STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION MISSION
ENERGY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Press Release

APERC initiate stringent steps to safeguard interests of consumers, farmers

- APERC Chairman asks utilities to arrange complaint boxes right from assistant engineer office at Mandal level to CMD of DISCOMS to address grievance of consumers quickly
- Any agricultural land should not be taken forcibly without consent of farmers to set up transmission towers, install high tension power lines
- District collectors meet to be held shortly to oversee the compensation to farmers
- Commission to advise the government to merge RESCOs into DISCOMs
- Utilities asked to build a better emotional connection with consumers
- Consumer interest, financial stability of DISCOMs to be given equal weight while finalizing ARR & Tariff for 2020-21
- APERC committed to strengthen power sector, gives priority for supply of quality, cost effective power to consumers
- Govt firm to complete the process of providing 50,000 agricultural connections, target of Govt by March-2020.

Vijayawada, 19.01.2020:

The AP Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) has initiated effective measures as soon as the public hearings in connection with A R R (Aggregate Revenue Requirement) & FPT(Filings for Proposed Tariff) of DISCOMs were completed to improve accountability and transparency at all levels and to safeguard the interest of consumers and farmers in particular.

Speaking to officials, APERC Chairman Justice C.V. Nagarjuna Reddy said that he was happy over the positive response of consumers during the public hearing on tariff issues. All suggestions, views, objections received from various stakeholders would be considered appropriately while finalizing ARR & Tariff for FY2020-21.

He directed the DISCOMS to focus on strengthening grievance mechanism and arrange complaint boxes right from assistant engineer office at Mandal level to CMD of DISCOMS in addition to the existing web based & other complaint receiving mechanisms. This would enhance the accountability among officials and transparency in the system. Every complaint of consumers should be addressed quickly and to the reasonable satisfaction of consumers. “We should build a better emotional connection with consumers and make them feel that they are also a part of an organization. This will be possible only when the power utilities are quick in addressing the issues of consumers”, he said.

The Commission has also categorically stated that any agricultural land should not be taken forcibly without consent of farmers to set up transmission towers and install high tension power lines.
The Chairman further said that he had great concern over the plight of farmers who gave their agriculture lands to lay power lines. The power utilities of State or Central should not bypass the procedure or rules of giving notice and getting consent from land owners. “Acquiring land without consent to benefit the society is the right of Government. At the same time, losing right on land is painful to farmer as it is connected with his family future and livelihood. Farmers mostly depend on land for augmenting income, providing education to children, taking care of health issues, marriage of children and old age security. We cannot be allowed deprivation of livelihood of farmers,” he said.

He advised the Secretary for Energy Sri. Srikant Nagulapalli to take initiative to conduct a meeting/Video Conference of district Collectors to see that fair compensation to farmers is provided and to reduce delay in compensation determination by Collectors for the farmers in whose lands transmission and distribution lines are laid.

He further suggested Secretary energy to ensure to prepare action plan by DISCOMs/Chief Electrical Inspectorate for effective implementation of safety standards in DISCOMs to reduce fatal electrical accidents. Loss of life due to the negligence of power utilities will have to be prevented in future, he said.

The Chairman along with members APERC, P Rama Mohan and P Raghu said that the Commission would advise the State to merge RESCOs into DISCOMs. He also said that the commission would strictly monitor the standards of performance in DISCOMS regularly and focus on improvement of internal efficiency of all power utilities. “Consumers and power utilities are the two eyes for the Commission. Consumer interest and financial stability of DISCOMs would be given equal weight while finalizing ARR & Tariff for FY2020-21. The APERC is also committed to strengthen the power utilities in the State and give quality and cost-effective power to consumers,” the chairman said.

In the mean while, Secretary for Energy and CMD APTRANSCO Srikant Nagulapalli who has appreciated the efforts of JMD APTRANSCO, K V N Chakradhar babu and CMDs of DISCOMs, Ms. Nagalakshmi Selvarajan, H.Haranatha Rao and J Padma Janardhan Reddy in highlighting the objective of the government in providing quality and cost effective power during public hearings, asked them to fully focus on providing new agricultural connections. The secretary has re-iterated that DISCOMs should invariably complete the process of providing 50,000 new agricultural connections as per the target of the state government (for FY2019-20) by March-2020 on first come first serve basis.

To
The News Bureau Chief

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Notice Under Indian Telegraphic Act 1885

No. 546

To: YEDDULA SIVA SANKAR
S/O YEDDULA MAHALLAH
Thipparajupalle, Pendurthi (M)
Kadapa - 516 218

Date 26.05.2017
Loc No.: 2013/0

Dear Sir/Madam,

In exercise of the powers vested with Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., (A Government of India Enterprise, Minister of Power, Department of Power) Under Part III of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. Section 10 to 19 read with Section 68 & 164 of Electricity Act, 2003, as amended up to date, notice is hereby given that LILO of 765 kv Kurnool - Thiruvalam D/C Line at Kadapa will go through your property noted under. While undertaking work due care will be taken to minimize the damage to standing trees and crops, certain minimum unavoidable damage is likely to take place during construction / erection of the aforesaid line. The trees so felled will be handed over to you. The compensation for the yield component of the trees so felled and the crops damaged will be paid to you as assessed by the Revenue Department or any other Competent Authority as may be decided / directed by the Revenue Department.

1. Name of the Owner: Yeddula Siva Sankar
2. Father/Husband name: Malliah
3. Survey No: 2182/57-1
4. Name of the Village: Nandimandalam
5. Name of Taluk / Mandal: Pendurthi
6. Name of the District: Kadapa
7. Details of Crops affected

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Farmer/Auth/Representative

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Signature: Y. Sivaraj
Authorised Representative

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For Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
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→ Row - 26 + 26 (M) = 52 (M) x 100 = 5200 (M)
→ Vacent Plot ① 24 x 100 = 2400 (M)
→ Vacent Plot ② 24 x 100 = 2400 (M)
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= 157.48 ft

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