

Date: 08.11.2021

The Secretary,
TS. Electricity Regulatory Commission,
D.No.11-4-660, 4th Floor,
Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Lakdi-ka-pool
Hyderabad – 500 004.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Additional surcharge on OA Power purchase proposed by TS Discoms for FY 2021-22- Reg

Following Views/Objection/ Facts are put forth before TSERC for consideration not to implement the subject proposal proposed by TS Discoms.

1. TSERC computed applicable Wheeling Charges, CSS & ASS on OA etc to compensate the cost of the distribution licensee to supply electricity to the consumers opted to purchase Power on open Access and TS Discoms are collecting Wheeling Charges, SLDC, CSS and Addl SCHG on OA Power Purchase through monthly HT CC bills.
2. After claiming Minimum demand charges on 80% of CMD by TSSPDCL, IEX-OA demand is considered.
3. In addition to Wheeling Charge, SLDC etc, already TS Discoms are collecting CSS @ Rs1.46P per unit and Addl SCHG OA @ Rs0.52P per unit -33KV and CSS @ Rs1.30P per unit and Addl SCHG OA @ Rs0.52P per unit -132KV on OA Power Purchase through monthly HT CC bills.
4. According to Newspaper Notification, TS Discoms sent proposal for approval of TSERC to collect Addl Sur Charge from OA consumers during Ist half Year period from April'2021 to September 2021 @ Rs2.01P per unit and during IInd Half Year period from October 2021 to March 2022 @ Rs2.34P per unit on Open Access Power purchase. In view of OA Charges mentioned in para (3) being levied and collected by Discoms from OA consumers, proposed additional Surcharge is not justified and time barred.
5. Power purchase on OA was proceeded by consumers through IEX based on prevailing power situation- Power Tariff, Wheeling charges, CSS and ASS etc as already fixed by TSERC.
6. Since we have to cope up with the competition of global market in supplying Life Saving drugs, we have to find out source of power at a reasonable price.
7. Based on the Tariff including other charges finalized by TSERC, the price schedules of our products since finalized having commitments with our Traders /customers, it is not correct proposing for Additional Charge at this stage.

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8. Moreover Govt of TS has given assurance the power tariff will be reduced for industries in particular, since Solar and wind power generators commenced generating power at natural source getting at cheaper price. **Had the power cost of TS Discoms come down compare with Private developers, consumer need not avail Power on OA power purchase.**
9. Getting NOC /Standing clearance to seeking and availing OA power purchase through IEX as and when required by following TSERC regulations and guide lines and necessary charges are being paid as fixed by TSERC.
10. For development of industries and encourage Industries, as a matter of fact and core object Govt. of TS/ TS Transco/Discoms should provide adequate, reliable and cost-effective power supply.
11. TSERC should consider our request to encourage Industries growth in the interest of our State/Country, as lifesaving drug manufacturing units and getting foreign exchange to withstand competition in the global market.

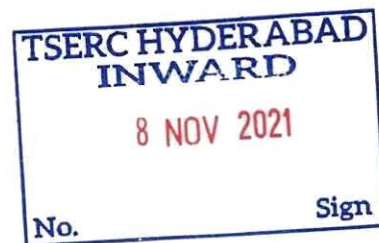
Under the above circumstances TSERC is requested to consider for not implementing the proposed Additional Surcharge Charge on OA Power purchase for FY 2021-22.

Thanking You

Yours faithfully

For Aurobindo Pharma Limited

Authorised Signatory



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