

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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APERC - Restriction & Control measures - Penal charges - Representation from FAPCCI & other industries - Revised Proceedings - Issued - Regarding.

Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/JD(Engg)/E-215/3 /2022

Read the following:

Date:21-04-2022

- 1. Lr. No.CMD/APSPDCL/TPT/R&C Measures/F.R&C/D.No.169/22, Dt:07.04.2022
- 2. Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/JD(Engg)/E-215/1/2022 Date:11.04.2022
- 3. Lr. No.CMD/ED/RAC/SPDCL/TPT/GM/RAC/F.R&C/D.No.174/22, Dt:11.04.2022
- 4. Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/JD(Engg)/E-215/2/2022 Date:13.04.2022
- 5. Representation dated:14.04.2022 of FAPCCI & 14 other industries of AP

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The Commission vide the reference (2) cited issued approval for imposing Restriction & Control measures by Distribution Licensees for the period from 08.04.2022 to 22.04.2022 due to the prevailing precarious power supply position. Further, vide the reference (4) cited, the Commission revised the R&C period from 11.04.2022 to 22.04.2022 and specified penal provisions on the consumers who do not comply with the Restriction & Control measures imposed.

In this regard, the Commission has received several representations from FAPCCI, AP Textile Mills Association & 13 other industries of AP seeking certain reliefs to the R&C measures imposed on the industries. The Commission, after examining the above representations in-depth, issues the following order.

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 23 read with clause (k) of sub-section (1) of Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and clause 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of Supply, the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby issues the following directions to the DISCOMs.

a. Penal charges shall be made applicable from 00:00 hours of 15.04.2022 till R&C restrictions remain in force.

b. The Licensees shall permit non-discriminatory open access to all the HT consumers who approach them subject to technical feasibility & NOCs shall be issued without any delay.

c. DISCOMs shall not levy cross-subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge on the energy purchased by the HT consumers from the market under open access due to the R&C restrictions.

d. DISCOMs shall impose penalties under R&C measures only after completion of the monthly energy settlements by EBC/SLDC in the case of consumers drawing power through open access.

e. Demand charges shall be applicable only on the actuals and minimum charges shall not apply during the R&C period.

Further, it has come to the notice of the Commission that despite the proceedings issued as cited under ref (2) and (4) above, certain industrial consumers have not been complying with R&C measures posing threat to the safe and secure operation of the grid and forcing the APSLDC/APDISCOMs to implement emergency load reliefs/power cuts. Therefore, all the DISCOMs in the State are directed to carry out surprise inspections of the industries and disconnect the power supply to the industries which violate the R&C restrictions. The power shall be restored only on payment of the prescribed penalties and on the consumer executing an undertaking that he will not violate R&C orders in future. For the second violation power shall not be restored until R&C restrictions are lifted.

(By order of the Commission)

Commission Secretary (i/c)

То

The Chairman & Managing Director/APSPDCL/Tirupathi Chairman & Managing Director/APEPDCL/Visakhapatnam Chairman & Managing Director/APCPDCL/Vijayawada

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