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ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION Regulation No. 5 of 2014

First Amendment to APERC (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request) Regulation, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

Commission issued a "Draft Discussion note on Open access and metering issues" and sought comments/ suggestions from interested persons and stakeholders. Duly considering the comments/suggestions received from the stakeholders, the Commission determined that the Regulation No.4 of 2013 requires certain amendments. Accordingly, the Commission formulated draft Practice Directions under section 55(3) of Electricity Act, 2003, read with Regulation 54 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 and hosted in the Commission's website for public consultation. As stated therein, the Commission makes the following amendments to Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request) Regulation No.4 of 2013.

Commission issued Regulation No.4 of 2013 (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request), to supply electricity on request under Section 43 of Electricity Act, 2003 and to recover the expenses reasonably incurred under Section 46 of Electricity Act, 2003, in providing any electric line or electrical plant used for the purpose of giving supply to a person pursuant to Section 43 of Electricity Act, 2003.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No.36 of 2003) and all other powers, enabling it in that behalf, the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulation, namely:

1. Short title, commencement and interpretation

- i. This Regulation may be called the "Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request) (First Amendment) Regulation No.5 of 2014.
- This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Gazette of Andhra Pradesh.

- 2. In the "Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee's duty for supply of electricity on request) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 4 of 2013),
 - (a) clause 2(f) shall be deleted.
 - (b) for clause 7 (2), the following shall be substituted:

"It shall be the duty of every distribution licensee to provide electric meter for giving electric supply to a consumer. Either the Licensee or the Consumer can bear the cost of meter and allied equipment.

If the consumer elects to purchase a meter, the Licensee shall allow the consumer to do so. The consumer has to purchase the meter as per the specifications of the Licensee. The Licensee shall test the meter purchased by the consumer at its own cost and install the meter.

If the Licensee bears such cost of the meter, it may collect meter rent as per the charges approved by the Commission under section 45 of the Act. Alternatively, the Licensee may require the Consumer to bear the full cost of meter and allied equipment and in such a case, the Licensee is not entitled to collect meter rent."

(c) clause 7(3) shall be deleted.

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

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Hyderabad, 26-11-2014.