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ENERGY DEPARTMENT

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THE ANDHRA PRADESH WORKS OF LICENSEES RULES 2007.

[G.O. Ms. No. 24, Energy (PR.-II), 27th February, 2007.]

read the following:-

1. G.S.R. 217 (E), Ministry of Power, Government of India, dated. 18-04-2006.
2. From the Chairperson and Managing Director, APTRANSCO, Hyderabad, Lr. No. CE (RAC of Reforms) AAO/E. Act- 03/D. No. 286/2006, dated. 25-1-2006.

In the reference first read above, the Government of India have issued the Works of Licensees Rules, 2006 under section 176(2)(e) read with section 67 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

In the reference second read above, the Chairperson and Managing Director, APTRANSCO, Hyderabad has sent the draft Rules for application of such rules in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

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The Government after careful consideration of the said rules have decided the rules similar to those issued by the Government of India for the State of Pradesh.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 67 read with sub-section (2) of section 67 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No.36) the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following rules.

Rules:

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) These rules may be called the Andhra Works of Licensees Rules, 2007.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions: - (1) In these rules unless the context otherwise requires,-

(a) "The Act" means the *Electricity Act, 2003*;

(b) "Occupier of any building or land" means a person in lawful occupation of any building or land.

(c) 'The State Government' means Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) 'The Commission' means Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(2) All other words and expression used herein and not defined in these rules shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Licensee to carry out works.- (1) A licensee may –

(a) carry out works, lay down or place any electric supply line or other works through, or against, any building, or on, over or under any land whereover or whereunder any electric supply-line or works has not been lawfully laid down or placed by such licensee, with the prior consent of the owner or occupier of any building or land;

(b) fix any support of overhead line or any stay or strut required for the purpose of securing in position any support of an overhead line on any building or land or having been so fixed, may alter such support:

(2) Provided that in case where the owner or occupier of the building or land has objections in respect of works to be carried out under this rule, the licensee shall obtain permission in writing from the District Magistrate or the Commissioner or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, for carrying out such works.

Provided further that if at any time, the owner or occupier of any building or land on which any works have been carried out or any support of an overhead line, stay or strut has been fixed shows sufficient cause, the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police, or the officer authorized may by order in writing direct for any such works, support, stay or strut to be removed or altered.

4) When making an order under sub-rule (1), the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police or the officer so authorised, as the case may be, shall fix, after considering the representations of the concerned persons, if any, the amount of compensation or of annual rent, or of both, which should in his opinion be paid by the licensee to the owner or occupier.

5) Every order made by a District Magistrate or a Commissioner of Police or an authorised officer under sub-rule (1) shall be subject to revision by the *Commission*.

6) Nothing contained in this rule shall affect the powers conferred upon any licensee under section 154 of the Act.

7. Works affecting streets, railway, tramway, canal or waterway:- (1) Where the exercise of any of the powers of a licensee in relation to the execution of any works involves the placing of any works in, under, over, along or across any street, part of a street, railway, tramway, canal or waterway, the licensee shall serve upon the person responsible for the repair of the street or part of a street (hereinafter referred to as "the repairing authority") or upon the person for the time being entitled to work the railway, tramway, canal or waterway (hereinafter referred to as "works authority"), as the case may be, a notice in writing, not less than (15) days before commencing the execution of the works describing the proposed works, together with a section and plan thereof on a scale sufficiently large to show clearly the details of the proposed works, and not in any case smaller than one inch to eight feet vertically and sixteen inches to the mile horizontally and intimating the manner in which, and the time at which, it is proposed to interfere with or alter any existing works, and shall, upon being required to do so by the repairing authority or works authority, as the case may be, from time to time give such further information in relation thereto as may be desired.

(2) If the repairing authority intimates to the licensee that it disapproves of such works, section or plan giving reasons for disapproval, or approves thereof subject to amendment, the licensee may, unless settled by an agreement, appeal to *the Commission* within one week of receiving such intimation, whose decision, after considering the reasons given by the repairing authority for its action, shall be final.

(3) If the repairing authority fails to give notice in writing of its approval or disapproval to the licensee within (15) days of the receipt of the notice, it shall be deemed to have approved of the works, section and plan, and the licensee, after giving not less than forty-eight hours' notice in writing to the repairing authority, may proceed to carry out the works in accordance with the notice and the section and plan served under sub-rule (1);

(4) If the works authority disapproves of such works, section or plan giving disapproval, or approves thereof subject to amendment, he may, within (15) service of the notice under sub-rule (1) of rule 5, serve a requisition upon demanding that any question in relation to the works or to compensation obligations of the works authority to others in respect thereof, shall be determined by agreement, by the *Commission*.

(5) Where no requisition has been served by the works authority upon the licensee the time period provided under sub-rule (4), the works authority shall be deemed approved of the works, section and plan, and in that case, or where after the has been determined by the *Commission*, the works may, upon payment or compensation, be executed according to the notice and the section and plan such modifications as may have been determined by the *Commission* or between the parties:

Explanation: -In sub-rules (1) to (5), the word "works" includes a section under, over, along or across a railway even if such line is immediately intended to be immediately attached to a distributing main, but does not include any other service line so attached or intended to be so attached to a main, or works which consist of the repair, renewal or amendment of works of which the character or position is not to be altered.

(6) Where the works to be executed consist of the laying of any underground cable immediately attached, or intended to be immediately attached, to a distributing licensee shall give to the repairing authority or the works authority, as the case may be, not less than forty-eight hours' notice in writing of his intention to execute such

(7) Where the works to be executed consist of the repair, renewal or amendment of existing works of which the character or position is not to be altered, the licensee except in cases of emergency, give to the repairing authority, or to the works authority as the case may be, not less than forty-eight hours' notice in writing of his intention to execute such works, and, on the expiry of such notice, such works shall be carried forthwith and shall be carried on with all reasonable despatch, and, if possible, day and by night until completed.

5. Repairs and works during emergency: (1) The licensee may, in case of emergency due to the breakdown of an underground electric supply-line, after informing the repairing authority or the works authority, as the case may be, of his intention to place an overhead line without complying with the provisions of rule 4.

(2) Provided that such overhead line shall be used only until the defect in the underground electric supply-line can be made good, and in no case (unless with the written consent of the repairing authority, works authority or occupier as the case may be) for a period exceeding six weeks, and shall be removed as soon as may be after the defect is removed.

Procedure for carrying out other works near sewers, pipes or other electric lines

Works:- (1) The licensee or any duly authorised person, as the case may be (hereinafter in this rule referred to as "the operator"), shall -

- (a) where the licensee requires to dig or sink any trench for laying down any new electric supply-lines or other works, near to which any sewer, drain, water-course or work under the control of the State Government or of any local authority, or any pipe, syphon, electric supply-line or other work belonging to any duly authorised person, has been lawfully placed, or
- (b) where any duly authorised person is required to dig or sink any trench for laying down or constructing any new pipes or other works, near to which any electric supply-lines or works of a licensee have been lawfully placed;

Unless it is otherwise agreed upon between the parties interested or in case of sudden emergency, give to the State Government or local authority, or to such duly authorized person or to the licensee, as the case may be (hereinafter in this Rule referred to as "the owner"), not less than forty-eight hours' notice in writing before commencing to dig or sink the trench and the owner shall have the right to be present during the execution of the work, which shall be executed to the reasonable satisfaction of the owner.

Where the operator finds it necessary to undermine, but not to alter, the position of any pipe, electric supply-line or work, he shall support it in position during the execution of the work, and before completion shall provide a suitable and proper foundation for it where so undermined.

Where the operator (being the licensee) lays any electric supply-line across, or so as to be liable to touch, any pipes, lines or service-pipes or service-lines belonging to any duly authorised person or to any person supplying, transmitting or using energy under the Act, he shall not, except with the written consent of such person and in accordance with the regulations on safety as specified under section 53 of the Act, lay his electric supply-lines so as to come into contact with any such pipes, lines or service-pipes or service-lines.

Where the operator makes default in complying with any of the provisions of this rule, he shall make full compensation for any loss or damage incurred by reason thereof.

Where any difference and/or dispute arises under this rule, the matter shall be determined by the *Commission*.

Where the licensee is a local authority, the references in this rule to the local authority as to sewers, drains, water-courses or works under its control shall not apply.

under or over any place which he is authorised to open or break up, if such pipe or wire is likely to interfere with the exercise of his powers under the Act; and any person may alter the position of any electric supply-lines or works of a licensee under or over any place as aforesaid, if such electric supply-lines or works are likely to interfere with the lawful exercise of any powers vested in him.

(2) The licensee or other person desiring to make the alteration, unless otherwise agreed, shall, not less than one month before commencing any alteration, serve upon the person for the time being entitled to the pipe, wire, electric supply-lines or works, as the case may be (hereinafter in this rule referred to as "the owner"), a notice in writing describing the proposed alteration, together with a section and plan thereof on a scale sufficiently large to show clearly the details of the proposed works, and not in any case smaller than one inch to eight feet vertically and sixteen inches to the mile horizontally, and intimating the time when it is to be commenced, and shall subsequently give such further information in relation thereto as the owner may desire;

(3) The owner may, within fourteen days after the service of the notice, section and plan, serve upon the operator a requisition to the effect that any question arising upon the notice, section or plan, shall, unless settled by agreement, be determined by the *Commission*, and thereupon the matter shall be determined by *the Commission*.

(4) *The Commission* to whom a reference is made under sub-rule (3), shall have regard to any duties or obligations which the owner is under, and may require the operator to execute any temporary or other works so as to avoid, as far as possible, interference therewith.

(5) Where no requisition is served upon the operator under sub-rule (3) within the time limit, or where such a requisition has been served and the matter has been settled by agreement or determined by *the Commission*, the alteration may, upon payment and securing of any compensation accepted or determined by the *Commission*, be executed in accordance with the notice, section and plan and subject to such modifications agreed upon between the parties or as may have been determined by the *Commission*.

(6) Where the operator desiring to make the alteration makes default in complying with any of these provisions, he shall make full compensation for any loss or damage incurred by reason thereof, and, where any difference or dispute arises as to the amount of such compensation, the matter shall be determined by *the Commission*.

Where the owner or occupier desires to carry out certain works himself,-

(i) he may, at least ten days before the operator desiring to make the alteration of pipes or wires is entitled to commence the alteration, serve upon the operator a statement in writing to the effect that he desires to execute the alteration himself and requires the operator to give such security for the repayment of any expenses as may be agreed upon or, in default of agreement, determined by *the Commission*;

(ii) where a statement is served upon the operator under clause (i), he shall, not less than forty-eight hours before the execution of the alteration is required to be commenced, furnish such security and serve upon the owner a notice in writing intimating the time when the alteration is required to be commenced, and the manner in which it is required to be made; and thereupon the owner may proceed to execute the alteration as required by the operator.

(iii) where the owner declines to comply, or does not, within the time and in the manner prescribed by a notice served upon him under clause (ii), comply with the notice, the operator may himself execute the alteration;

(iv) all expenses incurred by the owner in complying with a notice served upon him by the operator under clause (ii) may be recovered by him from the operator.

Works not repairable by the State Government, licensee or local authority.-

(1) The licensee shall open or break up any street not repairable by *the State Government* or a local authority only with the written consent of the person by whom the street is repairable or with the written consent of the State Government:

(2) Provided that the State Government shall not give any such consent as aforesaid, until the licensee has given notice by advertisement or otherwise as that *the State Government* may direct, and within such period as the that Government may fix in this behalf, to the person above referred to, and until all representations or objections received in accordance with the notice have been considered by the that *the State Government*.

9. Procedure for fencing, guarding, lighting and other safety measures relating to works and immediate reinstatement of streets, railways, sewers, drains or tunnels:-

(1) Where any person, in exercise of any of the powers conferred by or under these rules opens or breaks up the soil or pavement of any street, railway or tramway, or any sewer, drain or tunnel, he shall-

(a) immediately cause the part opened or broken up to be fenced and guarded and

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- (b) cause a light or lights, sufficient for the warning of passengers before to be set up and maintained until sunrise against or near the part opened up;
- (c) make suitable arrangements for smooth flow of traffic;
- (d) fill in the ground and reinstate and make good the soil or pavement sewer, drain or tunnel, opened or broken up with all reasonable speed, and away the rubbish occasioned by such opening or breaking up; and
- (e) after reinstating and making good the soil or pavement, or the sewer, tunnel broken or opened up, keep the same in good repair for three months any further period, not exceeding nine months, during which such continues.

(2) Where any person fails to comply with any of the provisions of sub-rule (1) person having the control or management of the street, railway, tramway, sewer, or tunnel in respect of which the default has occurred, may cause to be executed the work which the defaulter has delayed or omitted to execute, and may recover from him the expenses incurred in such execution.

(3) Where any difference and/or dispute arises as to the amount of the expenses incurred under sub-rule (2), the matter shall be determined by the Commission.

10. Avoidance of public nuisance, environmental damage and unnecessary damage to the public and private property by such works: The licensee shall, while carrying out works, ensure that such works do not cause public nuisance, environmental damage and unnecessary damage to the public or private property.

11. Manner of deposit of amount for restoration of railways, tramways, waterways etc.: The licensee shall deposit the amount for restoration of railways, tramways, waterways etc. under these rules by means of demand draft in favour of the officer in charge of the maintenance of the works concerned.

12. Manner of restoration of property affected by such works and maintenance thereof: The licensee shall carry out the restoration of property affected by works and undertake necessary maintenance thereof for one month.

3. Determination and payment of compensation to affected persons:- (1) Where the licensee makes default in complying with any of the provisions of these rules, he shall make full compensation for any loss or damage incurred by reason thereof to the person affected, as may be determined by the District Magistrate or by any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, if not agreed mutually between the parties concerned.

(2) Where any difference and/or dispute arises as to the amount of compensation determined under sub-rule (1), the matter shall be determined by *the Commission*.

4. Procedure for deposit of compensation payable by the licensee and furnishing of security:- (1) The amount of compensation payable by the licensee under these rules shall be deposited by means of demand draft.

(2) The security required to be furnished under these rules shall be in the form of Bank Guarantees from a Scheduled Bank or in any other form as may be notified by the *State Government* from time to time.

5. Determination of dispute and/or difference by the Commission:- When a matter is brought to *the Commission* for determination under these rules, the matter shall be determined by *the Commission* within a period of thirty days and after hearing the parties concerned.

6. Service of notice etc:- Whenever a notice or intimation is required to be served upon a person under these rules, the procedure provided under section 171 of the Act and rules made thereunder shall be followed.

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