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(07.05.2026)

Present

Sri P.V.R. Reddy,
Member & Chairman i/c

In the matter of the performance review of APSLDC for FY 2024-25

in

O.P. No. 01 of 2026

Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APTRANSCO), representing the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC)

The Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APTRANSCO), on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh State Load Despatch Centre (APSLDC), has filed the present petition on 23.12.2025, under Sections 26 and 27 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998, and under Part V, Section 31 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with the relevant APERC Regulations and Guidelines, seeking approval of the Annual Performance for FY 2024-25.

The Commission has admitted the petition as O.P. No. 1 of 2026 and issued a Public Notice dated 29.01.2026 inviting views/objections/suggestions from stakeholders, with the last date for submission initially fixed at 13.02.2026. Subsequently, upon requests from stakeholders/objectors, the Commission issued a further Public Notice dated 10.02.2026, extending the last date for submission of objections to 18.02.2026, and correspondingly directed APTRANSCO/APSLDC to submit replies by 25.02.2026.

In response, objections and suggestions were received from various stakeholders, and the petitioner furnished its replies thereto; the list of objectors is shown in Annexure-I. Pursuant to the above, the Commission conducted the public hearing on 04.03.2026, at which the objectors, including Sri M. Venugopala Rao, Sri Ch. Babu Rao, Sri R. Shivkumar, and Sri B. Ramesh Kumar, along with officials of APTRANSCO, APSPDCL, APCPDCL, and APEPDCL, were present. After hearing all stakeholders and the material available on record, the Commission passes the following.

ORDER

Summary of the filings

1. The present Performance Petition has been filed by the Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APTRANSCO), acting as the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) operator, in accordance with the Commission's directions under Para 33 of the SLDC MYT Order dated 27.08.2024, which governs Load Despatch activities. The petitioner has furnished details of actual revenue and expenditure for FY 2024-25, as shown in the table below.

Table 1: Revenue and Expenditure for FY 2024-25 filed by SLDC (Rs. Cr.)

Sl.	Particulars	MYT	Actual	Variance
		A	B	C=B-A
1	Expenditure	68.17	77.72	-9.55
2	Revenue	68.17	77.23	-9.06
3	**Net Surplus/(Deficit)**	**-**	**-0.49**	**-0.49**

2. Accordingly, based on the annual accounts for FY 2024-25, the petitioner has shown a true-up amount of Rs. 0.49 Crores for the SLDC operations.

Summary of Objections/Suggestions/Views received and replies of APTransco

3. In response to the public notice, Sri M. Venugopala Rao and Sri Ch. Baburao has submitted their views/objections/suggestions. APTRANSCO furnished replies to their views. The key points of the submission by Sri M. Venugopala Rao and Sri Ch. Baburao and APTransco's replies are as follows.

Key points of Sri M. Venugopala Rao and Sri Ch. Baburao:

- The petitioner claimed a true-up of Rs. 0.49 Crores for FY 2024-25.
- They incurred an excess expenditure of Rs. 9.55 Crores, representing about a 14% increase over the approved amount of Rs. 68.17 Crores, without

providing adequate justification or details of the Commission-approved works.

- The petitioner reported excess revenue of Rs. 9.06 Crores but did not explain its sources.
- They argued that APSLDC's approach lacks transparency and appears to seek Commission approval based on abstract data without proper prudence checks.

APTransco's Reply: APTransco stated that it had originally filed O&M expenditure of Rs. 77.29 Crores for FY 2024-25 in its MYT Petition, but the Commission approved Rs. 68.17 Crores in its MYT Order. APTransco submitted that it has provided the break-up of the actual expenditure incurred during FY 2024-25. The break-up of the actual expenditure incurred during FY 2024-25 is shown in the table below.

Table 2: Break-up of Actual O&M expenditure submitted by APTRANSCO

Sl.	Particulars	Amount (Rs. Cr.)
1	Employee Cost	67.22
2	A&G Charges	5.78
3	R&M Charges	4.72
4	**Total**	**77.72**

Commission Analysis and Decision

4. The Commission notes that the petitioner has shown a true-up amount of Rs. 0.49 Crores for FY 2024-25, without factoring in the past-period true-down amount of Rs. 2.262 Crores (pertaining to the control period from FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23) as per the MYT Order dated 27.08.2024, which directed that it be adjusted against the operating expenses in FY 2024-25. The figures furnished in the petition do not match the books of accounts. The books of accounts are also not clearly segregated into accounts of the Transmission Business and the SLDC business. However, APTransco subsequently furnished a certificate on figures relating to the SLDC business. Therefore, relying on the APTransco certificate, the Commission proposes to adopt the figures therein. Accordingly, the Commission estimated the admissible expenses and revenue after duly incorporating the said adjustment, as detailed in the table below.

Table 3: Expenses and Revenue admitted by the Commission (Rs. Cr.)

Sl.	Particulars	MYT	Filings	Approved
1	Employee Cost	60.14	67.22	67.22
2	A&G Charges	3.02	5.78	5.78
3	R&M Charges	7.27	4.72	4.72
4	Past period adjustments	-2.262	-	-2.262
5	**Total Expenses [5=1+2+3+4]**	**68.17**	**77.72**	**75.46**
6	**Revenue**	**68.17**	**77.23**	**77.24**
7	**Net Surplus/(Deficit) [7=6-5]**	**-**	**-0.49**	**1.78**

5. As shown above, there is a surplus of Rs. 1.78 Crores for FY 2024-25. Although expenditure has increased, revenue also has increased correspondingly, resulting in an insignificant variation in expenditure relative to revenue**. Therefore, no directions from this Commission are warranted. The Commission hereby directs APTransco to clearly segregate APSLDC's accounts from FY 2025-26, in all respects, from the Transmission Business. The SLDC business shall also have a clear balance sheet and profit & loss statement, with clear explanatory notes.**

6. Further, the petitioner has not provided complete details on SLDC’s performance, except for financial parameters, in the present filing. In view of the above, **the Commission directs APTransco to furnish complete details in its next petition on SLDC’s performance for FY 2025-26, including financial performance; status of energy settlements; adequacy and availability of staff; staff training schedules; cybersecurity measures; IT infrastructure and system upgrades; grid operation and scheduling performance; renewable energy forecasting; data management and reporting systems; outage management; reserve/ancillary response coordination; compliance with regulatory directions and the RPPO/RCO framework; consumer/stakeholder grievance handling mechanisms; communication and coordination protocols with DISCOMs and generators; implementation status of infrastructure upgrades; operational efficiency measures; and other functional aspects relating to the discharge of its statutory functions.**

7. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of.

Sd/-
P.V.R. Reddy
Member & Chairman (I/c)

Annexure-I

List of Objectors

Sl.	Objector
1	Sri M. Venugopala Rao, Senior Journalist, Centre for Power Studies, Hyderabad.
2	Sri Ch. Baburao, CPI(M), State Secretariat Member, Vijayawada.