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Draft Regulation

Draft Fourth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' duty for supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 4 of 2013)

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Background:

The erstwhile APERC has notified Regulation No.4 of 2013 (Licensee's Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric line or Electrical Plant) on 29.07.2013 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Principal Regulation') to supply electricity on request under Section 43 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and to recover expenses reasonably incurred under Section 46 of the Electricity Act, 2003 in providing electric line or electrical plant used to give supply to a person under section 43 of the Electricity Act.

Whereas the new Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide APERC (Adaptation) Regulation, 2014 (Regulation 4 of 2014), adopted the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No.4 of 2013).

Whereas the principal regulation was amended three times, vide Regulation Nos. 5 of 2014, notified on 29 November 2014; Regulation No. 6 of 2021, notified on 31 December 2021; and Regulation No. 1 of 2025, notified on 25 February 2025.

Whereas the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules notified by Ministry of Power, Government of India on 31.12.2020 vide clause 4 (13) states that, "**for electrified areas** up to 150 kW or such higher load as the Commission may specify the connection charges for new connection shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each

and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection.”

Whereas the APEPDCL, APSPDCL, and APCPDCL, vide their letters dated 08.04.2024, 15.06.2024, and 01.07.2024, have requested the Commission to issue the necessary Proceedings/Directions for the implementation of MoP rules regarding extending LT supply up to 150 kW without the necessity of estimating relevant service connection charges. Regarding their request, APERC has obtained the information from APDISCOMs on the *average cost of connection for the distribution licensee* by letter dated July 16, 2024, and in response, APEPDCL, APSPDCL, and APCPDCL have furnished the data via their letters dated July 24, 2024, August 9, 2024, and July 23, 2024.

In light of the above, and as the simplification and elimination of predetermined connection charges up to 150 kW are expected to benefit consumers and improve the ease of doing business in the State, the Commission is inclined to amend the Principal Regulation to fix the connection charges for new service releases without requiring field inspections. While doing so, the Commission has considered the expenditure incurred for releasing services during FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 (up to February 2025) in APDISCOMS as the basis.

Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred under subsection 1 of Section 181 read with Section 46 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby makes the following draft amendment Regulation to the Principal Regulation;

1. Short title, Extent and Commencement:

- 1.1. This Regulation shall be called the Fourth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees’ Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 4 of 2013)
- 1.2. This Regulation extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- 1.3. This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the official Gazette of Andhra Pradesh.
- 1.4. The category-wise load limits for releasing new or additional load under LT and HT supply, as specified in any relevant document, such as the General Terms and Conditions of Supply (GTCS) or Retail Supply Tariff

Order (RSTO), shall stand corrected to reflect the load limits as specified in this amendment Regulation.

2. The following proviso is inserted after Clause 7(1) of the Principal Regulation.

Provided that **for connections up to 150 kW load (new or additional load) and within a 1 km radius of the electrified network, the following charges shall be collected from consumers for releasing the supply during the financial year 2025-26.**

Tariff Category	Category of services	Charges (Service Line including Development Charges)
LT-I	Domestic services	
	i) Up to 500 watts contracted load	Rs. 800
	ii) 501 to 1000 watts	Rs. 1500
	iii) Above 1 kW & up to 20 kW	Rs. 1500 + Rs. 2000 per KW or part thereof of contracted load
	iv) Above 20 kW up to 150 KW	Rs. 12600 per kW or part thereof of contracted load
LT-II	Non-domestic/commercial services	
	i) Up to 250 watts contracted load	Rs. 600
	ii) 251 to 500 watts	Rs. 1000
	iii) 501 Watts up to 1 kW	Rs. 1800
	iv) Above 1 kW to 20 kW	Rs. 1800 + Rs . 2000 per KW or part thereof of contracted load
	iv) Above 20 kW to 150 kW	Rs. 12600 per kW or part thereof of contracted load
LT III and IV	i) Up to 20 kW	Rs. 2000 per KW or part thereof of contracted load
	ii) Above 20 kW to 150 kW	Rs. 12600 per kW or part thereof of contracted load
HT	11kV services	
	>75kW and up to 150kW	Rs. 4400 per kW or part thereof of contracted load. The DTR is in the scope of the consumer.

Note: Consumers may choose to avail themselves of the supply of LT or HT up to 150 kW if their load exceeds 100 HP or 75 kW.

Provided further that, in addition to the charges mentioned above, the Application Fee and Security Deposit Charges as per provisions under the relevant Regulation, notified by the Commission from time to time, shall be collected.

Provided further that the following are exempted from the application of the charges mentioned in the above table

- (i) for the connections beyond a 1 km radius of the electrified area,
- (ii) Electrification of Layouts
- (iii) Agricultural & Related Category, and
- (iv) Underground Cables.

Regarding the service line charges from FY 2026-27 onwards, the Distribution Licensees may submit a proposal to the Commission regarding the schedule of service line charges for the release of new/additional load services by 30th November of last year of the current control period for the next control period in case of MYT filings or 30th November of a any year, for the ensuing financial year, if the filings are permitted annually along with the filings of the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) & FPT of their Retail Supply Business. The Distribution licensees may file a separate application also if they so desire. The Commission may pass an Order as far as possible within 120 days of receiving such application, based on the actual expenditure incurred by the licensees in the previous year(s) for releasing services up to a connected load of 150 kW. If proposals from licensees are not received, the same charges mentioned for FY2025- 26 will be continued until revised charges are approved or notified by the Commission.

3. The following proviso is to be added to clause 8.2 of the Principal Regulation.

“Provided that the Annexure-I (Schedule of Development Charges) does not apply to the consumers covered under the proviso to clause 7(1)

4. Clause 8.4 shall be replaced with the following text.

“All consumers of LT services other than agriculture services whose contracted load exceeds 20 KW shall be provided with dedicated transformers by the licensees. The Distribution Licensee shall not extend power supply from the dedicated transformer to any other consumer.”

5. The following new clauses shall be added after clause 12 of the Principal Regulation

“ 13. Power to Remove Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or specific order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

14. Issue of orders and practice directions:

Subject to the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, and this Regulation, the Commission may, from time to time, issue orders and practice directions regarding the implementation of the Regulation, the procedure to be followed, and various matters that this Regulation has empowered the Commission to specify or direct.

15. Power to Amend:

The Commission may at any time add, vary, alter, modify, or amend any provisions of this Regulation. ”

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

Place: Kurnool
Date: 30.05.2025

Sd/- 30/05/2025
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Commission Secretary (i/c)