

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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1. PARTICULARS OF APERC, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

1.1 Particulars of APERC:

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission [APERC] was constituted vide G.O.Ms.No.65, Energy (Power III) dated 31.03-1999 as an independent statutory body under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and continued to function as the state Electricity Regulatory Commission under Section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Commission comprises a Chairman and two Members appointed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Pursuant to bifurcation of the State and in terms of the provisions of schedule XII (C) (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 read with section 82 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide G.O.Ms.No. 35 Energy (Power III) Department Dt: 01-08-2014, as amended, vide G.O.Ms.No. 11 Energy (Power III) Department Dt: 17-03-2015.

The Indian Electricity Act, 1910, the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 were repealed by the Electricity Act, 2003 which came into force w.e.f.10.06.2003. The provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 not inconsistent with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 shall continue to apply to the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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1.2 Functions and duties: -

Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 enumerates the functions of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(1) The Commission shall discharge the following functions, 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 State Commission shall determine only the wheeling charges and surcharge 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 purchases 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 disputes between the licensees and generating companies to refer to any dispute and for arbitration.
- g. levy fee for the purposes of this 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 the 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 the Act.

(2) The Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely: -

- a. promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry;
- b. promotion of investment in electricity industry;
- c. reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State;
- d. matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of

electricity or any other matter referred to the Commission by the State Government.

- (3) The Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.
- (4) In discharge of its functions, the Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy published under sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

2) POWERS AND DUTIES OF APERC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

The Officers of the Commission shall aid and assist the Chairman and the Members in discharge of their quasi-judicial, subordinate legislative and administrative functions enumerated under the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and The Electricity Act, 2003. Directory of officers and employees given in column – 9. The officers are assisted by the Supporting Staff.

3) PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS, INCLUDING CHANNELS OF SUPERVISION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

In discharge of its functions, the Commission follows the procedure laid down in the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 {Regulation No.2 of 1999} as amended from time to time.

4) NORMS SET FOR THE DISCHARGE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

Wide consultation with different stakeholders of the electricity sector in a transparent manner is the norm set for the Commission by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 and The Electricity Act, 2003.

5) RULES, REGULATIONS, INSTRUCTIONS, MANUALS AND RECORDS HELD OR UNDER THE CONTROL OR USED BY THE EMPLOYEES FOR DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS

Under the Electricity Act, 2003 the Commission is empowered to notify various Regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act, Regulations notified by the Commission, other Regulations notified by CERC, Rules made by Central & State Governments are used by the officers in discharge of their functions. Regulations notified from time to time are available on the website.

6) STATEMENT OF THE CATEGORIES OF DOCUMENTS THAT ARE HELD OR UNDER

THE CONTROL OF APERC

The following categories of documents are available with the Commission:

- i. Regulations made by APERC
- ii. Orders issued by APERC on the petitions filed before it or suo- motu.
- iii. Proceedings, Practice Directions, etc issued by APERC in discharge of its functions/duties under the Act.

All the Regulations, Orders and Proceedings issued by the Commission from time to time are also available in the Commission's website www.aperc.gov.in.

7) PARTICULARS OF ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT EXISTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH, OR REPRESENTATION BY, THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RELATION TO THE FORMULATION OF THE POLICY OR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

Draft Regulations for implementation of the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 are pre-published as required under the Act for comments/suggestions from the public and the responses received are considered by the Commission before notification of the Regulations.

Similarly orders determining tariff and grant of consent to Power Purchase Agreements of utilities involving purchase of power from Generating Stations are finalized by the Commission duly following the consultation process and public hearings. Public notices and press releases are issued to invite responses from interested persons and general public and public hearings are conducted to hear those who are desirous of being heard in person and the same are considered before finalization of the Tariff Orders.

8) STATEMENT OF THE BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES CONSISTING OF TWO OR MORE PERSONS CONSTITUTED AS ITS PART OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ADVISE, AND AS TO WHETHER MEETINGS OF THOSE BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, OR THE MINUTES OF SUCH MEETINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR PUBLIC

State Advisory Committee (SAC): APERC notified Regulation No.2 of 2004 (Constitution of State Advisory Committee and its functioning) in accordance with section 87 of the Electricity Act, 2003. In pursuance thereof, the Commission constituted State Advisory Committee (SAC) with the composition of 16 Members, including the Chairman, APERC who is the Ex-officio Chairman of SAC, vide notifications dt. 15.07.2021 and 21.01.2022. The Members of SAC, represent interests of commerce, industry, transport, agriculture, labour, consumers, NGOs, academic and research bodies in the electricity sector. Objects of the State Advisory Committee shall be 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.

Co-ordination Forum constituted by the State Government consisting of Chairperson and Members of the Commission and representatives of the generating companies, transmission licensee and distribution licensees for smooth and coordinated development of the power system in the State.

9) DIRECTORY OF THE COMMISSION, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

Sl.No	Name S/Sri.Smt	Designation
Commission		
1	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy	Chairman
2	Sri P.Rajagopal Reddy	Member
3	Sri Thakur Rama Singh	Member

Sl.No	Name S/Sri/Smt	Designation
Officers		
1	C.Ramakrishna	Director (Administration) & Commission Secretary (i/c)
2	K.Raja Bapaiah	Director (Engineering)
3	J.Sreenivasulu	Joint Director (Engineering)
4	B.Ramesh Babu	Dy.Director (Pay & Accounts)
5	D.Ramanaiah Setty	Dy.Director (Tariff - Engineering)
6	P.Rajanikantha Reddy	Deputy Director (Planning & Power Procurement)
Consultants		
7	P.Murali Krishna	Consultant (Tariff & Engineering)
8	M.Nageswara Rao	Senior Consultant (Law)
9	M.R.A.Srilakshmi	Legal Consultant

Supporting Staff		
10	N.Sasikala	Private Secretary
11	P.V.Padmaja	Private Secretary
12	V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	Junior Personnel Officer
13	P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier
14	P.V.L.Sailaja	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
15	G.Nataraju	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
16	G.Surya Kumari	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
17	V.K.Ratnakar	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
18	I.Usha Rani	Personnel Assistant
19	G.Venkateswara Rao	Clerk-cum-Computer Operator
20	M.Sudarsan	Receptionist
21	P.Ramakrishna Murthy	Messenger
22	K.Ramu	Messenger
23	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker

10) MONTHLY REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY EACH OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE SYSTEM OF COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE REGULATIONS

The monthly remuneration and compensation being received by the Officers and employees are as follows:

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Sl.No	Name S/Sri.Smt	Designation	Gross Salary
1	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy	Chairman	361500
2	Sri P.Rajagopal Reddy	Member	382500
3	Sri Thakur Rama Singh	Member	382500
4	C.Ramakrishna	Director (Administration)	347355
5	Sri K.Raja Bapaiah	Director (Engineering)	200000
6	P.Murali Krishna	Consultant (Tariff & Engineering)	165000
7	J.Sreenivasulu	Jt.Director (Engineering)	399383

8	B.Ramesh Babu	Dy.Director (Pay & Accounts)	248824
9	D.Ramanaiah Setty	Dy.Director (Tariff - Engineering)	307532
10	Sri P.Rajanikantha Reddy	Deputy Director (Planning & Power Procurement)	356988
11	Sri M.Nageswara Rao	Senior Consultant (Law)	110000
12	Ms M.R.A.Srilakshmi	Legal Consultant	75000
13	Smt N.Sasikala	Private Secretary	128880
14	Smt P.V.Padmaja	Private Secretary	122088
15	Sri V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	Junior Personnel Officer	102992
16	Smt P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier	102992
17	Smt P.V.L.Sailaja	Steno-cum-Computer Operator	100143
18	Sri G.Nataraju	Steno-cum-Computer Operator	100228
19	Smt G.Surya Kumari	Steno-cum-Computer Operator	103112
20	Sri V.K.Ratnakar	Steno-cum-Computer Operator	97384
21	Smt I.Usha Rani	Personnel Assistant	84606
22	Sri G.Venkateswara Rao	Clerk-cum-Computer Operator	76448
23	Sri M.Sudarsan	Receptionist	62228
24	P.Ramakrishna Murthy	Messenger	61754
25	K.Ramu	Messenger	60086
26	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker	61754

11) BUDGET ALLOCATED TO EACH AGENCY, INDICATING THE PARTICULARS OF ALL PLANS, PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND REPORTS ON DISBURSEMENTS MADE

Budgetary Allocation and Expenditures are as follows:

Government of Andhra Pradesh has allocated a budget for the Financial Year 2021-22
311-Grants-in-Aid towards Salaries – Rs. 353.87 lakh
312- Other Grants in Aid – Rs. 50.00 lakh

12) MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SUBSIDY PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED AND THE DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH PROGRAMMES

Nil

13) PARTICULARS OF RECIPIENTS OF CONCESSIONS, PERMITS OR AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Nil

14) DETAILS IN RESPECT OF THE INFORMATION, AVAILABLE TO OR HELD, REDUCED IN AN ELECTRONIC FORM

Orders, Regulations, Proceedings etc., are available in the Commission's website
www.aperc.gov.in

15) PARTICULARS OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO CITIZENS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION.

All the information regarding the Commission is available on the Commission's website.
Specific information can be obtained by making a written request to the State Public Information Officer, APERC, on payment of applicable fees and charges.

16) NAMES, DESIGNATIONS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS

State Public Information Officer	Sri M.Nageswara Rao Senior Consultant (Law) A P E RC, # 11-4-660 , 4th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004 .
Appellate Authority Under RTI Act, 2005	Sri C. Ramakrishna Commission Secretary(i/c) A P E RC, # 11-4-660 , 4th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004 .

17) SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED.

Nil