

SR. NO. 55/2009

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

AT ITS OFFICE AT 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad - 500 004

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In the matter of:

Filing of Petition for necessary orders for adopting and implementing the G.O Rt. No. 205, dt. 30-6-2009, in payment of e-seva transaction charges.

1. ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, Hyderabad.
2. ANDHRA PRADESH EASTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, Vishakhapatnam.
3. ANDHRA PRADESH NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, Warangal.
4. ANDHRA PRADESH SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED represented by its Chairman and Managing Director, Tirupathi.

... Petitioners

Petition filed under Section 11.1 (a) and (b) of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 read with clause 9 of APERC Conduct of Business Rules.

- 1 The Petitioners are the four Companies incorporated under Companies Act, owned by Government of Andhra Pradesh and are having Distribution Licenses for supply and Distribution of energy to all Category of Consumers in the State of A.P.
- 2 Pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act 2003, the Hon'ble Commission has been vested with an important role and responsibilities towards implementation of the reform of the power sector in Andhra Pradesh. Some of the key objectives of the Act are, inter-alia, to address some of the viability issues facing the sector including taking measures conducive to the development and management of electricity industry in an efficient, economic and competitive manner.
- 3 The applicants respectfully submits that the collection of electricity bills through e-seva has been in operation from 2003-04 and the consumers have been accustomed to the system of paying electricity bills through e-seva centres as it happened to be the most convenient mode of paying facility centre because of its multi-service facility and more number of working hours offered by e-seva centres.

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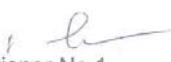



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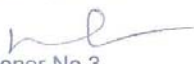
Hon'ble Commission passed orders on 17-09-08 in O.P.No.8 of 2008 (CPDCL), O.P.No.11 of 2008 (NPDCL), I.A.No.5 of 2008 (SPDCL) and I.A.No.8 of 2008 (EPDCL) permitting the licensees to continue the bill collection activity through e-seva centres at rates not exceeding Rs.2/- per transaction till conclusion of the Tariff Year 2008-09. Further, the Hon'ble Commission has issued Tariff Order for Retail Supply Business for FY 2009-10 on 20.03.2009 where in there is no mention of bill collection through e-Seva centers, RSDP centres, RIV centres, District level society centres and transaction charges for such centers.

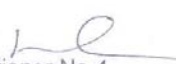
- 5 The Government of Andhra Pradesh issued G.O.Rt.No.205 Dt: 30.06.2009, where in the Government of Andhra Pradesh "permits EDS to charge Rs.5/- Plus Service Tax per utility bill payment transaction through e-seva centres for all Government departments and its organizations including all DISCOMs". Such enhancement of transaction charges from Rs.2/- to Rs.5/- will increase the O&M expenditure of the licensees and will adversely affect their financial management.
- 6 In view of the above the licensees may be permitted to collect C.C bills through e-seva centres and GoAP may be directed to provide the subsidy of differential charges to the Licensees under section 65 of Electricity Act, 2003.
- 7 In the aforesaid facts and circumstances the petitioners pray the Hon'ble Commission to pass orders as under:

- (a) Take the accompanying Petition on record.
- (b) to pass orders/necessary directions on bill collection through e-seva centers and its enhanced transaction charges by directing the GoAP to bear the differential transaction charges.
- (c) Pass such other order, as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.


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CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
(Commercial & RAC)
APCPDCL, Corporate Office,
Mini Compound, Hyderabad-53.


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(Commercial & RAC)
APCPDCL, Corporate Office,
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Petitioner No.3
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AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT VERIFYING THE ACCOMPANYING PETITION.

I, L. Manohar Reddy, son of L. Narsa Reddy, aged 57 years, Occupation: Chief General Manager (Commercial), APCPDCL, Hyderabad, R/o. Hyderabad do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. I am Chief General Manager (Commercial), APCPDCL, I am competent and duly authorised by APCPDCL to affirm, swear, execute and file this petition.
2. I am competent and duly authorised by APEPDCL, APSPDCL, and APNPDCL to affirm, swear, execute and file this petition.
3. I have read and understood the contents of the accompanying Affidavit drafted pursuant to my instructions. The statements made in the accompanying Affidavit now shown to me are true to my knowledge derived from the official records made

available to me and are based on information and advice received which I believe to be true and correct.


DEPONENT

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
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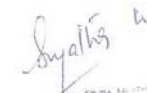
VERIFICATION:

The above named Deponent solemnly affirm at Hyderabad on this 17th day of August, 2009 that the contents of the above Affidavit are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.


DEPONENT

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
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APCPDCL, Corporate Office,
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Solemnly affirmed and Signed by me.


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