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Abbreviations

A.P./AP	Andhra Pradesh
Act 2003	The Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No. 36 of 2003)
Act 2014	The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Act No. 6 of 2014)
APCPDCL	Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited
APEPDCL	Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited
APSPDCL	Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited
APERC	Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission
APGENCO	Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited
APSLDC	Andhra Pradesh State Load Dispatch Centre
APTRANSCO	Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited
ATE	Appellate Tribunal for Electricity
CAG	Comptroller and Auditor General of India
CEA	Central Electricity Authority
CERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
CGRF	Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum
DISCOM	Distribution Company/Distribution Licensee
FOIR	Forum of Indian Regulators
FOR	Forum of Regulators
FY	Financial Year
G.O.	Government Order
GoAP	Government of Andhra Pradesh
HT	High Tension
I.A.	Interlocutory Application
kV	Kilo-Volt
LAN	Local Area Network
LT	Low Tension
MW	Mega Watt
NCE	Non-Conventional Energy
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
O.P.	Original Petition
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
SAC	State Advisory Committee

SAFIR	South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
SAIFI	System Average Interruption Frequency Index
SERC	State Electricity Regulatory Commission

CHAPTER-I

ORGANISATIONAL SETUP & ADMINISTRATION

1.1 The Commission:

- 1.1.1 The Government of India enacted the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003, hereinafter referred to as the Act 2003) consolidating the laws relating to the generation, transmission, distribution, trading and use of electricity and generally for taking measures conducive to the development of electricity industry; promoting competition therein; protecting the interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas; rationalization of electricity tariff; ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies; promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies; constitution of Central Electricity Authority (CEA); Regulatory Commissions and establishment of Appellate Tribunal and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto and the said Act 2003 came into force w.e.f. 10-06-2003. While repealing the three earlier enactments viz., the Indian Electricity Act, 1910; the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998, the Act 2003 saved the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act 2003 and they will continue to apply in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- 1.1.2 In terms of the provisions of Schedule XII (c) (3) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Central Act 6 of 2014, hereinafter referred to as the Act 2014) read with Section 82 of the Act 2003, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted SERC to be known as the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Regulatory Commission, with one Chairman and two Members, vide G.O.Ms. No. 35, Energy (Power III) Department, dt. 01-08-2014. Subsequently, GoAP issued an amendment notifying that the Commission shall be called Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide G.O.Ms. No.11, Energy (Power III) Department, dt.17-03-2015.
- 1.1.3 The names of the incumbent, Chairman & Members of the Commission are shown below:

Present Commission		
Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy	Chairman	Since 30-10-2019 onwards
Sri P.Raja Gopal Reddy	Member	Since 26-02-2020 onwards and retired on 22-04-2023
Sri Thakur Rama Singh	Member	Since 26-02-2020 onwards
Sri P.Venkata Rama Reddy	Member	Since 16-06-2023 onwards

1.2 Functions and Duties of the Commission:

1.2.1 Section 86 (1) of the Act 2003 enumerates the functions of SERCs namely: -

- a) determine the tariff for generation, supply, transmission and wheeling of electricity, wholesale, bulk or retail, as the case may be within the State:

Provided that where open access has been permitted to a category of consumers under section 42, the Commission shall determine only the wheeling charges and surcharges thereon, if any, for the said category of consumers;

- b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the State;
- c) facilitate intra-State transmission and wheeling of electricity;
- d) issue licences to persons seeking to act as transmission licensees, distribution licensees and electricity traders with respect to their operations within the State;
- e) promote cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee;
- f) adjudicate upon the disputes between the licensees and generating companies and to refer any dispute for arbitration;
- g) levy fee for the purposes of the Act;
- h) specify State Grid Code consistent with the Grid Code specified under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 79;
- i) specify or enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees;
- j) fix the trading margin in the intra-State trading of electricity, if considered, necessary;

k) discharge such other functions as may be assigned under this Act.

1.2.2 Further, Section 86 (2) of the Act 2003 states that the Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely:

- (i) promotion of competition, efficiency and economy in activities of the electricity industry.
- (ii) promotion of investment in electricity industry;
- (iii) reorganization and restructuring of electricity industry in the State;
- (iv) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the Commission by that Government.

1.2.3 Section 86 (3) of the Act 2003 mandates that the Commission shall ensure transparency while exercising its powers and discharging its functions.

1.2.4 Likewise, Section 86 (4) of the Act 2003 states that in discharge of its functions, the State Commission shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy, National Electricity Plan and Tariff Policy published under Section 3 of the Act, 2003.

1.3 Infrastructure:

1.3.1 **Office Building:** The Commission continued to occupy the 4th Floor in the rented premises bearing D.No.11-4-660, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500004.

1.3.2 **Local Area Network (LAN):** All the Computer systems installed in the Commission's office are connected through a Local Area Network (LAN) enabling access to any reference information and sharing of data. LAN enables information access at various locations more so in Conference Hall during meetings and in the Court Hall during hearings. The necessary peripheral hardware together with standard software items have also been provided in the office for increasing the efficiency and compatibility.

1.3.3 **Internal Workflow:** The Commission has its own customized software designed & maintained for file movement and approval. The software system has been envisaged and designed to make use of the Google Workspace suite of software.

1.3.4 **Intranet & Email:** With an endeavour to make information available to all users, computers available in the office of the Commission are connected through intranet. Each user in the office is given access to email. All useful information is

thus made available to the officers and staff of the Commission, which helps users communicate and transfer files and makes sharing of information easy.

1.3.5 **Website (Internet):** The website of APERC has been in operation with the URL address www.aperc.gov.in. All acts, decisions and orders of the Commission are being uploaded on the website from time to time. The website is also used for announcing the dates of Public Hearings and Court Hearings being conducted by the Commission; Public Notices, Press Releases, Concept Papers, Proceedings, etc., issued by the Commission; Regulations notified by the Commission. It also provides information on CGRFs and Vidyut Ombudsman. Further, the details regarding the Right to Information Act, 2005 are uploaded and regularly updated from time to time to provide transparency, easy access and wide publicity to consumers and other stakeholders.

1.3.6 **Library:** Various books, periodicals, law journals and other documents pertaining to the electricity sector as required from time to time were procured during the year. The Commission has also subscribed to “SCC Online” and “India Power Regulation”, which are web based sources of case law and nationwide Electricity Regulation databases.

1.4 **Notification of Regulations:**

1.4.1 The Commission notified the following Regulations during the year:

1. **Regulation No.3 of 2023 dt:17-04-2023:** Fourth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees’ Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 (Regulation No.7 of 2004).
2. **Regulation No.4 of 2023 dt:23-02-2024:** Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (The Grid Interactive Solar Rooftop Photovoltaic System under Gross/Net Metering) Regulation, 2023.
3. **Regulation No.5 of 2023 dt:14-07-2023:** The Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fees) Regulation, 2005.
4. **Regulation No.6 of 2023 dt:14-07-2023:** First Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy / Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2022.

5. **Regulation No.7 of 2023 dt:11-10-2023:** Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Transmission Tariff Regulation, 2005) Regulation No.5 of 2005).
6. **Regulation No.8 of 2023 dt:11-10-2023:** Eighth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 (Regulation No.2 of 1999).
7. **Regulation No.9 of 2023 dt:27-12-2023:** First Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017 (Regulation No.2 of 2017).
8. **Regulation No.1 of 2024 dt:07-02-2024:** Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation No.4 of 2005).
9. **Regulation No.2 of 2024 dt:07-02-2024:** Sixth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation No.4 of 2005).

1.5 Staffing Position:

- 1.5.1 The Commission has been organized into five wings viz., Secretariat, Administration, Engineering, Law & Tariff and is being supported by Officers comprising of Electrical Engineers, Economists, Financial Analysts, Legal Personnel, Administrators and other required staff. The services of the Commission employees are governed by APERC (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Officers and Staff) Regulation, 1999 [Regulation No.3 of 1999] notified on 22-07-1999 read with its First Amendment Regulation notified on 25-04-2006 and supplementary Regulation notified on 30-07-2013. The Commission has notified the APERC (Recruitment, Control and Service Conditions of Staff) Regulations, 2022 [Regulation No.6 of 2022 dt.29-11-2022] which came into force with effect from 01-01-2023.
- 1.5.2 The officers and staff who are regular employees of the Commission are assigned duties as shown below:

Sl. No.	Name of the employee S/Sri/Smt.	Designation
1	N.Sasikala	Private Secretary
2	P.V.Padmaja	Private Secretary
3	V.M.V.R.S.Sridhar	Junior Personnel Officer
4	P.Vijaya Lakshmi	Cashier
5	P.V.L.Sailaja	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
6	G.Surya Kumari	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
7	V.K.Ratnakar	Steno-cum-Computer Operator
8	I.Usha Rani	Personnel Assistant
9	G.Venkateswara Rao	Clerk-cum-Computer Operator
10	M.Sudarsan	Receptionist-cum-Telephone Operator
11	P.Ramakrishna Murthy	Messenger
12	K.Ramu	Messenger
13	S.Srinivasa Rao	Caretaker

1.5.3 The Commission has appointed Sri G.Giridhar as Junior Assistant on compassionate grounds.

1.5.4 The Commission has appointed the following employees on direct recruitment:

Sl. No.	Name of the employee S/Sri/Smt.	Designation
1	A.Chaithanya	Assistant Director (Tariff-Engineering)
2	N.Deepak Kumar	Assistant Director (Pay & Accounts)
3	S.Devayani	Junior Assistant
4	P.Balagangadhar Reddy	Junior Assistant
5	K.Sandeep	Office Subordinate
6	S.Anil	Office Subordinate
7	S.Veera Babu	Office Subordinate
8	P.Krishna	Office Subordinate
9	Syed Razak Ahmed	Office Subordinate
10	M.Thangaraj	Office Subordinate

- 1.5.5 The services of Sri P.Rajanikantha Reddy, Executive Engineer, APSPDCL, who is working on deputation as Deputy Director (Planning & Power Procurement) in the Commission, are extended for a further period of one year.
- 1.5.6 Sri D.Ramanaiah Setty was appointed as Joint Director (Tariff) on contract basis w.e.f.01-09-2023 FN.
- 1.5.7 Sri A.V.L.K.Jagannadha Sarma, Deputy Executive Engineer, APEPDCL is appointed as Deputy Director (Tariff-Engineering) on deputation for a period of one year w.e.f.01-01-2024 FN.
- 1.5.8 The Commission has continued the services of Sri P.Krishna as Consultant (Tariff & Allied Matters) & Commission Secretary i/c and Sri M.Nageswara Rao as Senior Consultant (Law).
- 1.5.9 The Commission has appointed Sri G.Satyanaryana as Special Officer w.e.f. 06-09-2023 FN and Sri S.Muni Sankaraiah as Special Officer w.e.f.10-01-2024 FN.
- 1.5.10 The Commission has continued the services of Sri P.V.Ranga Rao, Assistant Secretary, APTRANSCO who is working as Liaison Officer in the Commission w.e.f.30-08-2022 FN.
- 1.5.11 Sri P.Murali Krishna who is working as Consultant (Tariff & Engineering) resigned from the services w.e.f.28-02-2024 AN and Sri N.Venkata Narayana working as IT Consultant resigned from the services w.e.f.28-02-2024 AN.
- 1.5.12 The term of Sri K.Raja Bapaiah who is working on contract basis as Director (Engineering) and Commission Secretary i/c ended on 25-02-2024.
- 1.5.13 The Commission continued to engage security staff, janitorial services and other housekeeping functions on an outsourcing basis through a service provider in the interest of economy and efficiency.

1.6 State Advisory Committee (SAC):

- 1.6.1 The SAC has been constituted as required under Section 87 (1) of the Act, 2003 read with Regulation No.3 of 2016, vide gazette notification dt.15-07-2021 of the Commission with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission as the Ex-Officio Chairman of SAC. The objectives of the SAC are to advise the Commission on –

- (i) major questions of policy;
- (ii) matters relating to quality, continuity and extent of service provided by the licensees;
- (iii) compliance by licensees with the conditions and requirements of their licence;
- (iv) protection of consumer interest; and
- (v) electricity supply and overall standards of performance by utilities.

1.6.2 19th meeting of the State Advisory Committee: APERC discussed the following agenda points during the meeting held on 13-02-2024 at Corporate Office, APSPDCL, Tirupati.

- (1) ARRs, Tariff and Cross Subsidy filings by APDISCOMs for Retail Supply Business for FY 2024-25.
- (2) MYT filings by APDISCOMs, APTRANSCO and APSPDCL for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 for Distribution, Transmission and SLDC businesses respectively.
- (3) MYT Tariff filings by APGENCO for FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- (4) Any other issue(s) with the permission of the Chair.

1.7 State Coordination Forum:

1.7.1 In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (4) of Section 166 of the Act 2003 the Government of Andhra Pradesh reconstituted “State Co-ordination Forum” with the Chairman, APERC as Chairman of the Forum and the Chairman & Managing Director, APTRANSCO as the Member Convenor for the smooth and coordinated development of the power system in the State.

1.8 Constitution of a committee in each district of the State

1.8.1 Under Section 166 (5) of the Act 2003, it is a mandatory requirement to constitute a committee in each District of the State of Andhra Pradesh: (a) to coordinate and review the extension of electrification in each district; (b) to review the quality of power supply and consumer satisfaction; and (c) to promote energy efficiency and its conservation. In exercise of such powers, the Government of Andhra Pradesh issued notification dt.28-01-2004 constituting district committees for all the districts of the State with the following composition.

1	Collector and District Magistrate	Chairperson
2	Superintending Engineer (Operation)	Member Convenor
3	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad	Member

4	Additional Superintendent of Police	Member
5	All Divisional Engineers (Operation in District)	Member
6	District Panchayat Officer	Member
7	Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Department	Member
8	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation / Municipalities in the District	Member
9	General Manager, District Industries Centre	Member
10	Joint Director, Agriculture Department	Member
11	Representative from Domestic Consumer Organization	Member
12	Representative from Agriculture Consumer Organization	Member
13	Representative from Industrial Consumer Organization	Member

1.9 Southern Electricity Regulators Forum (SERF)

1.9.1 The Southern Electricity Regulators Forum (SERF) is a society registered under the provisions of Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. The Forum was constituted to understand and review issues specific to the Southern Region that shared similar characteristics and concerns. The Forum aims at an important coordinated role to address several issues confronting the Power Sector in order to bring in the reforms in real terms. The Chairpersons of all Southern State Electricity Regulatory Commissions constitute the Executive Committee and the General Body Meeting of the Forum shall be held once in 3 months on a rotation basis.

20th SERF meeting was conducted by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission on 19-05-2023. The meeting was held at Kodagu, Karnataka. The Hon'ble Chairman Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy and Member Sri Thakur Rama Singh attended this meeting on behalf of the APERC.

21st SERF meeting was conducted by the Kerala Electricity Regulatory Commission on 09-12-2023. The meeting was held at KTDC Waterscapes, Backwater Resort, Kumarakom. The Hon'ble Chairman Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy and Members Sri Thakur Rama Singh & Sri P.Venkata Rama Reddy attended this meeting on behalf of the APERC.

1.10 Forum of Indian Regulators (FOIR):

FOIR is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Registration No.S.36509 dt.04-02-2000) to promote transparency in the working of regulatory bodies, protect consumer interest and develop consumer advocacy

organizations, develop human and institutional capacities in regulatory bodies, utilities and other stakeholders, research the efficiency and effectiveness of independent regulation, provide an information base on regulatory law and practice and regulatory economics, collaborate with academic and research institutions, professional bodies and NGOs in India and internationally in areas of interest to the society. To discuss the aspects of regulatory development in the electricity sector in various states.

1.11 Forum of Regulators (FOR):

1.11.1 In order to coordinate the activities of CERC and SERCs, FOR has been constituted by the Government of India u/s 166 (2) of the Act 2003, which is responsible for harmonization, coordination and ensuring uniformity of approach amongst the SERCs across the country and to achieve greater regulatory certainty in the electricity sector. The following FOR meetings were conducted during FY 2023-24:

Sl.No.	FOR Meeting	Date & Place	Attended by
1	85 th Meeting	18 th April, 2023, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
2	86 th Meeting	26 th June, 2023 Ooty, Tamilanadu)	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
3	87 th Meeting	25 th August, 2023 Agartala, Tripura	Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, Chairman
4	88 th Meeting	13 th October, 2023 Mussoorie, Uttarakhand	-
5	89 th Meeting	17 th January, 2024 Konark, Odisha	-

1.11.2 Sri Thakur Rama Singh, Member, APERC has already been appointed as the Adjudicating Officer for holding inquiry in matters related to the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

1.12 South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR):-

The South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) was established in May, 1999 with the support of the World Bank. SAFIR aims to provide high quality capacity building and training on infrastructure regulation & related topics, in South Asia and to stimulate research on the subject by building a network of

regional and international institutions & individuals that are active in the field. It also aims at facilitating effective and efficient regulation of utility and infrastructure industries, initiating beneficial exchange of knowledge and expertise and setting the trend of rapid implementation of global best practices. Sri P.Venkata Rama Reddy, Hon'ble Member has attended the Annual general meeting and 29th Steering Committee meeting of SAFIR held on 18-09-2023 at New Delhi.

CHAPTER-II
LICENCES, INVESTMENT APPROVALS, ETC

2.1 Licences/Exemptions:

2.1.1 APERC granted the following licenses under the provisions of the Reform Act and the Corporation/Company concerned shall be deemed to be a licensee under the Act, 2003 in terms of the provision to Section 14 thereunder. Further, the conditions contained in the licences issued to them under the Reform Act shall be deemed to have been specified u/s 16 of the Act 2003, vide APERC (Deemed Licence Conditions) Regulation, 2004.

- i) Licence No.1 of 2000 (Transmission and Bulk Supply Licence) to Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited with effect from 01-02-2000 for a period of 30 years vide order dt.31-01-2000.
- ii) Licence No.12 of 2000 to the Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited with effect from 01-04-2001 for a period of 30 years vide order dt.29-12-2000 in O.P. No.646 of 2000.
- iii) Licence No.15 of 2000 to the Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, with effect from 01-04-2001 for a period of 30 years vide order dt.29-12-2000 in O.P. No.645 of 2000.
- iv) Licence No.1 of 2020 to the Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Corporation Limited, with effect from 01-04-2020 for a period of 25 years vide order dt.31-03-2020 in O.P. No.13 of 2020.
- v) Licence No.1 of 2023 to the M/s. Garrison Engineers (I) NYC Establishments of the Military Engineer Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The grant of the Deemed Licensee status shall not in any manner hinder or restrict the right of the Commission to grant a licence to any other person within the same area for the Distribution and retail supply of electricity. The Deemed licensee shall not claim any exclusivity with effect from 07-12-2023 and shall continue to be in force for a period of three (3) years vide Lr.No.APERC/Engg/DD(Engg.)/TR-1009/D.No.1654/2023, dt.07-12-2023.

2.1.2 Commission issued policy on APERC - Rationalization of procedures in respect of collection of minimum charges during the periods of long closure of industrial units due to sickness etc. - Renewal of policy for the year FY 2023-24 vide Letter No.Engg/DD(Trans)/E-273/D.No.541/2023, dt.24-03-2023.

2.1.3 Commission issued fourth amendment vide Regulation No.3 of 2023 to the APERC (Licensee's Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 (Regulation No.7 of 2004) vide letter dt.17-04-2023.

- 2.1.4 Commission issued Second Amendment vide Regulation No.5 of 2023 to the APERC (Fees) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation No.1 of 2005) vide Lr.No.APERC/Secy /F.No.S-19(Vol.II)/D.No.1039/2023, dt.14-07-2023.
- 2.1.5 Commission issued proceedings on APERC – Restriction and Control (R&C) measures vide Proceedings. No. APERC/Engg/DD(Engg)/E-215/6/23, dt.02-09-2023.
- 2.1.6 Commission rollback of the Proceedings.No.APERC/Engg/DD(Engg)/E-215/6/23, dt.02-09-2023 on Restriction and Control (R&C) measures vide Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/DD(Engg)/E-215/7/2022, dt.05-09-2023.
- 2.1.7 Commission issued First amendment vide Regulation No.9 of 2023 to the APERC Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents Regulation, 2017 (Regulation No.2 of 2017) vide Lr. No. APERC/ Secy/ F.No.S-19(Vol.II)/ D.No.1710/2023, dt.27-12-2023.

2.2 Investment approvals – Transmission and Distribution schemes:

The Commission approved investment to the extent of Rs.7427.29 Crores during the period from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024 for the following schemes proposed by APTRANSCO & APDISCOMs:

SL. No.	Investment Name	Approved amount Rs. in Crs.
1	Providing smart prepaid metering to the consumers by replacing the existing meters and smart meters to DTRs 33 kV & 11 kV feeders under RDSS in APSPDCL area	1007.49
2	Construction of 132/33 kV SS at V. Kota, Chittoor District by making DC LILo of existing 132 kV Palamaneru - Shanthipuram line to the proposed 132 kV SS V. Kota on 132 kV Multi Circuit towers in Chittoor District	37.99
3	Erection of 132/33 kV SS at Saripalli in Ganapavaram Mandal, West Godavari District with connected lines	60.65
4	Providing Smart prepaid metering to the consumers by replacing the existing meters to all Government, Domestic (confining to AMRUT Cities), Commercial & Industrial Consumers (Excluding Agriculture) and Smart Meters to 33 kV & 11 kV Feeders & Distribution transformers with 25 kVA and above rating, in the Erstwhile Revenue Districts of Krishna, Guntur & Prakasam Districts under RDSS in APCPDCL area	1247.26

5	Erection of 33 kV features at existing 220 kV Switching Station at Bhemannadora Palem (BD Palem) with 2 x 50 MVA PTR capacity in Vizianagaram District	25.95
6	Erection of 220/132/33 kV Koppaka Sub Station (Automation) along with connected lines in Eluru District	119.79
7	Laying of 10.5 kM 33 kV 400 Sq mm XLPE UG cable with single run from 220 kV dairy farm SS to 33/11kV AS Nagar SS along with bay extension at 220KV Dairy farm SS and providing of 2 No's 33KV RMU's for strengthening the 33 kV Network to maintain uninterrupted power supply to 33/11 kV VIMS SS, Visalakshinagar SS and AB Nagar SS in Sagar Nagar section of Madhurawada Sub-Division in Zone-III division, Visakhapatnam of APEPDCL	14.74
8	External electrification of Jagananna Housing Colonies of APSPDCL	1379.77
9	Supply, erection and testing and commissioning of Augmentation of ICT capacity from 2x315MVA+ 1x500 MVA to 2 x 315 MVA + 2 x 500 MVA and connected Bay extensions at 400/220/132kV Rachaganneri Sub Station	58.27
10	Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Augmentation of ICT capacity from 2x315 MVA to 2x315 MVA+ 1x500 MVA and connected bay extensions at 400/220kV Kalikiri Sub station, Annamayya district	47.10
11	Erection of 132/33 kV at NSTL with PASS module, Visakhapatnam in Visakhapatnam district with Connected lines	98.57
12	Erection of 132 kV & 33 kV features at 220 kV switching station at Somayajula Palli in Kurnool district by making LILO of existing 132 kV AP Carbides - Cement Nagar SC Line	52.21
13	External electrification of Jagananna Housing Colonies taken under Phase - I of Pradhan Mantri Aavaas Yojana in Krishna, Guntur & Prakasam Districts of APCPDCL area	826.23
14	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Integration of SCADA equipment to the existing 15 nos. SS in Ongole Town of Prakasam District under turnkey basis	58.79
15	Erection of 150 Nos of new 33/11KV outdoor Substations with 784.24 KM of 33 KV and 1089.40 KM of 11 KV lines for network strengthening under system improvement works in APSPDCL	443.17
16	Erection of 220/132/33 kV Mutyalapadu in Nandyal District	138.59

17	Erection of 220/132/33 kV Koppaka Sub Station (Automation) along with connected lines in Eluru District (The approval granted vide Commission reference number APT/INVST-F: E-500-159/05/2023 dated 06-06-2023 for an amount of Rs. 119.79 Crs hereby stands cancelled)	139.66
18	Erection of (a) 220/33 kV SS JNPC SS with 2 x 50 MVA PTRs (b) Making LILO of (1.0 KM) 220 kV Parawada-Anrak SC feeder to 220/33 kV SS JNPC SS in Visakhapatnam District	53.25
19	Erection of 220/132/33 kV SS at Pullalacheruvu (Chapalamadugu) along with connected lines in Prakasam District	145.29
20	(i) Erection of 132kV Sub-Station at RajendraNagar (2x50MVA Power Transformers Capacity) (ii) Erection of 132kV Multi-Circuit Line (10KM) by making Single LILO of existing 132 kV Nellore- Atmakur Line to the proposed 132/33kV RajendraNagar SS in SPSR Nellore District	67.52
21	Erection of 400/220 kV SS at Gudivada and connected transmission network under 400 kV Ring around Capital City	559.79
22	Erection of 220/132/33 kV SS at Gadivemula in Nandyal District	98.65
23	Providing Auto Changeover Scheme to 66 Nos 33/11 KV Indoor Substations in all the five circles in APEPDCL area	9.53
24	Erection of 132/33kV SS at Acharya Nagarjuna University (near Kaza) along with connected lines in Guntur District	29.70
25	Construction of 220/132/33 kV Automation substation at Vizianagaram and connected transmission network in Vizianagaram district - Revised Investment Proposal (APTRANSCO/220/132/33 kV SS/VZM/F: INVST-22/2018 dated 08-05-2018 for an amount of Rs. 69.90 Crs and APTRANSCO/220/132/33 kV SS/VZM/F: INVST-17/2019 dated 5-09-2019 for an amount of Rs. 83.16 Crs towards the erection of 220/132/33 kV SS at Vizianagaram and connected network hereby stand cancelled)	200.76
26	Erection of (i) 220/132/33 kV SS at Banavasi(V) of Yemmiganur (M) in Kurnool District (ii) 220kV LILO of existing 220kV Mythra- Nansuralla DC line to the proposed 220/132/33kV SS at Banavasi (V) and (iii) 132kV double circuit LILO of existing 132kV Adoni-Yemmiganur DC line to the proposed 220/132/33kV SS Banavasi in Kurnool District	148.26
27	Construction of 132/33 kV Substation at Industrial Estate Thukivakam (in the existing 33kV SS Compound) with 2x50MVA Power Transformers along with connected 132kV DC LILO Line and other associated works in Tirupati District	76.89

28	Replacement of existing ACSR Moose conductor with ACSR Moose conductor on existing 220 kV Nunna- Gudivada DC Line and replacement of existing 220kV Feeder CTs and Isolators with new CTs and Isolators on each 2 Nos. 220 kV Bays at 220 kV Nunna & 220 kV Gudivada ends under system improvement due to overloading of existing line and to meet the upcoming 2024 summer demand in Krishna District	43.29
29	Erection of (i). 220 kV DC Line by making LILO of circuit-1 of 220 kV Bobbili - Garividi DC line to 400/220 kV Maradam SS on 220 kV Multi Circuit Towers in Vizianagaram District with modification of existing 220kV Maradam - Bobbili DC Line, modification of existing 220kV Maradam - BD Palem DC Line and (ii) 2 nos. 220kV Bays with 220kV Bus extension at 400kV SS Maradam in Vizianagaram District	30.09
30	220/33kV Substation at Gopavaram Village in Kaikaluru Mandal in Eluru District and by making double LILO of 220kV DC Line from 400/220kV SS Gudivada (under construction) to Akiveedu at proposed 220/33kV SS Gopavaram Village in Eluru District	42.91
31	Erection of Balance works of (i) 132/33 kV Sub-station at Bantumilli(V) in Krishna District (ii) 132 kV DC line (21kM) from 132 kV Switching Station, Pedana to proposed 132/33 kV sub-station at Bantumilli (iii) 2 Nos.132kV Bay extensions with Bus extension at 132kV SWS Pedana in Krishna District	51.34
32	Erection of 132kV features at existing 220/11 kV SS Settipalli in Kurnool district by making LILO of existing 132 kV Dhone - Kurnool SC Line to 220kV/11 kV SS Settipalli	46.44
33	Upgradation of 132/33kV Narsipatnam SS to 220/132/33kV Narsipatnam SS in Anakapalli district and connected lines under System improvement Scheme	67.35
Total		7427.29

2.3 Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

LIST of PPAs consented during the FY 2023-24					
Sl. No.	Name of the Developer	Capacity (MW)	Type	Date of conditional consent /consent	Remarks
1	M/s Ramanagaram Enterprises Pvt Ltd.	2	Solar	07-09-2023	Name Change from M/s Sri Power Generation (India) Pvt Ltd to M/s Ramanagaram Enterprises Pvt Ltd.
2	M/s SEIL Energy India Limited	625	Thermal	03-08-2023	Name Change from M/s Sembcorp Energy India Limited to M/s SEIL Energy India Ltd.

3	M/s.NTPC Green Energy Ltd.	250	Solar	22-06-2023	Name Change from M/s. NTPC Limited to M/s.NTPC Green Energy Ltd.
4	M/s SEIL Energy India Limited	230	Solar	15-03-2024	Name Change from M/s Sembcorp Energy India Limited to M/s SEIL Energy India Ltd.
5	M/s Altilium Venti Pvt Ltd	0.8	Wind	13-03-2024	Name change from M/s. Protectron Electromech Pvt Ltd to M/s Altilium Venti Pvt Ltd.
6	M/s Adani Renewables Energy Devco Pvt Ltd.	3	Solar	10-01-2024	Name change from SB Energy Pvt Ltd. to Adani Renewables Energy Devco Pvt Ltd.

1. The Hon'ble Commission issued directions entering into MoU for the purchase of the balance 10% installed capacity and energy from Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah Thermal Power Station (SDSTPS) Stage-1 of (2X800MW) at Krishnapatnam, Nellore, District, Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.APERC/E-335/DD(P&PP)/D.No.967/2023, dt.21-06-2023.
2. Issued a recommendation to APSPDCL for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for FY 2022-23 vide Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/DD(P&PP)/E-3001/01/2023, dt.09-06-2023.
3. Issued a recommendation to APCPDCL for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for FY 2022-23 vide Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/DD(P&PP)/E-3001/03/2023, dt.21-06-2023.
4. Issued a recommendation to APEPDCL for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for FY 2022-23 vide Proceedings No.APERC/Engg/DD(P&PP)/E-3001/02/2023, dt.19-06-2023.
5. The Hon'ble Commission issued First Amendment to APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation - Compliance By Purchase of Renewable Energy / Renewable Energy Certificates - Regulation 6 of 2023 (Regulation No. 5 of 2022) vide Lr. No. APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19(Vol.II)/D.No.1039/2023, dt.14-07-2023.

CHAPTER-III

TARIFFS

3.1 Procurement of imported coal

Vide letter dt.25-04-2022, permission was issued for the procurement of 7.5 lakh MT of imported coal for SD STPS Stage-I (2X800MW) by APPDCL and to use 10 percent of imported coal for blending with domestic coal in April 23 by HNPCL based on the request of the DISCOMS (Lr. No. APERC/ Secy/F:T-52/ D.No.578/2023, dt.13-04-2023).

3.2 Deviation Settlement Mechanism (C-DSM) and related regulations

The Order dt.21-04-2023 was issued in O.P.No.52 of 2022, concerning the Comprehensive Deviation Settlement Mechanism (C-DSM) and related regulations.

3.3 Amendments to Regulations

The Order dt.21-04-2023 was issued in OP Nos.3, 4, 5, 16, and 17 of 2020 regarding the amendments to Regulations 2 of 2005 and 2 of 2006.

3.4 HNPCL tariff-related

The order dt.19-06-2023 was issued in Review Petition No.8 of 2022 in O.P. Nos.21 of 2015 and 19 of 2016.

3.5 Timelines for Power Procurement Proposals

Vide proceedings dt.10-07-2023, timelines for the submission of power procurement proposals by the DISCOMS were established (Procdgs.No.APERC/ Tariff/T-52/04, dt.10-07-2023).

3.6 Amendment Regulation 5 of 2023

The Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fees) Regulation 2005, Regulation No.5 of 2023 was issued on 14-07-2023 (Lr. No. APERC/Secy/F. No. S-19(Vol.II)/ D.No.1039/2023, dt.14-07-2023).

3.7 Amendment Regulation 6 of 2023

The First Amendment to APERC (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation, Compliance By Purchase of Renewable Energy / Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulation 2022 - Regulation No.6 of 2023 was issued on 14-07-2023 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19(Vol.II)/D.No.1039/2023, dt.14-07-2023).

3.8 Guidelines for the Reserve shutdown

In the proceedings dt.31-07-2023, the guidelines for the Reserve shutdown and the revival from the reserve shutdown of thermal generating units to be dispatched by APSLDC were issued (Procdgs.No.APERC/Tariff/T-35/2023/05, dt.31-07-2023).

3.9 Regarding Disconnection of Local bodies & Municipalities

A letter dt.01-08-2023 was sent to the Special Chief Secretary of GOAP, Energy Department, regarding arrears from local bodies, municipalities, corporations, and government departments for regular payments to the DISCOMs to prevent disconnection (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:28/D.No.1099/2023,dt.01-08-2023).

3.10 Emergency Load Reliefs

In the letter dt.13-08-2023, directions were issued to DISCOMs regarding load shedding implemented under the name of Emergency Load Reliefs (Lr.No. APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1137/23, dt.13-08-2023).

3.11 Power Swapping ratification

In the letter dt.30-09-2023, while issuing the Post LoI ratification regarding power swapping from Shubheksha Advisors Pvt Ltd (SAPL) by DISCOMs, token penalties were imposed on DISCOMs (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F:T-52/D.No.1255/2023, dt.30-09-2023).

3.12 HNPCL tariff-related

In the letter dt.05-10-2023, DISCOMs were instructed not to pass on the additional expenses incurred by HNPCL in May 2023 and June 2023, associated with blending imported coal with domestic coal, to the consumers (Lr.No. APERC/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1507/2023, dt.05-10-2023).

3.13 SDSTPS Coal logistical issues

Directions were issued to APPDCL to address all logistical challenges in transporting coal from AKPL's port to its plant, enabling the full operation of all units at SDSTPS (Lr. No. APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1509/2023, dt.06-10-2023).

3.14 Statutory Advice to GoAP

Vide the DO letter dt.06-10-2023, a Statutory Advice under section 86 (2) (i) of the Electricity Act, 2003, was issued to GoAP regarding an avoidable burden on electricity consumers by enhancing the performance of thermal power stations of

APGENCO and APPDCL (D.O.Lr.No.APERC/Tariff/F.No.85/D.No.1508/2023, dt.06-10-2023).

3.15 Estimation of unmetered sales to subsidised consumers

Vide letter dt.10-10-2023, directions were issued to DISCOMs regarding the estimation of unmetered sales to subsidised consumers (free power consumers in the agricultural category) in ARR & FPT for FY 2024-25, to be filed by the DISCOMs following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Subsidy Accounting and Payment issued by MoP, GoI (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:35/D.No.1520/2023, dt.10-10-2023).

3.16 Amendment Regulation No.7 of 2023

The Second Amendment to the APERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Transmission Tariff) Regulation 2005 - Regulation No.7 of 2023 was issued on 11-10-2023 (Lr. No. APERC/ Secy/ F.No. S-19(Vol.II)/D.No.1524/ 2023, dt.11-10-2023).

3.17 Amendment Regulation No.8 of 2023

The Eighth Amendment to the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation 1999 - Regulation No.8 of 2023 was issued on 11-10-2023 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19(Vol.II)/ D.No.1524/2023, dt.11-10-2023).

3.18 Coal Permission-Rail-Sea-Rail (RSR) mode.

In the letter dt.08-11-2023, approval was granted for the APGENCO proposal to receive coal from MCL to Dr.NTTPS via the Rail-Sea-Rail (RSR) mode (Lr.No. APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1579/2023, dt.08-11-2023).

3.19 Pooling CG stations

In the letter dt.10-11-2023, the DISCOMs were directed to coordinate with NTPC and MoP to exclude the Ramagundam Stage-I and II from the MoP Scheme dt.20-04-2023 for pooling the tariff of the CG stations whose PPAs have expired (Lr.No.APERC/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1582/2023, dt.10-11-2023).

3.20 Power procurement through the DEEP e-tender

In the letter dt.29-11-2023, the Commission consented to the power procurement through the DEEP e-tender by the DISCOMs on a short-term basis for April, 2024 and May, 2024 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1632/2023, dt.29-11-2023).

3.21 Costs associated with loading and transporting unutilised ash

In the letter dt.12-12-2023, directions were issued to APGENCO to file petitions before the Commission regarding the pass-through of the costs associated with loading and transporting unutilised ash (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1667/2023, dt.12-12-2023).

3.22 7.5 lakh MT of imported coal for APGENCO thermal stations

In the letter dt.12-12-2023, APGENCO was permitted to procure 7.5 lakh MT of imported coal for its thermal stations to utilise it at a rate of 6 percent for blending with domestic coal from January, 2024 to July, 2024 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1656/2023, dt.12-12-2023).

3.23 Swapping of power

In the letter dt.14-12-2023, instructions were issued to DISCOMs not to pass on the penalty amounts imposed on them to the consumers regarding the swapping of power from Shubheksha Advisors Private Limited (SAPL) (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.1680/2023, dt.14-12-2023).

3.24 Amendment Regulation No.9 of 2023

The First Amendment to the APERC (Compensation to Victims of Electrical Accidents) Regulation, 2017 - Regulation No.9 of 2023 has been issued (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19 (Vol.II)/D.No.1710/2023, dt.27-12-2023).

3.25 Determination of the Tariff for the control period FY 2019-2024 - SDSTPS

The Order dt.11-01-2024 in O.P.No.53 of 2019 was issued regarding the determination of the Tariff for the control period FY 2019-2024 under Section 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003, for the electricity supplied by APPDCL from SDSTPS to the Distribution Licensees in Andhra Pradesh.

3.26 Amendments Regulation No.4 of 2005

The Order dt.05-02-2024 in O.P.No.55 of 2023 was issued regarding the amendments to Regulation No.4 of 2005.

3.27 Amendment Regulation No.1 of 2024

The Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation, 2005 - Regulation No.1 of 2024 was issued on 07-02-2024 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/F.No.S-19 (Vol.III)/D.No.522, dt.07-02-2024).

3.28 Power from the PTC trader

In the letter dt.16-02-2024, the DISCOMs were directed not to receive power from the PTC trader during April, 2024 and May, 2024 (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.779/2024, dt.16-02-2024).

3.29 HNPCL Imported coal related

In the letter dt.16-02-2024, the DISCOMs were directed not to allow HNPCL to use imported coal in the future without the prior approval of the Commission, as such prior approval is sine qua non according to clause 2.9 of the PPA for the usage of imported coal (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.780/2024, dt.16-02-2024).

3.30 Order on Retail Sale of electricity during the FY 2024-25

The order dt.11-03-2024 regarding the tariff for the retail sale of electricity during FY 2024-25 was issued.

3.31 HNPCL Imported coal permission

In the letter dt.15-03-2024, HNPCL was permitted to blend 20 percent imported coal with domestic coal from March, 2024 to May, 2024 based on proposals received from DISCOMs (Lr.No.APERC/Secy/Tariff/F:52/D.No.908/2024, dt.15-03-2024).

3.32 FCA Order of APGENCO

The Order dt.27-03-2024 in O.P.No.60 of 2023 was issued regarding the Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) beyond 15% of the base variable cost for all the thermal power stations of APGENCO during the FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23 and the revision of the base variable cost for FY 2023-24.

CHAPTER-IV

LEGAL MATTERS

4.1 Legal matters:

- 4.1.1 **Receiving Officer:** Smt N.Sasikala, Private Secretary is entrusted with duties and responsibilities of Receiving Officer, for the purposes of the APERC Regulation No.2 of 1999 [Regulation No.2 of 1999] and the procedure for process of petitions/objections/applications received by the Receiving Officer specified in the Proceedings No.Secy/02/2010 dt.13-04-2010, continues to apply in terms of the APERC (Adaptation) Regulation, 2014.
- 4.1.2 **Advocate on Record:** M/s. A.G.Veritas Law, New Delhi, represented by their Partners Sri Gaichangpou Gangmei (D/2124/2008) and Sri Arjun Singh (MAH/4588/2012) were appointed as the new Panel Advocate on Record before the Honourable Supreme Court and the Honourable APTEL from 02-02-2024 consequent on the appointment of Sri Sridhar Potaraju, Advocate, New Delhi as Senior Advocate by the Honourable Supreme court, initially for a period of three years, to handle the work in respect of the appeals being preferred before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and before Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity by or against the Commission.
- 4.1.3 **Standing Legal Counsel:** Sri V.R.N. Prashanth, Advocate was continued as Panel Counsel to appear before the High Court of Judicature for the State of Andhra Pradesh/Telangana for a period of three years from 06-11-2023 and Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate, continued to be the Standing Legal Counsel to APERC in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh only for a period of three years from 06-11-2023; as per the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Appointment and Payment of Remuneration to Empanelled Advocate) Regulations, 2020 Regulation No.2 of 2020.
- 4.2 Orders Passed by the Commission during FY 2023-24:** 94 Nos. of Original Petitions (O.Ps.), 3 Nos. of Review Petitions (R.Ps.) and 1 Revision Petition were disposed by the Commission during the period from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024 as shown below:

Orders passed by the Commission during FY 2023-24

Sl. No.	Date of Order	Particulars
1.	12-04-2023	O.P.No.43 of 2019 was filed by M/s. ITC Ltd against APSPDCL, APEPDCL, APPCC and APSLDC (respondents herein) u/s 86(1)(b) & 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking a direction to respondents in relation to making payment for the energy injected into grid owing to unlawful denial of open access in compliance with order dt.13-06-2016 passed by CERC.
2.	12-04-2023	O.P.No.119, 120 & 121 of 2021 and batch of petitions were filed under Sections 33(4) and 39 read with Section 86(1)(e) and (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking appropriate directions against APSLDC and APTRANSCOs (respondents herein) for non-performance of statutory obligations by the respondents.
3.	21-04-2023	O.P.No.11 of 2023 was filed by APSPDCL seeking Renewable Energy Certificates for the Financial Year 2021-22 as per its eligibility under section 61, 66, 86(1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation of 2017 of APERC prescribing the obligation for purchase of Renewable Power and its compliance by purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates.
4.	21-04-2023	O.P.No.52 of 2022 was filed by APSLDC seeking this Commission to specify the Comprehensive Deviation Settlement Mechanism (C-DSM) and Related Matters Regulation for setting out the procedures to be followed & implemented for comprehensive Balancing & Settlement of deviations/ Interchanges in respect of drawals & injections into the Intra State Transmission network the State of Andhra Pradesh.
5.	21-04-2023	O.P.Nos.3, 4, 5, 16 and 17 of 2020 were filed by APEPDCL and APSPDCL seeking Amendment to APERC (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulation, 2005 (Regulation No. 2 of 2005).
6.	26-04-2023	O.P.No.86 of 2021 was filed by M/s. Sarda Metals & Alloys Ltd against APEPDCL (respondent herein) u/s 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 aggrieved by the actions of the respondent in unlawfully getting enriched with the over injection of the power supplied by the Petitioner and failed to pay the amounts due to the petitioner under the Nineteen (19) Letter of Intents submitted to the Respondent.

7.	26-04-2023	O.P.No.63 of 2021 was filed by M/s. Shri Girija Alloy & Power (I) Pvt. Ltd. against APEPDCL (respondent herein) u/s 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking to direct the Respondent to refund an amount of INR 89,62,994/- wrongfully collected towards fixed charges for the month(s) of August 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017 and February 2018 by the Respondent as stated in Table 2.
8.	03-05-2023	O.P.No.69 of 2022 was filed by Trident Power Private Limited against APCPDCL and APTRANSCO (Respondents herein) u/s 86(1) (b) of the Electricity Act 2003 r/w Clause (55) of APERC Conduct of Business Regulations praying this Hon'ble Commission to issue a direction or order or orders declaring the action of the Respondents 1, 3 and 4 in levying and demanding differential wheeling charges, cross subsidy surcharge and transmission charges on the energy generated and wheeled by the petitioner under the provisions of the Power Wheeling and Purchase Agreement dt.11-01-2000, purported to be basing the Tariff Orders of the APERC vide Lr.No.CMD/D/T/D/FIN/CGM/F/GM/R&IA/SAO/R&IA/AAO/HT/D.No.772/20, dt.05-01-2021 and in stopping the adjustment of energy generated and wheeled by the petitioner to its schedule consumers vide Lr. No.CMD/D/T/D/FIN/CGM/F/GM/R&IA/SAO/R&IA/AAO/HT/JAO/HT/D.No.1072/21, dt.05-03-2021 of the Respondent as arbitrary, Illegal, without jurisdiction and contrary to the Tariff Orders of the APERC and the notification issued by Union of India vide the Electricity (Removal of Difficulties) Second Order 08.06.2005. Provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and consequently, set aside the same.
9.	03-05-2023	O.P.No.68 of 2022 was filed by M/s. Jindal Urban Waste Management (Guntur) Ltd against APSPDCL and APCPDCL (respondents herein under Sections 86(1)(f) and (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (in short "the Act"), r/w. Clause-8 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999, as amended, read with Article 7 of the Power Purchase Agreement dt.06-02-2016 ("PPA") entered into between the Petitioner and APSPDCL, seeking a direction to the respondents herein not reduce the tenure of the PPA from the existing term of 25 years to the proposed term of 10 to 15 years as mentioned in the letter vide Lr.No.CGM-Projects/GM/EE-PP&RAC/F.No.Jindal/D.No.368/22 dt.19-09-2022 and to honor the terms of the PPA dt.06-02-2016.
10.	09-05-2023	O.P.Nos.14, 15 & 16 of 2023 were filed by APEPDCL, APSPDCL & APCPDCL seeking Determination of Pooled Cost of Power Purchase for FY 2021-22 to be considered for FY 2022-23

11.	26-05-2023	O.P.Nos.61 and 62 of 2022 were filed by M/s. Balaji Energy Pvt. Ltd. against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO and APSLDC (respondents hereunder) U/Sec. 86 (1)(f) (k) of the Electricity Act 2003, read with Clause-55 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking for a direction to the respondents to allow the energy injected from the date of synchronisation to the Commercial Operation Date (COD) as deemed banking units in respect of its units for 2 x 1.5 MW (NLR 888) & 2 x 4 MW(NLR 891) and adjust the same to the third party consumer Pushpit Steels Pvt. Ltd., and also to direct the respondents to pay interest at 12% on quarterly rest for the delayed period till the amounts for the banked energy, i.e., 30, 16, 811 units (O.P.No.61) and 1, 46, 54, 777 units (O.P.No.62) are received by the petitioner etc.
12.	14-06-2023	O.P.No.10 of 2023 was filed by Military Engineer Services (MES) Garrison Engineer (I) NYC against the APTRANSCO and APEPDCL under Sections 2, 14 & 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for recognizing Military Engineer Services (MES) as a Deemed Distribution Licensee in the State of Andhra Pradesh as Military Engineer Services (MES) at Ship Building Centre,Visakhapatnam (HT Connection No VSP427) is a department under Ministry of Defence engaged in distribution of electric supply.
13.	19-06-2023	R.P.No.8 of 2022 in O.P. Nos.21 of 2015 and 19 of 2016 filed by Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited against APEPDCL seeking to review/modify the Common Order dt.01-08-2022 passed by this Commission in OP Nos.21 of 2015 and 19 of 2016.
14.	07-07-2023	O.P. Nos.7 and 8 of 2023 were filed by NREDCAP against the APSPDCL under Sections 86 (1) (a), 86 (1) (b), 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking approval of Tariff of at least Rs.3.43/- per unit or higher for sale of Wind Power by the Petitioner's 5.95 MW Wind Power Plant to the Respondent herein for the PPA dated.27.03.2012 for the balance tenure from 11 th year of operation to 20 th year in terms of the Order dt.01-05-2009 passed by this Hon'ble Commission in O.P Nos.6 and 7 of 2009.
15.	20-07-2023	Revision Petition No.1 of 2022 was filed by Mahaveer Kumar and three others against the District Collector, Guntur and others feeling aggrieved by the Order dt.08-12-2021, vide Proceedings. RC No.2284/2019-G1 of the District Collector, Guntur - Respondent No.1 and sought for a direction to the respondents to pay compensation in terms of Section 10(d) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 read with the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013; and also as per G.O.Ms.No.6, Energy

		Infrastructure and Investment (Power-III) Department, dt.06-03-2017; and G.O.Rt.No.83, Energy Infrastructure & Investment (Power-II A2) Department, dt.20-06-2017.
16.	09-08-2023	O.P.No.43 of 2019 was filed by M/s. ITC Limited against the APSPDCL, APEPDCL, APPCC and APSLDC u/s 86(1)(b) & 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking a direction to the respondents in relation to making payment for the energy injected into the grid owing to unlawful denial of open access in compliance with Order dt.13-06-2016 passed by CERC.
17.	16-08-2023	O.P.No.45 of 2022 was filed by Sri Ch. Venugopal Rao, S/o Late Sri Ch. Chadramouli against The Collector & District Magistrate, Chilakalapudi, Machilipatnam and two others (respondents) seeking award of minimum compensation of Rs.17,58,350/- plus Crop compensation as per Section 26 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (for short “the LARR Act); and compensation for Right of Way (RoW) Corridor in terms of the Guidelines for payment of compensation with regard to Right of Way for Transmission Lines in Urban Report dt.16-07-2020 and G.O.Ms.No.86 dt.03-03-2006 issued by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (M) Department).
18.	20-09-2023	O.P.No.51 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Sree Venkata Sreedevi Power LLP against APSPDCL and APPCC (respondents) under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 1999 for contravention and Non-implementation of the final order dt.23-03-2022 passed by this Commission in O.P.No.92 of 2021.
19.	20-09-2023	O.P.No.1 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Aurobindo Pharma Limited (APL) against APTRANSCO, APEPDCL and APSLDC u/s 181(e) read with Sections 42(3) and 61(h) of the Electricity Act, 2003 questioning the action of the respondents in not reducing the Contracted Demand in terms of Clause 8.5 of APERC (Interim Balancing and Settlement Code) Regulation, 2006 (Amended Regulation No.2 of 2016).

20.	20-09-2023	O.P.No.56 of 2023 was filed by M/s. BIOP Steels & Power Pvt Ltd., against APSLDC under Section 86(1)(e) of The Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause 9 of the APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2012 APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2017 and APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2022 seeking to exempt the Petitioner Company from the RPP0 Obligation.
21.	21-09-2023	O.P.No.26 of 2023 was filed by APSLDC to issue an Order to make applicable the relevant provisions of CERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2022 with retrospective effect from 05-12-2022 (the date of notification of CERC DSM regulations) for the deviation settlements of Wind and Solar generators connected to intra-state grid and selling power outside the State repealing the existing applicable provisions (Appendix 1) of Regulation No. 4 of 2017 issued by APERC.
22.	04-10-2023	O.P.Nos.18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24 of 2023 were filed by M/s. Hetero Wind Power Ltd., and others (generators) against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO and APPCC under Sections 86(l)(e) &(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, r/w Clause-8 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999, as amended, read with the Clauses of the Power Purchase Agreement dt.18-12-2014 (PPA) entered into between the Petitioners and the 1 st Respondent, seeking a direction to Respondent No.1 for expeditiously releasing the payments to the Petitioners that are illegally deducted and withheld by it on account of the energy delivered by the Petitioners to the 1 st Respondent beyond the Capacity Utilisation Factor (CUF) of 23%.
23.	11-10-2023	O.P.No.62 of 2023 was filed by APCPDCL, APSPDCL, APEPDCL against APPDCL under Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act 2003, in the matter of adjudication of dispute relating to payment of Additional Fixed Charges to SDSTPS State-1 (2x800 MW) of APPDCL for absorbing the entire generation and considering the 90% Contracted Capacity (1140 MW) as per PPA for payment of Fixed Charges, with effect from the CoD the Plant.
24.	18-10-2023	O.P.Nos.45, 46, 47, 48, 49 & 50 of 2023 were filed by M/s.Mytrah Vayu (Krishna) Private Limited, M/s.Mytrah Vayu

		(Indravathi) Private Limited, M/s.Mytrah Vayu (Tungabhadra) Private Limited, M/s.Mytrah Vayu (Tungabhadra) Private Limited, M/s.Mytrah Vayu (Krishna) Private Limited against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO, NREDCAP (respondents) under Section 86(1)(f) & (k) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Article 10.4 of the Power Purchase Agreement dt.05-03-2016 and amended PPA dt.01-03-2018, executed between petitioners and Respondent No.1 - APSPDCL seeking issuance of directions to Respondent No.1, for payment towards the energy generated over and above 23.5% Capacity Utilization Factor pertaining to their Wind Power Projects.
25.	30-10-2023	O.P.No.12 of 2020 and I.A. No.3 of 2020 was filed by M/s. Aarohi Solar Pvt. Ltd. & 4 others against APSPDCL (respondent) Under Section 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adjudication of disputes arising out of the Power Purchase Agreements dt.05-12-2014 entered by them with the Respondent - APSPDCL and seeking issuance of directions to the Respondent - APSPDC L to act in accordance with terms of the PPA in connection with charges for drawl of power by their Solar Power Generating Stations for the auxiliary consumption.
26.	30-10-2023	O.P.Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 & 44 of 2023 were filed by APDISCOMs Under Section 86(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Section 21 of the Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 seeking grant of consent for the PPAs entered with NLC, NTPC/NPCL.
27.	08-11-2023	O.P.No.9 of 2023 was filed by M/s Alufluoride Limited against APSLDC, APTRANSCO and APEPDCL (respondents) u/s 86(1)(f) of Electricity Act, 2003 seeking consideration of unsettled Banking Units of 6.18 lakhs during the period 25-03-2019 to 31-03-2020 and 23.21 lakhs during the period from 01-04-2020 to till 10-01-2021 (total 29.39 lakhs units) towards increasing the capacity from 1.6 MW to 3.00 MW Generator in their project at Polepalli Village, Butchayyapeta Mandal, Visakhapatnam District A.P.
28.	08-11-2023	I.A. No.3 of 2023 in O.P.No.17 of 2023 was filed by M/s ACME Solar Holdings Pvt. Ltd., against APSPDCL (respondent) seeking a direction to the Respondent - (a) to pay, forthwith, the amounts deducted towards excess DC capacity installed prior to commissioning of the projects, amounting to Rs.102.85 Crores to the petitioner; (b) to direct the respondent not to deduct the amounts towards DC capacity installed, prior to commissioning for future invoices and make future payments for the DC capacity installed prior to commissioning i.e. 176.96 MW; and (c) to direct

		the respondent to pay Late Payment Surcharge (LPS) on the total amount deducted towards excess DC capacity installed prior to commissioning of the Projects.
29.	16-11-2023	O.P.Nos.29 and 30 of 2023 were filed by M/s. Hetero Wind Power (Pennar) Pvt. Ltd., against APSPDCL and APPCC (respondents) under Sections 86(1)(f) and (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with Clause-8 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999, as amended read with Article 5, Clause 5.2 of the Power Purchase Agreements dt.16-03-2016 ("PPA") entered into between the Petitioners and APSPDCL, seeking a direction to Respondent No.1 - APSPDCL for expeditiously releasing the payments of the amounts due and payable to the Petitioners by Respondent No.1 - APSPDCL under the PPA towards Late Payment Surcharges (LPS).
30.	22-11-2023	Revision Petition Nos.1 to 6 of 2023 were filed by National Highways Authority of India against certain individuals, District Collector, NTR District, APTRANSCO and Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Government of Andhra Pradesh under Section 13(2) of AP Works of Licenses Rules 2007 seeking review of the Orders passed by District Collector & District Magistrate NTR District, regarding payment of compensation.
31.	29-11-2023	O.P.No.33 of 2022 was filed by APTRANSCO against M/s. Bharath Wind Farms Ltd., and others (respondents) seeking a direction to the respondents for payment of Transmission charges.
32.	29-11-2023	O.P.No.70 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Apple Industries Limited against APSLDC (respondent) Under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause 9 of the APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2017 and APERC Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (Compliance by Purchase of Renewable Energy/Renewable Energy Certificates) Regulations, 2022 seeking to exempt the Petitioner-Company from the Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPPO).
33.	11-12-2023	O.P.No.52 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Maddimadugu Power Private Limited (MPPL) against APSPDCL, APSLDC and APPCC Under Section 42, 86(l)(e) read with Section 86(i)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to quash the Notice dt.12-03-2020 issued by the APSPDCL as well as the purported Vigilance Inspection Report dt.16-09-2019 and issuance of appropriate directions to APSPDCL to release the outstanding dues amounting to Rs.7,55,21,135/- (Rupees seven crores fifty Five Lakh twenty one

		thousand one hundred and thirty five only) wrongfully withheld from the energy sales invoices for the period November, 2019 to February, 2023 qua the 5 MW project set up by the Petitioner.
34.	13-12-2023	O.P.Nos.27 and 28 of 2023 were filed by M/s. Balaji Energy Pvt. Ltd., against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO and APPCC Under Section 86(1) (f) r/w 86(1)(k) of the Electricity Act,2003 read with Clause-55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking a direction to the respondents for considering the actual generation during the month as scheduled energy at the time of settlement of Petitioner's Account with its O.A. Consumer and consequently direct the respondents to pay the amount due along with 12% interest.
35.	13-12-2023	O.P.No.64 of 2022 was filed by APEPDCL & APSPDCL against M/s Spectrum Power Generation Ltd.,(respondent) Under Section 86 (1) (a), (b) & (f) of the Electricity Act. 2003 and Article 11 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 29.06.2018 executed between the Petitioner and Respondent No.1, seeking determination of tariff for procurement of power from the respondent for the past period covering 19-04-2016 to 31-03-2017 (FY 2016-17) as Rs.3.18 ps per unit, single part, for the units procured from the respondent.
36.	20-12-2023	O.P.Nos.3, 13, 32 & 33 of 2023: O.P. Nos.3 and 13 were filed by M/s.Vaayu (India) Power Corporation Pvt. Ltd. and M/s.Vish Wind Infrastructure LLP, against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO and APPCC seeking a direction to APSPDCL (DISCOM) to grant “No Objection Certificates” to sell the power generated by them through “Open Access”; whereas OP Nos.32 and 33 of 2023 were filed by the “DISCOM, seeking a declaration that the termination of the PPAs, in the mid-course, by the petitioners, is illegal, arbitrary and invalid”.
37.	27-12-2023	O.P.No.80 of 2023 was filed by M/s Arjas Steel Private Limited against APSLDC Under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-6(4) of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999, as amended from time to time, challenging Notice in DD/P&PP/F.No.RPPO/D.No.719/23, dt.30-05-2023 issued by the Secretary (i/c) of this Commission and to declare that the Petitioner's Captive WHRS of 15 MW and 6 MW capacity are entitled to exemption from meeting RPPO under the RPPO Regulations 2012 and 2017.
38.	27-12-2023	O.P.No.81 of 2023 was filed by APEPDCL seeking this Commission to consider and approve the procedure on Prepaid

		Smart Metering and to allow it to follow Standard Bid Document issued by Government of India.
39.	30-12-2023	O.P.No.59 of 2021 was filed by APCPDCL, APSPDCL, APEPDCL (DISCOMs) against M/s. G.V.K. Industries Ltd., u/s 86 (1) (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999, inter-alia, seeking a direction to the respondents to immediately execute the registered sale deed transferring the total project assets, including the land of Ac.211.795 in favour of the Petitioners-DISCOMs or an organisation nominated by the Petitioners.
40.	30-12-2023	O.P.No.2 of 2023 was filed by M/s.Rain CII Carbon (Vizag) Limited against APEPDCL (respondent) under Section 86(1)(f) of The Electricity Act, 2003 r/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking to declare the action of Respondent in levying Grid Support Charges on the Petitioner (a non-Captive Generation Power Plant) as illegal, arbitrary and against the Laws in force, and consequently direct that the Petitioner is not liable to pay Grid Support Charges for the FY 2002-03 to the FY 2008-09 as demanded by the respondent.
41.	03-01-2024	O.P.No.25 of 2023 filed by APEPDCL Under Section 86(l)(e) and Section 61 & 66 of the Electricity Act 2003 seeking five more years of time to meet the leftover Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPPO) for the FYs 2012-13 to 2018-19.
42.	08-01-2024	O.P.No.53 of 2022 was filed by M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited against APTRANSCO, APSPDCL, APPCC (respondents) Under Section 86(1)(f) of Electricity Act, 2003 seeking a direction to the Respondents to pay sum of Rs.1,95,75,929/- (Rupees one crore ninety five lakh seventy five thousand nine hundred and twenty nine only) together with interest at 10% p.a., due under invoice, dt.08-04-2019, issued in respect of the 1.32 MW power, i.e., for 58,08,881 units, injected between June, 2014 to August, 2018 at its Inter-connection point based on the collective Joint Meter reading.

43.	11-01-2024	O.P.No.53 of 2019 was filed by APPDCL against APCPDCL, APSPDCL, APEPDCL (DISCOMs/respondents) u/s 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking to determine the tariff for the control period FY 2019-2024 i.e. from 01-04-2019 to 31-03-2024 for the supply of electricity generated from Sri Damodaram Sanjeevaiah Thermal Power Station (SDSTPS) Stage-I (2X800 MW) to the Respondent Distribution Licensees at the rates proposed by it and/or as otherwise determined by the Commission by law and as the Commission considers fit in the facts and circumstances of the case.
44.	19-01-2024	O.P.No.70 of 2022 was filed by M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited against APTRANSCO and others (respondents) Under Section 86(1) (f) of the Electricity Act 2003 seeking a direction to the Respondents to pay a sum of Rs.1,90,31,273/(Rupees one crore ninety lakh thirty one thousand two hundred and seventy three only) due under Invoice dt.07-12-2019, together with interest at 10% per annum, towards supply of 6012440 units of power generated from its 3 MW Wind Power project and injected into the Grid at the interconnection point of respondent No.1 for the period from April, 2016 to November, 2019, calculated at the prevalent rate of Rs.3.37 per unit.
45.	24-01-2024	R.P.No.1 of 2024 in O.P.No.27 of 2023 and R.P.No.2 of 2024 in O.P.No.28 of 2023: These Review Petitions were filed by M/s Balaji Energy Pvt. Ltd., against APSPDCL, APTRANSCO and APPCC (respondents) seeking review of the Common Order dated 13-12-2023 passed by this Commission in O.P.Nos.27 and 28 of 2023.
46.	05-02-2024	Order on 5th Amendment to The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation 2005, (Regulation No.4 of 2005) (Regulation No.1 of 2024).
47.	05-02-2024	O.P.No.55 of 2023 was filed by M/s. APEPDCL seeking this Commission to consider and approve suitable amendments to certain clauses of the APERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation No.4 of 2005.
48.	08-02-2024	O.P.No.83 of 2023 was filed by M/s Eaama Estates Private Limited against APEPDCL and APPCC (respondents) Under Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, r/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking direction to the respondents for releasing payment against the outstanding

		monthly invoices towards sale of energy along with the delayed payment surcharge on such delayed payments and interest on delayed payments as per Articles 2.2 and 5.2 of the Power Purchase Agreement dt.04-12-2014.
49.	08-02-2024	O.P.No.66 of 2023 was filed by M/s Natems Solar Power Private Limited against APSPDCL and APSLDC (respondents) under Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adjudication of dispute arising from the arbitrary, unfair, and illegal actions of Respondents in (a) coercing the Petitioner into submitting the Impugned Undertakings dt.31-08-2020, 31-05-2021 and 28-12-2021 and thereby depriving the Petitioner of its statutory right to receive compensation for over-injection; (b) seeking payment of UI Charges for under-injection by way of the Impugned Memos and the Impugned Bill instead of providing a net-off of over and under-injection charges; (c) wrongfully levy of extra 5% deviation charge for under-injection for the period 01-01-2021 to 30-09-2021 and 01-11-2021 to 30-04-2022. In contravention of the 2017 RE Deviation Regulations; and (d) threatening disconnection of the Petitioner's Solar Project by way of the Impugned Bill, the same being in blatant contravention of the APERC (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulation, 2005 and APERC Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement of Solar and Wind Generation Regulation, 2017 and resulting in undue financial hardship to the Petitioner.
50.	26-02-2024	O.P.Nos.4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of 2022 filed by M/s.Aeolus Wind Parks Private Limited, M/s.Danu Wind Parks Private Limited, M/s.Dindore Wind Parks Private Limited, M/s.Fujin Wind Parks Private Limited (petitioners) against APSPDCL & APPCC (respondents) Under Sections 86(1)(f) and (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-8 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999, as amended, read with Article 5, Clause 5.2 of the Power Purchase Agreements, seeking a direction to the respondents for expeditiously releasing the payments of the amounts due and payable to the Petitioners by APSPDCL under the PPA towards Late Payment Surcharges (LPS).
51.	26-02-2024	O.P.No.69 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Vibrant Greentech India Private Limited, against APSPDCL & APPCC Under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 1999 to punish the respondents for non-compliance of the Order dated 05-07-2021 passed by this Commission in OP No.9 of 2020.

52.	26-02-2024	O.P.No.67 of 2023 was filed by M/s. NSL Textiles Limited against APCPDCL (respondents) Under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 r/w Clause-55 of the APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 to punish the respondents for non-compliance/violation of Clause 3.2.2.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of Supply of Distribution and Retail Supply Licences in Andhra Pradesh.
53.	26-02-2024	O.P.No.68 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Vibrant Greentech India Private Limited against APSPDCL (respondent) Under Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003, r/w APERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking direction to the Respondent for releasing payment against the outstanding monthly invoices towards sale of Wind energy along with the interest on such delayed payments as per Articles 2.2, 5.1 & 5.2 and a consequential direction to issue a Letter of Credit as per Article 5.3 and 5.4 of the Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") dt.18-06-2011 and Amendment PPA dt.07-02-2017.
54.	06-03-2024	O.P.No.63 of 2023 was filed by M/s. Narasimha Swamy Solar Power Pvt. Ltd., against APTRANSCO and APSPDCL (respondents) Under Section 42, 86(1)(e) read with Section 86(1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 to declare the action of the respondent in delaying Open Access Settlement Process; in reducing the banked energy and in only paying the petitioner 50% of the Average Pooled Power Purchase Cost for the unutilized banked energy as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the A.P. Solar Power Policy 2015 enunciated in G.O.Ms.No.8, dt.12-02-2015 and G.O.Ms.No.9, dt.13-02-2015 read with Section 86 (1)(f) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Article 48A and 51A (g) of the Constitution of India and, consequently, to direct the respondents not to levy or demand any charges towards Transmission and Wheeling of Solar Power generated by the petitioner for its captive use; and also direct the respondents to release the amount for the unutilized banked energy of the petitioner in accordance with the A.P. Solar Power Policy 2015 enunciated in G.O.Ms.No.8, dt.12-02-2015 and G.O.Ms.No.9, dt.13-02-2015 along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date the amount fell due till the date of realization.
55.	06-03-2024	O.P.No.2 of 2024 was filed by APDISCOMs against APGENCO Under Section 86(1) (b) of the Electricity Act 2003 for granting consent for extending the existing composite PPA for old stations of APGENCO (Dr.NTTPs Stage-I, II, III, RTPP Stage-1 and Hydel Plants).

56.	18-03-2024	O.P.No.11 of 2024 was filed by M/s.Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited & Anr against APSPDCL Under Section 86(1)(f) read with Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Article 10 of the Power Purchase Agreement dt.31-10-2016 and Article 11 of the Power Purchase Agreements dt.04-12-2014 inter alia seeking a direction against Respondent to release payment of interest/Late Payment Surcharge applicable on the invoices raised upto June, 2022 as per the respective Power Purchase Agreements.
57.	11-03-2024	O.P.No.71 of 2023 - APSPDCL; O.P.No.72 of 2023 - APCPDCL; O.P.No.73 of 2023 - APEPDCL - ARR & Tariff proposals for Retail supply of Electricity for the FY 2024-2025.
58.	27-03-2024	O.P.No.60 of 2023 was filed by APGENCO against APDISCOMs for approval of payment of the Fuel Cost Adjustment of the variable cost beyond 15% for all the Thermal power stations of APGENCO during the periods of FY 2018-19 to 2022-23 and to reset the base variable cost subject to price variation for FY 2023-24.

CHAPTER-V

CONSUMER ADVOCACY & RIGHT TO INFORMATION

5.1 Consumer Advocacy:

5.1.1 As already mentioned, the APERC Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum, Vidyt Ombudsman and Consumer Assistance Regulation, 2016 [Regulation No.3 of 2016] came into force during FY 2015-16. In the discharge of its obligation to protect and to promote the interest of the consumers, the Commission continues to be guided by the APERC (Consumer's Right to Information) Regulations, 2000 [Regulation No.7 of 2000], the APERC (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 [Regulation No. 7 of 2004] and other Regulations concerned as amended from time to time.

5.2 Standards of Performance (SoP) of Discoms:

5.2.1 APERC (Licensees' Standards of Performance) Regulation, 2004 as amended from time to time contains provisions relating to (a) guaranteed SoP, being the minimum standards of service that a Distribution Licensee shall achieve to individual consumers; (b) overall Service Standards which the Licensee shall seek to achieve in the discharge of obligation as a Licensee; and (c) compensation payable and manner of payment of compensation to consumers for non-compliance of the Standards in terms of provisions of Section 57 of the Act, 2003.

5.2.2 The following are the details of the Citizen Charter / Guaranteed SoP and Compensation payable by Discoms in case of violation.

Sl. No.	Service Area	Time Standard	Compensation payable in case of violation of Standard	
			To individual consumer if the event affects a single consumer	To individual consumer if the event affects more than one consumer
1	Normal Fuse-off			
i	Cities and towns	Within 4 working hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 12 working hours		
2	Overhead Line/cable breakdowns			

i	Cities and towns	Within 6 hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 24 hours		
3	Underground cable breakdowns			
i	Cities and towns	Within 12 hours	Rs.100 in each case of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 48 hours		
4	Distribution Transformer failure			
i	Cities and towns	Within 24 hours	Rs.200 in each case of affected	Rs.100 to each consumer affected
ii	Rural areas	Within 48 hours		
5	Period of Scheduled Outage			
i	Maximum duration in a single stretch	Not to exceed 12 hours	Rs.200 in each case of default	Rs.100 to each consumer affected
ii	Restoration of supply	By not later than 6 PM		
6	Voltage fluctuations			
i	No expansion/enhancement of network involved	Within 10 days	Rs.100 for each day of default	Rs.50 to each consumer affected for each day of default
ii	Up-gradation of distribution system required	Within 120 days	Rs.200 for each day of default	Rs.100 to each consumer affected for each day of default
iii	Erection of Substation	Within the time period as approved by the Commission	Rs.500 for each day of default	Rs.250 to each consumer affected for each day of default
7	Meter complaints			
i	Inspection and replacement of slow, fast/creeping, stuck-up meters	Inspection within 7 days in towns and cities and within 15 days in rural areas and replacement within 15 days thereafter.	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Replace burnt meters if cause attributable to Licensee	Within 7 days		
iii	Replace burnt meters if cause attributable to consumer	Within 7 days of receiving payment from consumer		
8	Processing of application & intimation of relevant charges payable for new connection/sanction of additional load/Demand			

i	All cases – If Connection feasible from existing network for release of supply	Within 3 working days of receipt of application	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	If Network expansion/enhancement required to release supply			
a	Release of supply - Low Tension	Within 7 days of receipt of application	Rs.1000 for each day of default	Not Applicable
b	Release of Supply - High Tension 11 kV	Within 15 days of receipt of application	Rs.500 for each day of default	Not Applicable
c	Release of Supply - High Tension 33 kV	Within 30 days of receipt of application		
d	Release of Supply - Extra High Tension	Within 45 days of receipt of application		
9	Release of new connection/additional load upon payment of all charges			
i	All cases – If Connection feasible from existing network for release of supply	Within 30 days of receipt of application (along-with prescribed charges)	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Network expansion/enhancement required to release supply			
a	Release of supply - Low Tension	Within 30 days of receipt of prescribed charges	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
b	Release of Supply - High Tension 11 kV	Within 60 days of receipt of prescribed charges	Rs.500 for each day of default	
c	Release of Supply - High Tension 33 kV	Within 90 days of receipt of prescribed charges		
d	Release of Supply - Extra High Tension	Within 180 days of receipt of prescribed charges		
e	Erection of substation required for release of supply	Within the time period approved by the Commission	Rs.1000 for each day of default	
10	Transfer of ownership and conversion of services			
i	Title transfer of ownership	Within 7 days along-with necessary documents and prescribed fee, if any	Rs.100 for each day of default	Not Applicable
ii	Change of category	Within 7 days along-with necessary documents and prescribed fee, if any		
iii	Conversion from LT 1-ph to LT 3-ph and vice-versa	Within 30 days of payment of charges by the consumer		
iv	Conversion from LT to HT and vice-versa	Within 60 days of payment of charges by the consumer		
11	Resolution of complaints on consumer's bill			

i	If no additional information is required	Within 24 working hours of receipt of complaint		
ii	If additional information is required	Within 7 working days of receipt of complaint	Rs.50 for each day of default	Not Applicable
12	Reconnection of supply following disconnection due to non-payment of bills			
i	Cities and Towns	Within 4 working hours of production of proof of payment by consumer	Rs.100 in each case of default	Not Applicable
ii	Rural Areas	Within 12 working hours of production of proof of payment by consumer		
13	Wrongful disconnection of Service Connection/levy of reconnection charges without disconnection			
i	Wrongful disconnection of service connection even after payment of electricity charges due		Rs.100 in each case of default	Not Applicable
ii	Levy of reconnection charges without actual physical disconnection			

5.3 The Forum for Redressal of Consumer Grievances:

5.3.1 Each Forum shall consist of four Members, including the Chairperson of the Forum. The DISCOM appoints the Chairperson and two Members of its Forum on a full-time basis and the Commission nominates one Independent Member who is familiar with consumer affairs.

5.3.2 **CGRF/APSPDCL:** Sri K.Rama Mohan Rao as Chairperson i/c from 01-04-2023 to 10-09-2023 and Sri V.Srinivasa Anjaneya Murthy, Retd. District Judge as Chairperson from 11-09-2023 to 31-03-2024, Sri K.Rama Mohan Rao as Member (Finance) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024, Sri S.L.Anjani Kumar as Member (Technical) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024, Smt G.Eswaramma as Member (Independent) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024.

5.3.3 **CGRF/APEPDCL:** Dr. B.Satyanarayana as Chairperson from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024, Sri S.Hari Babu as Member (Finance) from 01-04-2023 to 31-12-2023 and Sri M.Srinivas as Member (Finance) from 12-01-2024 to 31-03-2024, Sri P.Srinivas as Member (Technical) from 01-04-2023 to 06-06-2023 and Sri S.Suresh Babu as Member (Technical) from 06-06-2023 to 30-06-2023 and Sri V.Janardhana Rao as Member (Technical) from 09-09-2023 to 31-03-2024, Dr. R.Surendra Kumar as Member (Independent) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024.

5.3.4 **CGRF/APCPDCL:** Sri N.Victor Immanuel as Chairperson from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024, Sri A.Ramdas as Member (Finance) from 01-04-2023 to 25-09-2023 and Sri R.Ch.Srinivasa Rao as Member (Finance) from 25-09-2023 to 31-03-2024, Sri K.Venkata Krishna as Member (Technical) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024 and Smt A.Sunitha as Member (Independent) from 01-04-2023 to 31-03-2024.

5.3.5 **Review of Quarterly & Annual Returns of CGRFs:** Consumer Grievances Redressal Forums established by APEPDCL, APSPDCL and APCPDCL continued to function and the Commission reviewed the details like number/nature of grievances reported in the Quarterly returns & Annual returns furnished by them. The details of the grievances attended to by the CGRFs during FY 2023-24 are shown below:

Sl.No.	Subject	CGRF / APEPDCL	CGRF / APSPDCL	CGRF / APCPDCL
1	No. of grievances outstanding as of 31-03-2023	67	17	21
2	No. of grievances received during the FY 2023-24	579	31	292
3	No. of grievances disposed of during the FY 2023-24	518	149	296
4	No. of grievances pending of 31-03-2024	128	31	17
5	No. of grievances pending which are older than two months	41	3	13
6	No. of sittings of CGRFs during the FY 2023-24	102	71	157
7	No. of cases in which compensation is awarded in the FY 2023-24	13	0	0
8	Total amount of compensation awarded in the FY 2023-24	Rs.62,600/-	0	0

5.4 Vidyut Ombudsman:

5.4.1 Sri V.Venkata Prasad, Registrar (Vigilance) Retd., High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana and the State of Andhra Pradesh has taken charge on 15-07-2022 AN and continued to function as the Vidyut Ombudsman for the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Vidyut Ombudsman is

assisted by the Secretary and other supporting staff in the discharge of his duties.

- 5.4.2 Any Complainant, if aggrieved by the non-redressal of the grievance by the Forum, may make a representation to the Vidyut Ombudsman within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the decision of the Forum or from the date of the expiry of the period within which the Forum is required to take a decision and communicate the same to the Complainant. However, the Vidyut Ombudsman may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the thirty (30) days period, if it is satisfied that there is sufficient cause for not filing it within that period.
- 5.4.3 The Vidyut Ombudsman shall decide the representation finally within three (3) months from the date of the receipt of the representation of the Complainant and in the event the representation is not decided within three months, the Vidyut Ombudsman shall record the reasons thereof, including the cost to be paid by the licensee in case the reasons for the delay are attributable to the licensee. In case the delay is for reasons attributable to the Complainant, the Vidyut Ombudsman may reject the representation. Further, the Vidyut Ombudsman may pass such interim orders as the Vidyut Ombudsman may consider appropriate pending final decision on the representation.
- 5.4.4 During the FY 2023-24, the Commission reviewed the details like the number of grievances reported in the Quarterly returns furnished by the Vidyut Ombudsman. The details of the grievances attended to by the Vidyut Ombudsman for the FY 2023-24 are as shown below:

No. of representations outstanding at the close of the previous FY 2022-23	1
No. of representations received during the FY 2023-24	13
No. of representations disposed of during the FY 2023-24	13
No. of representations pending as of 31-03-2024	1
No. of representations pending as of 31-03-2024 which are older than two months	0
No. of sittings of Ombudsman during the FY 2023-24	102

5.5 Consumer Assistance Cell in the Commission:

The Consumer Assistance cell of the Commission guides and helps the consumers who approach the Commission for guidance on the redressal of their grievances pertaining to consumer service. The written representations received from the Consumers were sent to the respective DISCOMs / CGRFs according to the stage of the handling of the complaint. Also, assists the Commission in the conduct of Public Hearings by compiling and summarizing both the written and oral suggestions/ comments of the stakeholders and the corresponding responses from the respective Licensees during the public hearings.

5.6 Consumer Participation in Regulatory Decision:

5.6.1 Consumer Participation in the Electricity Regulatory process is necessary and important to ensure transparency and accountability of the process. The Act 2003 requires the Commission to consult consumers on important policy and regulatory matters before arriving at any decision.

5.6.2 Regulatory matters were brought into the public domain through the publication of Public Notices in daily newspapers, issuing Press Releases and also by placing the matter on the website of the Commission seeking suggestions/comments from interested persons and stakeholders.

5.6.3 **Public Hearings:** In the discharge of its functions, the Commission conducted public hearings through video conference by sitting along with all CMDs and other officers of the Licensees at Conference Hall, Visakhapatnam from 29-01-2024, 30-01-2024 and 31-01-2024 as published in the public notices and as informed to the Licensees and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, to have the widest consultations possible and the benefit of maximum inputs in finalizing the tariff for the retail sale of electricity by APDISCOMs including CSS for various consumer categories for FY 2024-25.

5.7 Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005:

5.7.1 The Commission designated the Secretary (i/c) as the Appellate Authority for the entire period and Sri B.Ramesh Babu, Deputy Director (P&A) as State Public Information Officer from 01-04-2023 to 31-08-2023 and Sri M.Nagesawra Rao, Senior Consultant (Law) as State Public Information Officer from 01-09-2023 to 31-03-2024 for the purposes of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

5.7.2 As per the various provisions of the RTI Act, the information sought was provided to the applicants and quarterly & annual reports were sent to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, in its Energy, I&I Department.

CHAPTER-VI

ACCOUNTS & AUDIT

6.1 Grants-in-Aid:

No grant was received from the State Government towards Grants-in-Aid during the current financial year. The assets of the Commission have been created from the APERC Fund Account.

6.2 Capital Expenditure:

No grant was, however, received from the State Government towards capital expenditure during the current financial year. The assets of the Commission have been created from the APERC Fund Account.

6.3 Collection of annual fees from Licensees and for grant of exemptions:

The Commission has received an amount of Rs.9,82,55,940/- towards Licence fee from Transmission Licensee (APTRANSCO), the three (3) Distribution Licensees (APEPDCL, APSPDCL and APCPDCL) and an amount of Rs.55,353/- towards Deemed Licensee fee from Garrison Engineer, Visakhapatnam during the year.

6.4 Books of Account and Other Records:

The Commission is maintaining proper books of accounts and other relevant records as required u/s 104 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

6.5 Financial Statements:

The Commission prepared the following financial statements in accordance with the Section 104 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

- i) Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31-03-2024.
- ii) Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31-03-2024.
- iii) Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2024.

6.6 Audit of Accounts:

The Comptroller & Auditor General of India has been auditing financial statements of the Commission in accordance with section 104(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. Separate Audit Report containing the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment received vide letter No.PAG(Au)/AP/TSC-1/APERC-FY24/ 84-2024/488, dt.03-12-2024 from the Deputy Accountant General/AMG-II is furnished hereunder:

Separate Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the accounts of Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (*the Commission*) as at 31 March 2024, the Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended on that date under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 104 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report (SAR) contains the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with best accounting practices, accounting standards and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety & Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any are reported through Inspection Reports/C&AG's Audit Reports separately.

3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidences supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

4. Based on preliminary observations made by us, the accounts of the Commission have been revised as disclosed in Note-23 to 28 of Schedule 11 to the revised accounts.

Based on our Audit, we report that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

- ii) The Balance sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this report have been drawn up in the Common format for accounts of Central Autonomous Organizations prescribed by the Committee of Experts formed by the Union Ministry of Finance, and adopted by the Commission.
- iii) In our opinion, proper books of account and other relevant records have been maintained by the Commission as required Under Section 104(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 in so far as it appears from our examination of such books.
- iv) We further report that:
- A. Common on accounts**
- No further comments remain on accounts due to revision of the accounts of the Commission.
- B. Grants-in Aid**
- Neither any Grants / Grants-in Aid were received from the Governments, nor any balance of unspent Grants were available in the financial statements as on the reporting date.
- v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account / Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this Report are in agreement with books of accounts.
- vi) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in **Annexure** to this Separate Audit Report, give a true and fair view in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:
- a) In so far it relates to the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission as at 31 March 2024; and
- b) In so far it relates to Income and Expenditure Account, of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.

For and on behalf of
The Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Sd/-
(C M Singh)
Principal Accountant General (Audit)

Place : Vijayawada
Date: 03-12-2024

Annexure to Separate Audit Report on the accounts of Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Adequacy of Internal Audit System:

The Commission did not have any Internal Audit System during the year. The same situation persisted through a comment has been issued on the accounts for previous years. Hence, the verification of reporting on adequacy of Internal Audit System, and its effective operation could not be ascertained in audit.

2. Adequacy of Internal Control System:

The Internal Control System needs to be strengthened in the light of audit observations issued during audit of accounts and lack of internal audit system in the Commission.

3. System of physical verification of fixed assets:

The Commission furnished only a certificate stating that stock accounts of furniture and other assets to the end of 31-03-2024 were physically verified and found correct. However, reports of Physical verification of fixed assets conducted for the year 2023-24 are not available to ascertain whether Fixed Asset Register is maintained properly. As a result, the impact of depreciation and changes in the depreciation methods, and the financial impact could not be ascertained in audit.

4. Regularity in payment of statutory dues:

As per the information made available to audit, no statutory dues applicable to the were reported as pending as on 31-03-2024 for remittance.

**Sd/-
Deputy Accountant General/AMG-II**

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2024

LIABILITIES	Schedule	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
APERC Fund	1	420026777	323885255
Current Liabilities and Provisions	2	352520338	321706633
Total		772547115	645591888
ASSETS			
Fixed assets	3	78869309	2614970
Current Assets, Loans and Advances	4	693677806	642976918
Total		772547115	645591888
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts	11		

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2024

INCOME	Schedule	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
Grants	5	0	2305489
Fees	6	148289166	104718793
Interest Earned	7	75999507	19175162
Other Income	8	0	12369
TOTAL (A)		224288673	126211813
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	9	106588367	100878598
Other Administrative Expenses	10	19602774	24277579
Depreciation	3	901175	1983462
TOTAL (B)		127092316	127139639
Net surplus / (deficit) of Income over expenditure (A-B) and before Prior Period Items		97196357	-927826
Prior Period Expenditure / (Income) -Net (C)	10 (A)	1109923	-
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)-(C) Transfer to APERC Fund		96086434	-927826

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Schedule - 1

APERC Fund	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
	₹	₹
Balance at the beginning of the year	323885255	324789821
Less : Transferred to Provision for Retirement benefits	0	0
Add : Recovery of Family Planning Increment	55088	23260
Add : Balance of Net Income transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	96086434	-927826
Balance as at 31-03-2024	420026777	323885255

Schedule - 2

Current Liabilities & Provisions	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
	₹	₹
A) Current Liabilities		
1. Statutory Liabilities		
a) Overdue		
b) Others	1263948	29667
2. Other Current Liabilities		
TSERC	65564	65564
APTS	170844	170844
AP Discoms	242628	242628
Salaries Payable	5188535	1307747
Other Salary Deductions Payable	98293	0
Pension & Terminal Benefits Payable	1131702	0
Office Expenses Payable	1033244	740631
Other Expenses Payable (FOR)	46189	46189
Other Payables	330240	0
Wages	414771	529695
Banker Charges Payable	0	826
LSC/PC payable to lending departments	5225654	5097548
Retention Amount Payable (APSPDCL)	3633419	0
Total (A)	18845031	8231339
B) Provisions		
1. Retirement Benefits	333471507	312966094
2. Others		
Audit Fee	203800	509200
Total (B)	333675307	313475294
Total (A + B)	352520338	321706633

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**Schedule - 3
Fixed Assets**

Description	Gross Block			Depreciation				Net Block			
	Original Cost/ Valuation as at beginning of the year 01-04-2023 ₹	Additions during the year ₹	Deductions during the year ₹	Cost/Valuation at the year end 31-03-2024 ₹	As on 01-04-2023 ₹	For the year 2023-24			As at the current year end 31-03-2024 ₹	As at the previous year end 31-03-2023 ₹	
						Existing Stock as on 01-04-2023 ₹	On additions during the year ₹	On deductions during the year ₹			Total up to the year end 31-03-2024 ₹
Cars	2269122			2269122	2269122	0	0	0	2269122	0	0
Furniture (Office)	2061970	0		2061970	1715962	120729	0	0	1836691	225279	346008
Furniture (Commissioners)											
Annexure - I	441591	4740	96866	349465	275647	110032	0	79351	306328	43137	165944
Annexure - II	1337821	64000	502578	899243	434243	93181	8629	152743	383310	515933	903578
Computers	3822464	292950	0	4115414	3281408	327635	23436	0	3632479	482935	541056
Air-Conditioners	1014718	0	0	1014718	608632	60695	0	0	669327	345391	406086
Electrical Items	245350	5400	0	250750	129894	13521	5400	0	148815	101935	115456
EPABX	247052			247052	230068	16984	0	0	247052	0	16984
UPS	579440	14500	0	593940	576031	3409	5530	0	584970	8970	3409
Cell Phones	156900			156900	156900	0	0	0	156900	0	0
Video Collaboration	404130			404130	310067	94063	0	0	404130	0	94063
Yamaha YVC-200 Bluetooth Speaker	23588			23588	14062	9435	0	0	23497	91	9526
Telephone Instruments	21240	0		21240	8380	8496	0	0	16876	4364	12860
Public Address System (2008-09)	187965			187965	187965				187965	0	0
Wooden Partition (2008-09)	684968			684968	684968				684968	0	0
MS & Ceiling Mount Kit (2009-10)	45795			45795	45795				45795	0	0
Infrastructure (2009-10)	7862917			7862917	7862917				7862917	0	0
100 Mbps Switches (2009-10)	89000			89000	89000				89000	0	0
Software	2050680			2050680	2050680				2050680	0	0
Servers	174271			174271	174271				174271	0	0
Court Hall Furniture	309630			309630	309630				309630	0	0
Stabilizers	14000			14000	14000				14000	0	0
Brother Laser Printer	9000			9000	9000				9000	0	0
Software (Tally)	54000			54000	54000				54000	0	0
Audio system	936507			936507	936507				936507	0	0
Dell Server	537847			537847	537847				537847	0	0
Projectors	95100			95100	95100				95100	0	0
Water Dispenser	7000			7000	7000				7000	0	0
Ceiling Fans	32573			32573	32573				32573	0	0
Total (A)	25716639	381590	599444	25498785	23101669	858180	42995	232094	23770750	1728035	2614970
Capital Work-in-progress (B)		77141274		77141274	0	0	0	0	0	77141274	0
Total (A) + (B)	25716639	77522864	599444	102640059	23101669	858180	42995	232094	23770750	78869309	2614970

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Schedule - 4

Sl. No.	Current Assets, Loans & Advances	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
A	Current Assets		
1	Cash Balance in hand	10000	10000
	Cash Balance in hand (V.O's Office)	967	1060
2	Bank Balances		
	With Scheduled Banks		
	On Current Accounts		
	State Bank of India	16501569	100704
	Andhra Bank	355	100433
	On Deposit Accounts		
	State Bank of India	668176559	604051560
	Andhra Bank	1246800	583000
3	Other Current Assets		
	Fee for filing Petitions	120000	420000
	Penalty for delayed payments	0	0
	Interest on Term Deposits	0	180051
	Other Receipts	0	30020
	Receivable from former Chairman and Members	249244	375990
	Total - A	686305494	605852818
B	Loans, Advances and other Assets		
1	Loans		
	Staff	2400811	323900
2	Advances		
	Security Deposit with BSNL	26000	26000
	Temporary Advance	210000	200000
	Prepaid Expenses	135463	169613
3	Accrued Interest on Deposits	4600038	36404587
	Total - B	7372312	37124100
	Total (A+B)	693677806	642976918

Schedule - 5

Sl. No.	Grants	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	State Government		
	Grants-in-Aid towards Salaries	0	0
	Other Grants-in-Aid	0	0
2	Forum of Regulaors (FOR)	0	2305489
	Total	0	2305489

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Schedule - 6

Sl. No.	Fees	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	Annual Licence Fee	98311293	95924660
2	Licence Exemption Fee	90000	150000
3	Fee for filing petitions	45723500	3430625
4	Penalties	0	3085761
5	Others		
	Sale of Tariff Order	34340	36820
	Miscellaneous Receipts	260053	74891
	Discoms (Share of VO's Expenses)	4200000	3720000
	Permanent Advance (VO's Office)		
6	Accrued Fees:		
	Fee for filing petitions	120000	420000
	Other Receipts	0	30020
	Penalty for delayed payments	0	0
	Less: Previous Year Fee	450020	2153984
	Total	148289166	104718793

Schedule - 7

Sl. No.	Interest Earned	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	On Term Deposits		
	State Bank of India	107813419	17019810
	Andhra Bank	29277	13594
2	On Loans		
	Employees/Staff	141411	5759
	Total	107984107	17039163
	Add: Accrued Interest on Term Deposits	4600038	36404587
	Less: Previous Year Interest on Term Deposit	180051	47123
	Less: Previous Year Accrued Interest on Deposits	36404587	34221465
	Net Interest	75999507	19175162

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Schedule - 8

Sl. No.	Other Income	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	LSC/PC received from borrowing departments	0	5369
2	Sale proceeds of e-waste	0	7000
	Total	0	12369

Schedule - 9

Sl. No.	Establishment Expenses	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	Salaries & Wages		
	i) Pay & Allowances to Chairman & Members		
	Salaries	8519772	11319557
	Medical Expenses	128554	862084
	Water Charges	15393	14944
	Electricity charges	172344	141692
	Rent free accommdation	0	220000
	Newspaper Charges	14714	12797
	Perquisite Tax	1504097	1506073
	Leave Travel Concession	210153	296854
	ii) Pay and Allowances to Officers and Staff		
	Salaries	38715252	39821847
	Employer Contribution to CPS	257051	0
	Medical Expenses	51747	398256
	Encashment of Earned Leave	1141992	927606
	Wages	6216064	5801920
	Leave Travel Concession	6232	0
	Other Allowances	165818	25634
2	Add: Outstanding Expenses		
	Salaries Payable Includes PY's Payables	5188535	1307747
	Wages	414771	529695
3	Add: Provision for LSC/PC/Gratuity payable to lending departments	2879187	3630547
4	Add: Provision for Retirement Benefits	42824133	35771139
5	Less: Previous Year Outstanding Expenses	1837442	1709794
	Total	106588367	100878598

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Schedule - 10

Sl. No.	Other Administrative Expenses	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
1	Electricity Charges	1437940	932073
2	Water charges	65052	26918
3	Newspaper charges / Books & Periodicals	9929	5495
4	Insurance, Rents and Taxes	4363049	4741868
5	Repairs to Motor Car	102139	46888
6	Petrol, Oil & Lubricants	288083	287201
7	Repairs & Maintenance of Office	4550	99195
8	Postage, Telephone and Communication charges	288040	456463
9	Printing and Stationery	454922	561345
10	Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	1245140	785407
11	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1035225	887466
12	Advertisement Expenses	313361	98011
13	Hiring charges for Private Vehicles	2425667	2770577
14	Payment for Professional & Special Services	1515872	5551074
15	FOR 82nd Meeting Expenses	0	3293556
16	SAC Expenses	18595	0
17	Subscription and Membership	1815904	169192
18	Hospitality Charges	55000	26000
19	Banker charges	2612	1475
20	Vidyut Ombudsman's Expenses	3665648	3489047
21	Audit fee	6000	0
21	Annual Maintenance Charges		
	Computers	114696	87320
	EPABX	0	17700
	Miscellaneous Items	0	6218
	Franklin Machine	33325	0
22	Add: Provision for Outstanding Expenses		
	Office Expenses	1033244	740631
	Banker Charges	0	826
23	Add: Prepaid Expenses (2023-24)	169613	229420
24	Less: Previous Year Expenses	725369	864174
25	Less: Prepaid Expenses (2024-25)	135463	169613
	Total	19602774	24277579

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Schedule - 10 (A)

Sl. No.	Prior Period Income / Expenditure (NET)	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
		₹	₹
	Prior Period Income		
1	Misc.Income	-	
	Total (A)	-	
	Less: Prior Period Expenditure		
1	Payment for Professional & Special Services for 2022-23	732842	
2	Subscription and Membership for 2022-23	377081	0
	Total (B)	1109923	0
	Prior Period Income / (Expenditure) - Net = (A-B)	-1109923	0

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2024

RECEIPTS	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23	PAYMENTS	Current Year 2023-24	Previous Year 2022-23
	₹	₹		₹	₹
I. Opening Balances			I. Expenses		
a) Cash in hand	11060	13654	a) Establishment Expenses		
b) Bank Balances			i) Pay & Allowances to Chairman & Members		
In Current Accounts			Salaries	6848272	11319557
State Bank of India (including Auto Sweep)	604152264	581158608	Rent Free Accommodation	0	220000
Andhra Bank (including Auto Sweep)	683433	435992	Medical Expenses	128554	862084
II. Grants Received			Water Charges	15393	14944
From State Government			Electricity charges	172344	141692
FOR	0	2305489	Newspaper Charges	14714	12797
III. Interest Received			Perquisite Tax	1504097	1506073
a) On Bank deposits			Leave Travel Concession	210153	296854
State Bank of India	107813419	16839759	ii) Pay and Allowances to Officers and Staff		
Andhra Bank	29277	13594	Salaries	31155977	39821847
b) Loans, Advances etc.	0	5759	Medical Expenses	51747	398256
IV. Other Income			Encashment of Earned Leave	970992	927606
Licence Fee	98311293	95924660	Other Allowances	172050	25634
Licence Exemption Fee	90000	150000	LSC/PC		
Fee for Filing Petitions	45723500	3430625	Wages	6163380	5801920
Sale of Tariff Order	34340	36820	b) Administrative Expenses		
Miscellaneous Receipts	260053	74891	Electricity Charges	1437940	932073
Penalties	0	3085761	Water charges	65052	26918
For Vidyut Ombudsman	4200000	3720000	Newspaper Charges	9929	5495
V. Any other receipts			Insurance, Rents and Taxes	4025916	4741868
i) Loans & Advances			Repairs to Motor Car	102139	46888
a) Motor Cycle/Car Advance	0	61800	Petrol, Oil & Lubricants	288083	287201
b) Festival Advance	0	0	Repairs & maintenance of Office	4550	99195
c) Temporary Advance	25000	0	Postage, Telephone and Communication charges	259785	456463
ii) Recovery of Family Planning Increment	0	23260	Printing and Stationery	448847	561345
iii) Sale proceeds of E-waste	0	7000	Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	1245140	785407
iv) Tour Advance	0	20845	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1035225	887466
v) Permanent Advance (VO's Office)	0	0	Advertisement Expenses	307088	98011
vi) Leave salary Contributions	0	5369	Hiring of Private Vehicles	2401658	2770577
vii) Amount Payable to Others	330240	0	Payment for Professional & Special Services	2025198	5551074
			FOR 82 Meeting Expenses	0	3247367
			SAC Expenses	18595	
			Subscription and Membership	2127621	169192
			Hospitality Charges	53900	26000
			Banker Charges	2612	1475
			Vidyut Ombudsman Expenses	3665648	3489047
			Audit Fee	6000	
			TSERC	0	20300
			Annual Maintenance Charges		
			Computers	104976	87320
			EPABX	0	17700
			Miscellaneous Items	0	6218
			Franklin Machine	27571	0
			II. Expenditure on Fixed Assets		
			Computers	292950	523410
			Furniture & Fittings	0	20911
			Electrical Items & Insatallations	5400	0
			Air Conditioners	0	34750
			Miscellaneous Assets	0	21240
			UPS	14500	0
			Furniture Annexure I	4740	207728
			Furniture Annexure II	64000	77200
			III. Other Current Liabilities		
			LSC/PC Paid to Lending Departments	2751081	4494587
			Other Salary Deductions Payable	1044356	
			Pension & Retirement Benefit Payable for PY's	16088	
			IV. Provisions		
			Pension & Retirement Benefits Paid	20030322	11213851
			Audit Fee Payable	305400	
			V. Statutory Liabilities		
			Remittane of TDS	8418018	9588
			Remittane of Professional Tax	59800	
			Vi. Other Payments		
			Capital Expenditure (Work-in -Progress)	73479365	
			HBA Advance	2000000	
			Prepaid Expenses	135463	
			Temporary Advance	35000	200000
			VII. Closing Balances		
			a) Cash in hand	10967	11060
			b) Bank Balances		
			In Current Accounts		
			State Bank of India (including Auto Sweep)	684678128	604152264
			Andhra Bank (including Auto Sweep)	1247155	683433
Total	861663879	707313886	Total	861663879	707313886

ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Schedule - 11 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS
2023-24

1.	The Accounts of the Commission are prepared on accrual basis except for Stamps, Stationery and other Petty Expenses.		
2.	Depreciation on the assets of the Commission (excluding the furnishing articles provided to the residences of the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Commission) is provided at the rates specified in the Income Tax Act, 1961 under Straight line method.		
3.	Depreciation on the Furnishing Articles supplied to the residences of the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Commission is provided at 50 per cent on Straight-line method in respect of articles falling under Annexure - I and at the rate of 15 per cent on Written Down Value method in respect of articles specified under Annexure - II in line with High Court Judges (Writing off, selling and utilization of Furnishing Articles) Rules, 1990.		
4.	As per the policy of the Commission, cent per cent depreciation provided on capital items purchased at a time upto Rs.10,000/- during the Financial Year excluding the Furnishing Articles supplied to the residences of the Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the Commission.		
5.	The Government of Andhra Pradesh has established "APERC Fund Rules, 2014" vide G.O.Ms.No.19 Energy Power (III) Department, dated 08-05-2014. Grants and the receipts of the Commission were credited to APERC Fund Account and the expenditure of the Commission will be met from the said Fund Account.		
6.	All the assets shown in the balance sheet have been created from the APERC Fund Account.		
7.	The Annual Accounts prepared based on the common format of Accounts of Autonomous Organisations as prescribed by the Committee of Experts.		
8.	Re-grouping of Accounts have been carried out where ever it is felt necessary by the Commission.		
9.	The income of the Commission is exempted under Income Tax under Section 10(46) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.		
10.	Government Grants/subsidy are accounted on realisation basis.		
11.	Depreciation is provided on pro-rata basis in respect of additions to/deductions from fixed assets during the year.		
12.	The opening and closing balances of Permanent Advance available with the Vidyut Ombudsman were taken into Accounts.		
13.	Accrued Interest Earned on Term Deposits of Rs.46,00,038/- was taken into Income account for the Year 2023-24.		
14.	Accrued Interest upto 31.03.2024 on Loans & Advance to Employees of Rs.138111/- was taken into Income for the Year		
15.	An amount of Rs.10,65,88,367/- was incurred towards Establishment Expenses, out of which an amount of Rs.66,30,835/- was incurred towards Wages for Contract employees engaged during the current Financial Year.		
16.	According to the Actuarial Valuation Report, a provision of Rs.4,28,24,133/- was provided in the current Financial Year under "Provision for Retirement Benefits".		
17.	Actuarial Valuation Report prepared based on Accounting Standard (AS) 15 (Revised 2005) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.		
18.	As per actuarial valuation for the year ended 31 March 2024, the following basic assumptions regarding discount rate and Salary growth rates were adopted:		
	Retirement benefit	Discount Rate	Salary Growth rate
	Encashment of Earned Leave	7.20%	7.00%
	Gratuity	7.20%	7.00%
	Pension benefits	7.20%	7.00%
19.	As per the orders of the Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.Ms.No.15 Finance (HR.IV-FR & LR) Department, dated.31-01-2022, the maximum ceiling of Gratuity is Rs.16,00,000/-.		
20.	Retirement benefits and payment of Pensions amounting to Rs.2,23,18,720/- met from the "Provision for Retirement Benefits".		
21.	LSC/PC paid to the Lending Department Rs.28,79,187/- met from the "Provision for LSC/PC payable to lending departments".		
22.	The Government of Andhra Pradesh has prescribed 60 years as the age of superannuation for the employees of APERC and the same was considered for the Actuarial Valuation Reports for the FY 2023-24.		
23.	An additional expenditure provision of Rs.1,27,221/- is created towards common security charges and garden maintenance charges payable for the months of Jan'2024, Feb'2024, and Mar'24 to SCCL as a part of rental expenditure.		

24.	The retention amount @ 5% payable to APSPDCL on the bills approved towards the construction of the office building at Kurnool of Rs.36.34 Lacs were created upto 31.03.2024 and disclosed under Current Liabilities & Provisions (Schedule-2) and the same amount is also included in the 'Capital Work-in-progress' under Fixed Assets (Schedule-3)
25.	During the Financial Year 2022-23, capital expenditure (work-in-progress) was incurred of Rs.771.41 lacs (out of which Rs.746.41 lakhs were incurred towards construction of a APERC, new office building at Kurnool and Rs.25.00 lakhs were incurred towards interior and furniture works for the APERC, Camp Office, Vishakhapatnam). The said amounts was included in 'Capital Work-in-progress' and disclosed under 'Fixed Assets' (Schedule-3)
26.	During the year prior period expenditure pertains to FY 2022-23 was paid of Rs.11,09,923/- (Out of which Rs.732842/- pertains to 'Payment for Professional & Special Services' and Rs.377081/- pertains to 'Subscription and Membership fee') for which separate disclosure was made in the Income and Exepnditure and also disclosed in Schedule-10A 'Prior Period Income / Expenditure (Net)'. 27.
	The APTRANSCO handedover the vacant land in the premises of 220/132/33 KV Substation, Kurnool, to an extent of 2.00 acres as required by the APERC for Construction of New Office Building, for which there is pending communication of terms and conditions of the lease agreement by APTRANSCO. Vide Letter Lr. No. DEE/M/220KVSS/KNL/F.Assets/D.No.135/2023 dated 03.06.2023.
28.	The fee for filling petitions is recognized as revenue as and when the petitions received and accepted. License fee revenue is based on the energy handled by the distribution licensees and allocated capacity of the Transmission licensee during the year.



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