

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY2025-26

<u>Highlights</u>

1. Regarding the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), Tariff & CSS filings of APDISCOMS for FY2025-26, the summary (all figures in Rupee Crores) in brief of each item is shown below.

ARR filed by DISCOMS Vs APERC's Approval

| Sl.No. | Particulars | SPDCL | CPDCL | EPDCL | For three DISCOMs |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 | DISCOMS' filings | 22830.44 | 12999.74 | 23038.34 | 58868.52 |
| 2 APERC's approval | | 22321.86 | 12678.78 | 22543.53 | 57544.17 |
| (3)=(2)-(1) | Difference | -508.58 | -320.96 | -494.81 | -1324.35 |

Total Revenue Filed by DISCOMS Vs APERC's Approval

| Sl.No. | Particulars | SPDCL | CPDCL | EPDCL | For three DISCOMs |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 | DISCOMS' filings | 15968.90 | 10026.08 | 18190.29 | 44185.27 |
| 2 | 2 APERC's approval | | 10049.08 | 18162.30 | 44323.30 |
| (3)=(2)-(1) Difference | | 143.02 | 23.00 | -27.99 | 138.02 |

The Revenue Gap Filed and APERC's Approval.

| Sl.No. | Particulars | SPDCL | CPDCL | EPDCL | For three DISCOMs | |
|------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------|--|
| 1 | DISCOMS' filings | 6,861.57 | 2,973.66 | 4,848.03 | 14,683.26 | |
| 2 | APERC's approval 5,260.21 2,434.82 4,937.37 | | 12,632.40 | | | |
| (3)=(2)-(1) Difference | | -1,601.36 | -538.84 | 89.34 | -2,050.86 | |

The State Government has agreed to bridge the entire revenue gap of Rs.12,632.40 Crs and thus prevented tariff hikes to all categories of consumers. The subsidy provided by the GoAP in detail are shown below:

| S. | . Consumer Category | | Amount (₹ Cr.) | | | |
|-----|---|---|----------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| No. | | | APSPDCL | APCPDCL | APEPDCL | For three DISCOMs |
| 1 | Ι | LT-Domestic | 0.00 | 551.69 | 1697.28 | 2248.97 |
| 2 | LT-Agricultural & Related | | | | | |
| 3 | | i) Free power categories | 6209.95 | 1666.89 | 1853.55 | 9730.39 |
| 4 | V | (ii): Aquaculture and Animal Husbandry | 0.00 | 404.89 | 820.08 | 1224.97 |
| 5 | | iii) Others | 0.00 | 6.24 | 10.31 | 16.55 |
| 6 | Tariff Subsidy for FY2025-26 | | 6209.95 | 2629.71 | 4381.22 | 13220.88 |
| 7 | Tariff Concessions extended to various categories of consumers as per GoAP orders for FY2025-26 | | 465.95 | 448.99 | 610.59 | 1,525.53 |
| 8 | | evious year's transmission & stribution Adjustment | -1275.40 | -461.86 | -376.75 | -2,114.01 |
| 9 | | tal Subsidy for FY2025-26 = (6)+(7)+(8) | 5400.50 | 2616.84 | 4615.06 | 12632.40 |

3. Under Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, concessions/free power to various categories/classes of consumers agreed to be provided by the government are shown below.

| SL No. | GO No. | GO Date | BENEFICIARIES | Subject in GO | |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 17 | 15-02-2019 | AGRICULTURE CONSUMERS | Extending free power supply to all Agricultural consumers from seven hours per day to Nine hours per day | |
| 2 | 39 | 14-03-2018 | HORTICULTURAL NURSERIES/FARMERs | Providing free power to Horticultural Nurseries | |
| 3 | 75 | 27-06-2018 | DHOBIGHATs for WASHERMANs | Providing free power to Dhobighats (691) on par with Agricultural connections (free category) | |
| 4 | 70 | 02-07-2019 | AQUACULTURE FARMERs | Power tariff concession for the supply of power to the Aquaculture farmers by reducing the current unit rate to Rs.1.50Ps per Unit. | |
| 5 | 91 | 24-07-2019 | SCHEDULED CASTE HOUSEHOLDs | Enhancement of benefits under the Free power scheme from (100) units to (200) units to the eligible SC households. | |
| 6 | | | BPL RAJAKA | Providing free power to laundries run | |
| 7 | 24 | 4 15-02-2019 | 15-02-2019 | GOLD SMITH | by BPL Rajaka Community, free |
| 8 | | | | МВС | power to shops of Goldsmith, fr power to MBC households |
| 9 | | | BPL NAYEE BRAHMIN | power to MBC nousenoids | |
| 10 | 128 | 29-11-2019 | ROLLED GOLD COVERING INDUSTRY | Power Tariff-Concession-Rolled Gold Covering Industry in Machilipatnam Division, Krishna District- Reduction to Rs.3.75 per unit. | |
| 11 | 291 | 25-09-2018 | HANDLOOMs & TEXTILEs WEAVERs | Free Power up to 100 Units per month per connection to Handloom Weavers in the state. | |
| 12 | 94 | 25-07-2019 | SCHEDULED TRIBE HOUSEHOLDs | Enhancement of benefits for providing Free power to ST households in ST Colonies/Thandas etc, consuming power from the existing 100 units to 200 units per month in the state. | |

4. For the first time, the Commission determined energy despatches on an hourly basis to arrive at a more realistic assessment of short-term power requirements for DISCOMS from the Markets. It is also for the first time the annual performance of FY2023-24 was done, along with the tariff determination for FY2025-26.

- 5. State government-owned GENCOs are permitted to procure imported coal and obtain coal through RSR (Rail-Sea-Rail) mode to ensure their whole generation capacity. This will lessen DISCOMs' dependence on Markets to meet their energy requirements.
- 6. Time of Day (ToD) tariffs are fixed to LT Industrial and Commercial consumers to bring more consumers in demand side management. At present, these ToD tariffs apply only to HT-category consumers.
- 7. At present, construction activity is classified as commercial for Tariff billing. However, individuals seeking connections to construct their new homes or using the supply to reconstruct their houses by demolishing old ones are given respite. From 1st April 2025, they will be billed at the domestic tariff.
- 8. At present, Standby Tariffs apply only to Green Energy Open Access Consumers. However, in the present RST Order, these charges are made applicable to all open-access consumers. This prevents the OA consumers from paying huge penal charges for demand and energy if their supply source fails temporarily.
- 9. To encourage the e.mobility ecosystem to mitigate climate change and facilitate higher penetration of e-vehicles, EV charging stations with a connected load of up to 150 KW will be extended power supply at the LT voltage level. The tariff for Electric Vehicles (EVs) remains unchanged at Rs.6.70 per unit without demand charges to promote their penetration.
- Additional Load Regularisation Scheme for Domestic Consumers: APERC approved a scheme to regularise additional loads for domestic consumers by paying only 50% of development charges. The scheme runs from March 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.
 - i. Consumers can voluntarily declare additional loads via an online window.
 - ii. DISCOMs will regularise additional loads and collect 50% of development charges.
 - iii. Security deposits for additional loads must also be collected.
 - iv. The scheme is a one-time opportunity and will not be extended.
 - v. DISCOMs must publicise the scheme widely.
 - vi. Monthly progress reports on the scheme's implementation must be furnished to the Commission