission	Rs.500 for each day of default	Rs.250 to each Consumer affected for each day of default
7	Meter complaints			
i	Inspection and replacement of slow, fast/creeping, stuck-up meters	Inspection within 7 days in towns and cities and within 15 days in rural areas and replacement within 15 days thereafter.	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Replace burnt meters if cause attributable to Licensee	Within 7 days		
iii	Replace burnt meters if cause attributable to consumer	Within 7 days of receiving payment from consumer		
8	Processing of application & intimation of relevant charges payable for new connection/sanction of additional load/Demand			
i	All cases – If Connection feasible from existing network for release of supply	Within 3 working days of receipt of application	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	If Network expansion/enhancement required to release supply			
a	Release of supply - Low Tension	Within 7 days of receipt of application	Rs.1000 for each day of default	Not Applicable
b	Release of Supply - High Tension 11 kV	Within 15 days of receipt of application	Rs.500 for each day of default	Not Applicable
c	Release of Supply - High Tension 33 kV	Within 30 days of receipt of application		

d	Release of Supply - Extra High Tension	Within 45 days of receipt of application		
9	Release of new connection/additional load upon payment of all charges			
i	All cases – If Connection feasible from existing network for release of supply	Within 30 days of receipt of application (along-with prescribed charges)	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Network expansion/enhancement required to release supply			
a	Release of supply - Low Tension	Within 30 days of receipt of prescribed charges	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
b	Release of Supply - High Tension 11 kV	Within 60 days of receipt of prescribed charges	Rs.500 for each day of default	
c	Release of Supply - High Tension 33 kV	Within 90 days of receipt of prescribed charges		
d	Release of Supply - Extra High Tension	Within 180 days of receipt of prescribed charges		
e	Erection of substation required for release of supply	Within the time period approved by the Commission	Rs.1000 for each day of default	
10	Transfer of ownership and conversion of services			
i	Title transfer of ownership	Within 7 days along-with necessary documents and prescribed fee, if any	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Change of category	Within 7 days along-with necessary documents and prescribed fee, if any		
iii	Conversion from LT 1-ph to LT 3-ph and vice-versa	Within 30 days of payment of charges by the consumer		
iv	Conversion from LT to HT and vice-versa	Within 60 days of payment of charges by the consumer	Rs.200 for each day of default	
11	Resolution of complaints on consumer's bill			
i	If no additional information is required	Within 24 working hours of receipt of complaint	Rs.50 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	If additional information is required	Within 7 working days of receipt of complaint		
12	Reconnection of supply following disconnection due to non-payment of bills			
i	Cities and Towns	Within 4 working hours of production of proof of payment by consumer	Rs.100 in each case of default	Not Applicable

ii	Rural Areas	Within 12 working hours of production of proof of payment by consumer		
13	Wrongful disconnection of Service Connection/levy of reconnection charges without disconnection			
i	Wrongful disconnection of service connection even after payment of electricity charges due		Rs.100 in each case of default	Not Applicable
ii	Levy of reconnection charges without actual physical disconnection			

5.3 The Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances:

5.3.1 Each Forum shall consist of four Members, including the Chairperson of the Forum. The DISCOM appoints the Chairperson and two Members of its Forum on a full-time basis and the Commission nominates one independent Member who is familiar with consumer affairs.

5.3.2 **CGRF / APSPDCL:** Sri A. Jagadeesh Chandra Rao Retd., District Judge as Chairperson, Sri R.M.M. Baig as Member (Finance) from 04-12-2020 to 05-04-2021, Sri K.S.R.Dharma Gnani as the Member (Finance) from 06-04-2021 to 27-10-2021, Sri K. Rama Mohan Rao, Member (Finance) from 28-10-2021 onwards, Sri Y. Sanjay Kumar, Member (Technical) from 05-02-2021 to 14-04-2021, Sri S.L. Anjani Kumar, Member (Technical) from 15-04-2021 onwards and Sri Dr R. Surendra Kumar, Independent Member from 15-09-2016.

5.3.3 **CGRF / APEPDCL:** Sri D. Dharma Rao, Chairperson from 01-04-2021 onwards, Sri S.Hari Babu, Member (Finance) from 06-04-2021 to 31-03-2022, Sri P. Prabhakara Rao, Member (Technical) from 01-04-2021 to 31-08-2021, Sri R.John Babu, Member (Technical) from 06-09-2021 to 31-03-2022 and Sri P. Balaji Prasad, Member (Independent) from 01-04-2016 to 31-03-2022.

5.3.4 **CGRF / APCPDCL:** It was established on 01-07-2021 and before that all the cases of CGRF/APCPDCL were handled by CGRF/ APSPDCL until 30-06-2021. Sri N. Victor Immanuel, Chairperson from 01-11-2020 onwards, Sri M. Satyanarayana, Member (Finance) from 26-07-2021 onwards, Sri K. Venkata Krishna, Member (Technical) from 20-12-201 onwards and Smt. A. Sunitha, Independent Member from 06-01-2021 onwards.

5.3.5 Review of Quarterly & Annual Returns of CGRFs: Consumer Grievances Redressal Forums established by APEPDCL, APSPDCL and APCPDCL continued to function and the Commission reviewed the details like number/nature of grievances reported in the Quarterly returns & Annual returns furnished by them. The details of the grievances attended to by the CGRFs during FY 2021-22 are shown below:

Sl.No.	Subject	CGRF / APEPDCL	CGRF / APSPDCL	CGRF / APCPDCL
1	No. of grievances outstanding as on of 31-03-2021	47	17	0
2	No. of grievances received during the year 2021-22	204	99	77
3	No. of grievances disposed of during the year 2021-22	223	100	59
4	No. of grievances pending of 31-03-2022	28	16	18
5	No. of grievances pending which are older than two months	9	2	12
6	No. of sittings of CGRFs during the year 2021-22	58	63	83
7	No. of cases in which compensation is awarded in the year 2021-22	4	1	0
8	Total amount of compensation awarded in the year 2021-22	Rs.16,500.00	38,400.00	0.00

5.4 Vidyut Ombudsman:

5.4.1 Sri N.Basavaiah, District Judge (Retd.) continues to function as the Vidyut Ombudsman for the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Vidyut Ombudsman is assisted by the Secretary and other supporting staff in the discharge of his duties.

5.4.2 Any Complainant, if aggrieved by the non-redressal of the grievance by the Forum, may make a representation to the Vidyut Ombudsman within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the decision of the Forum or from the date of the expiry of the period within which the Forum is required to take a decision and communicate the same to the Complainant. However, the Vidyut Ombudsman may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the thirty (30) days period, if it is satisfied that there is sufficient cause for not filing it within that period.

5.4.3 The Vidyut Ombudsman shall decide the representation finally within three (3) months from the date of the receipt of the representation of the Complainant and in the event the representation is not decided within three months, the Vidyut Ombudsman shall record the reasons thereof, including the cost to be paid by the

licensee in case the reasons for the delay are attributable to the licensee. In case the delay are for reasons attributable to the Complainant, the Vidyut Ombudsman may reject the representation. Further, the Vidyut Ombudsman may pass such interim orders as the Vidyut Ombudsman may consider appropriate pending final decision on the representation.

5.4.4 During the FY 2021-22, the Commission reviewed the details like the number of grievances reported in the Quarterly returns furnished by the Vidyut Ombudsman. The details of the grievances attended to by the Vidyut Ombudsman for the FY 2021-22 are as shown below:

No. of representations outstanding at the close of the previous year 2020-21	0
No. of representations received during the year 2021-22	49
No. of representations disposed of during the year 2021-22	49
No. of representations pending as of 31-03-2022	0
No. of representations pending as of 31-03-2021 which are older than two months	0
No. of sittings of Ombudsman during the year 2021-22	44

5.5 Consumer Assistance Cell in the Commission:

The Consumer Assistance cell of the Commission guides and helps the consumers who approach the Commission for guidance on the redressal of their grievances pertaining to consumer service. The written representations received from the Consumers were sent to the respective DISCOMs / CGRFs according to the stage of the handling of the complaint. Also, assists the Commission in the conduct of Public Hearings by compiling and summarizing both the written and oral suggestions/ comments of the stakeholders and the corresponding responses from the respective Licensees during the public hearings.

5.6 Consumer Participation in Regulatory Decision:

5.6.1 Consumer participation in the Electricity Regulatory process is necessary and important to ensure transparency and accountability of the process. The Act 2003 requires the Commission to consult consumers on important policy and regulatory matters before arriving at any decision.

5.6.2 Regulatory matters were brought into the public domain through the publication of Public Notices in daily newspapers, issuing Press Releases and also by placing the matter on the website of the Commission seeking suggestions/comments from interested persons and stakeholders.

5.6.3 **Public Hearings:** In the discharge of its functions, the Commission conducted public hearings through video conference by sitting along with all CMDs and other officers of the Licensees at Conference Hall, Visakhapatnam from **24-01-2022, 25-01-2022 and 27-01-2022** as published in the public notices and as informed to the licensees and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, to have the widest consultations possible and the benefit of maximum inputs in finalizing the tariff for the retail sale of electricity by APDISCOMs including CSS for various consumer categories for FY 2022-23.

5.7 Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005:

5.7.1 The Commission designated the Secretary (i/c) as the Appellate Authority for the entire period, and the Deputy Director (P&A) as State Public Information Officer up to 20-02-2022 and thereafter the Commission designated the Senior Consultant (Law) as the State Public Information Officer, for the purposes of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5.7.2 As per the various provisions of the RTI Act, the information sought was provided to the applicants and quarterly & annual reports were sent to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, in its Energy, I&I Department.

CHAPTER-VI

ACCOUNTS & AUDIT

6.1 Grants-in-Aid:

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission is funded by the budgetary provisions of the State Government by way of Grants-in-Aid. During the current financial year the Commission has received Rs.3,02,90,250/- from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and is being operated through a nationalized bank account.

6.2 Capital Expenditure:

No grant was, however, received from the State Government towards capital expenditure during the current financial year. The assets of the Commission have been created from the APERC Fund Account.

6.3 Collection of annual fees from Licensees and for grant of exemptions:

The Commission has received an amount of Rs.8,75,69,240/- during the year towards Licence fee from Transmission Licensee (APTransco), the three (3) Distribution Licensees (APEPDCL, APSPDCL and APCPDCL).

6.4 Books of Account and Other Records:

The Commission is maintaining proper books of accounts and other relevant records as required u/s 104(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

6.5 Financial Statements:

The Commission prepared the following financial statements in accordance with the Section 104 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

- i) Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31-03-2022.
- ii) Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31-03-2022.
- iii) Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2022.

6.6 Audit of Accounts:

The Comptroller & Auditor General of India has been auditing financial statements of the Commission in accordance with section 104(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Separate Audit Report containing the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment received vide letter No. PAGAUAP/TSC(ABs)/APER/C/SAR FY22/2022-23/25 dt.17-01-2023 of the Sr. Deputy Accountant General/AMG-II is furnished hereunder:

SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT OF COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA ON THE ACCOUNTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (APERC) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2022

1. We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (*the Commission*) as on 31 March 2022, the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 104(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. Preparation of these financial statements is the responsibility of the Commission. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.
2. This Separate Audit Report (SAR) contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety and Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports / CAG's Audit Reports separately.
3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Commission, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
4. Based on preliminary observations made by us, the accounts of the Commission have been revised. Due to revision of the accounts, Liabilities and Assets increased by Rs.1.24 lakh each and Excess of Income over Expenditure increased by Rs.1.24 lakh.
5. Based on our Audit, we report that:
 - i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
 - ii) The Balance sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the common format prescribed by the Committee of Experts formed by the Union Ministry of Finance.
 - iii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been

maintained by the Commission as required under section 104(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.

vi) We further report that:

Comments on Accounts:

A. Income and Expenditure

Accounts Expenditure

Establishment Expenses (Schedule-9): Rs.714.75 lakh

1. As per the Notes and instructions for compilation of accounts prescribed in the Uniform Format of Accounts, Prior period and Extraordinary Items shall be separately disclosed so that the effect thereof on the net Expenditure for the year is known. Though the Commission recognized Rs.2884.09 lakh provision towards 'Employee's Retirement and Terminal Benefits' as shown in Schedule-2 (Provisions), the same was adjusted directly with APERC Fund (Schedule-1) deviating from the prescribed Format of Accounts instead of accounting through 'Income and Expenditure Account'. Thus, adjustment of the provision directly with 'APERC Fund' resulted in understatement of Establishment Expenses (Prior period items) by Rs.2135.02 lakh with consequent understatement of Deficit by Rs.1347.51 lakh (net impact after adjusting Rs.787.51 lakh of Surplus) for the year

Income

Fees (Schedule-6): Rs.968.17 lakh

Penalty for delay payments: Rs.18.20 lakh

2. As per APERC (Fees) Regulation 11 of 2013 issued (21 August 2013) on levy of fees for various services rendered by the Commission, the Annual License fees by the Licensees are payable within 15 days of commencement of a financial year and any delay shall attract a penalty of 1.5 *percent* per month or part thereof. However, Rs.3.13 lakh recoverable from the licensees (APTRANSCO, APEPDCL, APSPDCL and APCPDCL) for the year 2021-22 was not accounted for during the year. This omission resulted in understatement of Income and Other Current Assets (Penalty for delayed payments) by Rs.3.13 lakh each with consequent understatement of Excess of Income over Expenditure to that extent.

B. General Observations

3. As per actuarial valuation for the year ended 31st March 2022, the following basic assumptions regarding discount rate and Salary growth rates were adopted:

Retirement benefit	Discount Rate	Salary Growth rate
Encashment of Earned Leave	6.95%	7.0%
Gratuity	6.95%	7.0%
Pension benefits	7.40%	7.0%

The Commission should have disclosed all relevant information about the basic assumptions adopted in actuarial valuation. However, the above basic assumptions were not disclosed in the Notes to Financial statements.

4. The Commission revised the financial statements for the year 2021-22 based on CAG Audit and made certain changes in the financial statements. However, the fact of revision, reasons and impact were not disclosed in the Financial Statements.

C. Effect of Audit Comments

The net impact of the audit comments for the year 2021-22 is understatement of Income and Assets by Rs.3.13 lakh each.

D. Grants-in-Aid

The Commission received total grants amounting to Rs.302.90 lakh during the year towards Grants-in-Aid from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and utilized the entire amount.

v). Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that Balance Sheet and income and Expenditure Account / Receipts & Payments Account delta with by this report are in agreement with books of accounts.

vi). In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations to the extent given to us the said Financial Statements, read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Separate Audit Report, give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- a) In so far it relates to the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission as at 31 March 2022; and
- b) In so far it relates to Income and Expenditure Account, of Surplus for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**For and on the behalf of the
Comptroller & Auditor General of India**

**Sd/-
(INDU AGRAWAL)
Principal Accountant General (Audit)**

Date: 17.01.2023
Place: Vijayawada

Annexure to Separate Audit Report on the accounts of APERC for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System:

The Commission does not have an Internal Audit System.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System:

The Internal Control System needs to be strengthened in the light of audit observations issued during audit of accounts and absence of internal audit system.

3. System of physical verification of fixed assets:

Physical verification of fixed assets was conducted for the year 2021-22.

4. Regularity in payment of statutory dues:

As per the information available, the Commission was regular in remittance of statutory dues applicable to it.

Sd/-

Sr. Deputy Accountant General/AMG- II

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2022

LIABILITIES	Schedule	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
APERC Fund	1	324789821	459540970
Current Liabilities and Provisions	2	297992153	103309856
Total		622781974	562850826
ASSETS			
Fixed assets	3	3713193	4387289
Current Assets, Loans and Advances	4	619068781	558463537
Total		622781974	562850826

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2022

INCOME	Schedule	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
Grants	5	30290250	37407000
Fees	6	96941519	94034054
Interest Earned	7	42152497	14192600
Other Income	8	147288	1147708
TOTAL (A)		169531554	146781362
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	9	71722454	55824547
Other Administrative Expenses	10	17118915	15977968
Depreciation	3	1937259	1548833
Loss on sale of asset		1704	
TOTAL (B)		90780332	73351348
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure			
(A-B) Transfer to APERC Fund		78751222	73430014

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Schedule - 1		
APERC Fund	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
Balance at the beginning of the year	459540970	386018556
Less : Transferred to Provision for Retirement benefits	213502371	
Add : Recovery of Family Planning Increment		92400
Add : Balance of Net Income transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	78751222	73430014
Balance as at 31-03-2022	324789821	459540970

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Schedule - 2		
Current Liabilities & Provisions	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
A) Current Liabilities		
1. Statutory Liabilities		
a) Overdue		
b) Others	39255	44255
2. Other Current Liabilities		
TSERC	85864	85864
APTS	170844	170844
AP Discoms	242628	242628
Salaries	1325928	227909
Office Expenses	862876	1864191
Wages	383866	354627
Banker Charges	1298	1298
LSC/PC payable to lending departments	5961588	4787573
LSC/PC received in advance		147288
Total (A)	9074147	7926477
B) Provisions		
1. Retirement Benefits	288408806	94865329
2. Others		
Audit Fee	509200	518050
Total (B)	288918006	95383379
Total (A + B)	297992153	103309856

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Schedule - 3											
Fixed Assets											
Description	Gross Block				Depreciation					Net Block	
	Original Cost/ Valuation as at beginning of the year 01-04-2021	Additions during the year	Deductions during the year	Cost/Valuation at the year end 31-03-2022	As on 01-04-2021	For the year 2021-22				As at the current year end 31-03-2022	As at the previous year end 31-03-2021
						Existing Stock as on 01-04-2021	On additions during the year	On deduction s during the year	Total up to the year end 31-03-2022		
Cars	2269122			2269122	954897	680737			1635634	633488	1314225
Furniture	2041059			2041059	1470608	123949			1594557	446502	570451
Furniture (Annexure -I)	133099	100764		233863	67778	56781	29143		153702	80161	65321
Furniture (Annexure - II)	815511	445110		1260621	113305	105333	61649		280287	980334	702206
Computers	2997779	301275		3299054	2245742	395342	74196		2715280	583774	752037
Air-Conditioners	979968			979968	459326	88982			548308	431660	520642
Digital Franking machine	123050	135000	123050	135000	94570	6776	6065	101346	6065	128935	28480
Water cooler	29550			29550	24556	2955			27511	2039	4994
Ceiling Fans	32573			32573	31349	1224			32573	0	1224
EPABX	247052			247052	180658	24705			205363	41689	66394
10Kv UPS	579440			579440	376951	99540			476491	102949	202489
Televisions	80800			80800	64832	8080			72912	7888	15968
Cell Phones	156900			156900	102193	43760			145953	10947	54707
Video Collaboration	125000	279130		404130	36849	50000	73415		160264	243866	88151
Bluetooth Speaker		23588		23588	0		4627		4627	18961	0
Public Address System (2008-09)	187965			187965	187965				187965	0	0
Wooden Partition (2008-09)	684968			684968	684968				684968	0	0
MS & Ceiling Mount Kit (2009-10)	45795			45795	45795				45795	0	0
Infrastructure (2009-10)	7862917			7862917	7862917				7862917	0	0
100 Mbps Switches (2009-10)	89000			89000	89000				89000	0	0
Software	2050680			2050680	2050680				2050680	0	0
Servers	174271			174271	174271				174271	0	0
Court Hall Furniture	309630			309630	309630				309630	0	0
Stabilizers	14000			14000	14000				14000	0	0
Brother Laser Printer	9000			9000	9000				9000	0	0
Software (Tally)	54000			54000	54000				54000	0	0
Audio system	936507			936507	936507				936507	0	0
Dell Server	537847			537847	537847				537847	0	0
Projector	95100			95100	95100				95100	0	0
Water Dispenser	7000			7000	7000				7000	0	0
Total	23669583	1284867	123050	24831400	19282294	1688164	249095	101346	21118207	3713193	4387289

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Schedule - 4			
Sl. No.	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
A	Current Assets		
1	Cash Balance in hand	10000	10000
	Cash Balance in hand (V.O's Office)	3654	
2	Bank Balances		
	With Scheduled Banks		
	On Current Accounts		
	State Bank of India	231064	105809
	Andhra Bank	100992	100934
	On Deposit Accounts		
	State Bank of India	580927544	520352268
	Andhra Bank	335000	527000
3	Other Current Assets		
	Fee for filing Petitions	210000	45000
	Penalty for delayed payments	1820464	
	Interest on Term Deposits	47123	122978
	Other Receipts	123520	
	Receivable from former Chairman and Members	375990	375990
	Total - A	584185351	521639979
B	Loans, Advances and other Assets		
1	Loans		
	Staff	385700	490100
2	Advances		
	Security Deposit with BSNL	26000	26000
	Tour Advance	20845	
	Prepaid Expenses	229420	87866
3	Accrued Interest on Deposits	34221465	36219592
	Total - B	34883430	36823558
	Total (A+B)	619068781	558463537

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Schedule - 5			
Sl. No.	Grants	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
1	State Government		
	Grants-in-Aid towards Salaries	26540250	37407000
	Other Grants-in-Aid	3750000	
	Total	30290250	37407000

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Schedule - 6			
Sl. No.	Fees	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
1	Annual Licence Fee	87569240	87230100
2	Licence Exemption Fee	30000	
3	Fee for filing petitions	3686460	3506000
4	Others		
	Sale of Tariff Order	22061	18582
	Miscellaneous Receipts	117095	6132
	Discoms (Share of VO's Expenses)	3399000	3273240
	Permanent Advance (VO's Office)	8679	
5	Accrued Fees:		
	Fee for filing petitions	210000	
	Other Receipts	123520	
	Penalty for delayed payments	1820464	
	Less: Previous Year Fee for filing petitions	45000	
	Total	96941519	94034054

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Schedule - 7			
Sl. No.	Interest Earned	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
1	On Term Deposits		
	State Bank of India	44259911	14883143
	Andhra Bank	13691	11727
2	On Loans		
	Employees/Staff		2750
	Total	44273602	14897620
	Add: Accrued Interest on Term Deposits	34221465	36219592
	Less: Previous Year Interest	122978	
	Less: Interest paid to SPDCL		2188879
	Less: Previous Year Accrued Interest on Deposits	36219592	34735733
	Net Interest	42152497	14192600

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Schedule - 8			
Sl. No.	Other Income	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
1	LSC/PC received from borrowing departments	147288	1215934
2	Profit on sale of assets		79062
3	Less: LSC/PC received in advance		147288
	Total	147288	1147708

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Schedule - 9			
Sl. No.	Establishment Expenses	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
1	Salaries & Wages		
	i) Pay & Allowances to Chairman & Members		
	Salaries	9792240	8713835
	Medical Expenses	263193	356759
	Water Charges	7437	10838
	Electricity charges	75773	111854
	Rent free accommdation	1320000	1320000
	Newspaper Charges	11510	10943
	Perquisite Tax	1253240	1217775
	Leave Travel Concession	73869	99420
	ii) Pay and Allowances to Officers and Staff		
	Salaries	36318675	34276406
	Medical Expenses	162224	94591
	Encashment of Earned Leave	1321971	800303
	Wages	4473652	3912219
	Other Allowances	9000	8000
2	Add: Outstanding Expenses		
	Salaries	1325928	227909
	Wages	383866	354627
	LSC/PC payable to lending departments	3914356	4787573
3	Add: Provision for Retirement Benefits	11598056	
4	Less: Previous Year Outstanding Expenses	582536	478505
	Total	71722454	55824547

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Schedule - 10

1	Electricity Charges	853818	630514
2	Water charges	42593	12265
3	Newspaper charges	1614	9341
4	Insurance, Rents and Taxes	5237633	4394940
5	Repairs to Motor Car	21570	6008
6	Petrol, Oil & Lubricants	212001	77366
7	Repairs & Re-modelling of Office	30700	574791
8	Postage, Telephone and Communication charges	358106	218456
9	Printing and Stationery	457510	262590
10	Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	341865	64352
11	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1081517	891679
12	Advertisement Expenses	54835	
13	Hiring charges for Private Vehicles	1942520	1824440
14	Hiring charges for Photocopying machine		17000
15	Payment for Professional & Special Services	3342674	3116116
16	Hospitality Charges		370
17	SAC Expenses	1000	4000
18	Subscription and Membership	571120	603589
19	Banker charges	1298	1298
20	Vidyut Ombudsman's Expenses	3610290	3173449
21	Annual Maintenance Charges		
	Computers	81420	84960
	EPABX	17700	17700
	Miscellaneous Items		15340
22	Add: Provision for Outstanding Expenses		
	Office Expenses	862876	1864191
	Banker Charges	1298	1298
23	Add: Prepaid Expenses (2021-22)	87866	
24	Less: Previous Year Expenses	1865489	1800219
25	Less: Prepaid Expenses (2022-23)	229420	87866
	Total	17118915	15977968

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2022					
RECEIPTS	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21	PAYMENTS	Current Year 2021-22	Previous Year 2020-21
I. Opening Balances			I. Expenses		
a) Cash in hand	10000	10000	a) Establishment Expenses		
b) Bank Balances			i) Pay & Allowances to Chairman & Members		
In Current Accounts			Salaries	9792240	8713835
State Bank of India (including Auto Sweep)	520458077	555326640	Rent Free Accommodation	1320000	1320000
Andhra Bank (including Auto Sweep)	627934	516416	Medical Expenses	263193	356759
II. Grants Received			Water Charges	7437	10838
From State Government	30290250	37407000	Electricity charges	75773	111854
III. Interest Received			Newspaper Charges	11510	10943
a) On Bank deposits			Perquisite Tax	1253240	1217775
State Bank of India	44212788	14760165	Leave Travel Concession	73869	99420
Andhra Bank	13691	11727	ii) Pay and Allowances to Officers and Staff		
b) Loans, Advances etc.		2750	Salaries	36318675	34276406
IV. Other Income			Medical Expenses	162224	94591
Licence Fee	87569240	87230100	Encashment of Earned Leave	1321971	800303
Licence Exemption Fee	30000		Other Allowances	9000	8000
Fee for Filing Petitions	3686460	3461000	LSC/PC	2740341	
Sale of Tariff Order	22061	18582	Wages	4473652	3912219
Miscellaneous Receipts	117095	6132	iii) Pension & Retirement Benefits	31556950	11766610
For Vidyut Ombudsman	3399000	3273240	b) Administrative Expenses		
V. Any other receipts			Electricity Charges	853818	630514
i) Loans & Advances			Water charges	42593	12265
a) Motor Cycle/Car Advance	68400		Newspaper Charges	1614	9341
b) Festival Advance	36000		Insurance, Rents and Taxes	5237633	4394940
c) Educational Advance		3750	Repairs to Motor Car	21570	6008
ii) Recovery of Family Planning Increment		92400	Petrol, Oil & Lubricants	212001	77366
iii) Leave Salary/Pension Contributions		1215934	Repairs & maintenance of Office	30700	574791
iv) Sale of Assets	20000	136600	Postage, Telephone and Communication charges	358106	218456
v) Temporary Advance		111818	Printing and Stationery	457510	262590
vi) Statutory Receipts			Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	341865	64352
Tax Deducted at source		31255	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1081517	891679
vii) Permanent Advance (VO's Office)	8679		Hiring of Private Vehicles	1942520	1824440
			Hiring of Photocopying Charges		17000
			Payment for Professional & Special Services	3342674	3116116
			Hospitality Charges		370
			SAC Expenses	1000	4000
			Advertisement Expenses	54835	

			Subscription and Membership	571120	603589
			Audit Fee	8850	91950
			Banker Charges	1298	1298
			Annual Maintenance Charges		
			Computers	81420	84960
			EPABX	17700	17700
			Miscellaneous Items		15340
			II. Expenditure on Fixed Assets		
			Computers	301275	914509
			Stabilizers/UPS		248850
			Furniture		35400
			Air Conditioners		45000
			Water Coolers		7000
			Miscellaneous Assets	437718	125000
			Furniture Annexure I	100764	39148
			Furniture Annexure II	445110	359738
			III. Other Payments		
			Loans & Advances (Staff)		
			Motor Car/Cycle Advance		13500
			Festival Advance		6000
			Telephone Deposit		1500
			Tour Advance	20845	
			Refund to APSPDCL		101931786
			Vidyut Ombudsman	3610290	3173449
			Salary Deductions	5000	
			IV. Closing Balances		
			a) Cash in hand	13654	10000
			b) Bank Balances		
			In Current Accounts		
			State Bank of India (including Auto Sweep)	581158608	520458077
			Andhra Bank (including Auto Sweep)	435992	627934
Total	690569675	703615509	Total	690569675	703615509

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Schedule - 11 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2021-22

1.	The Accounts of the Commission are prepared on accrual basis except for Stamps, Stationery and other Petty Expenses.
2.	Depreciation on the assets of the Commission (excluding the furnishing articles provided to the residences of the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Commission) is provided at the rates specified in the Income Tax Act,1961 under Straight-line method.
3.	Depreciation on the Furnishing Articles supplied to the residences of the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Commission is provided at 50 per cent on Straight-line method in respect of articles falling under Annexure - I and at the rate of 15 per cent on Written Down Value method in respect of articles specified under Annexure - II in line with High Court Judges (Writing off, selling and utilization of Furnishing Articles) Rules, 1990.
4.	As per the policy of the Commission, cent per cent depreciation provided on capital items purchased at a time upto Rs.10,000/- during the Financial Year.
5.	The Government of Andhra Pradesh has established "APERC Fund Rules, 2014" vide G.O.Ms.No.19 Energy Power (III) Department, dated 08-05-2014. Grants-in-Aid towards Salaries, Other Grants-in-Aid and the receipts of the Commission were credited to APERC Fund Account and the expenditure of the Commission will be met from the said Fund Account.
6.	All the assets shown in the balance sheet have been created from the APERC Fund Account.
7.	The Annual Accounts prepared based on the common format of Accounts of Autonomous Organisations as prescribed by the Committee of Experts.
8.	Re-grouping of Accounts have been carried out where ever it is felt necessary by the Commission.
9.	The income of the Commission is exempted from the purview of Income Tax under Section 10(46) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
10.	Government Grants/subsidy are accounted on realisation basis.
11.	Depreciation is provided on pro-rata basis in respect of additions to/deductions from fixed assets during the year.
12.	The opening and closing balances of Permanent Advance available with the Vidyut Ombudsman were taken into Accounts.
13.	Audit Fee Rs.8,850/- met from the "Provision for Audit Fee".
14.	According to the Actuarial Valuation Report, a provision of Rs.1,15,98,056/- was provided in the current Financial Year and balance amount of Rs.21,35,02,371/- was transferred from the APERC Fund Account to "Provision for Retirement Benefits".
15.	Retirement benefits and payment of Pensions amounting to Rs.3,15,56,950/- met from the "Provision for Retirement Benefits".
16.	LSC/PC paid to the Lending Department Rs.27,40,341/- met from the "Provision for LSC/PC payable to lending departments".
17.	Interest Earned on Term Deposits Rs.47,123/- during the period from 26-02-2022 to 31-03-2022 was taken into account.
18.	An amount of Rs.7,14,74,748/- was incurred towards Establishment Expenses, out of which an amount of Rs.44,73,652/- was incurred towards Wages for Contract employees engaged during the current Financial Year.
19.	Actuarial Valuation Report prepared based on Accounting Standard (AS) 15 (Revised 2005) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. As per the orders of the Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No.15 Finance (HR.IV-FR & LR) Department, dt.31-01-2022, the maximum ceiling of Gratuity is Rs.16,00,000/-.



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