



ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

4thFloor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500004

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE

:Present:

Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
Sri P. Rajagopal Reddy, Member
Sri Thakur Rama Singh, Member

O.P.No.32 of 2020

Between:

Eastern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Limited (APEPDCL) ... **Petitioner**

AND

1. Government of Andhra Pradesh represented by Chief Secretary, Velagapudi, Amaravathi, A.P.
2. Southern Power Distribution Company of A.P. Limited represented by its Chairman & Managing Director, Tirupathi, A.P.
3. Central Power Distribution Company of A.P. Limited represented by its Chairman & Managing Director, Vijayawada, A.P.

Respondents

This Original Petition has come up for hearing finally on 27-01-2021 in the presence of Sri P. Shiva Rao, learned Standing Counsel for the petitioner. After carefully considering the material available on record and after hearing the arguments of the learned Standing Counsel, the Commission passed the following:

ORDER

This petition is filed for the following reliefs:

- “i. To approve the action taken by the Discom in extending supply to agriculture in excess of stipulated hours in view of the directions of the GoAP to save the crops which are being dried up due to acute shortage of rain fall*

and in support of the farmers of the state and extending supply to the agriculture from 7 Hrs. to 9 Hrs. a day during day time in 2 spells under present NAVARATNALU programme of Govt. of A.P during FY 2019-20.

ii. To approve the additional sales volume of 332.50 MU which are estimated as per actuals for the FY 2019-20 as per para No.274(vi) of Chapter-IV of Tariff Order FY 2019-20.

iii. To issue necessary directions to the GoAP to provide Rs. 204.82 Crs. as additional subsidy towards the cost of power purchase towards additional sales to LT agriculture over and above the Tariff Order quantity for FY 2019-20.

iv. To pass such order as the Honourable Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances explained above”.

2. The Commission has received an email from the Secretary to Government, Energy Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati in response to the notice dated 22-10-2020 of this Commission. The said email reads as under:

“With reference to your letter cited, Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby communicate its approval for providing additional sum of Rs.204.82 crores as additional sum for providing units of supply to Agriculture in the Limits of the Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited, Visakhapatnam as subsidy to licensees under Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for the Financial Year, 2019-20.

2. *The Secretary(I/c), Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Hyderabad is requested to take further necessary action for release of tariff order for Financial year 2019-2020 as requested”.*
3. In the light of the written undertaking given by the Government as extracted above, this O.P. is allowed as prayed for.

Sd/-
Thakur Rama Singh
Member

Sd/-
Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy
Chairman

Sd/-
P.Rajagopal Reddy
Member

