

## TELANGANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sy. No. 145 – P, Vidyut Niyantran Bhavan, Kalyan Nagar, G. T. S Colony, Hyderabad – 500045

O. P. Nos. 28 and 29 of 2024

Dated: 28.03.2025

## Present

Sri Dr. Justice Devaraju Nagarjun, Chairman

## Between:

- 1. Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Ltd.,
- 6-1-50, Mint Compound, Hyderabad, Telangana 500063
- 2. Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Ltd.,
- H. No. 2-5-31 / 2, Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavan,

Nakkalgutta, Warangal – 506001

... Petitioner.

AND

-Nil-

.... Respondent.

The petition having been filed on 30.11.2024 and having stood over for consideration to this day, the Commission passed the following interim order:

## INTERIM ORDER

The distribution companies of Telangana (TGDISCOMS) being Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL) and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL) (petitioners) have filed the above named petitions under section 42 (4) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 2003) seeking determination of the additional surcharge to be levied on open access consumers for the first half of FY 2025 – FY 2026 in terms of the order of the Commission dated 18.09.2020 in O. P. No. 23 of 2020.

- 2. The petitioners have sought the following prayer in the petition: "It is therefore prayed the Commission may please be accorded approval to the licensee's proposal of additional surcharge of Rs. 1.69 / kWh for H1 of FY 2025 – 2026 and pass such orders as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper."
- 3. The Commission has notified the Multi Year Tariff Regulation in Regulation No. 2 of 2023 providing for determination of tariff in respect of generation, transmission, SLDC activity, wheeling and retail supply. Accordingly, TGDISCOMs have filed proposals for levy of additional surcharge for H1 of FY 2025 26 which were taken on record by the Commission in the above said O. P. The said petitions have been taken up for consideration and the public consultation process including hearing had been undertaken vide public notice dated 12.12.2024 and that public hearing was also completed on 20.01.2025. The order in the above mentioned petition is required to be passed on or before 31.03.2025, which will come into affect from 01.04.2025.
- 4. As the Commission was in the process of passing the order in the above said OP, model code of conduct in respect of biennial election to the Telangana Legislative Council from Hyderabad local authorities' constituency, came into force with effect from 24.03.2025 on account of issuance of schedule by Election Commission of India (ECI).
- 5. However, in view of the imposition of model code of conduct on account of election to the Telangana Legislative Council, the Commission is unable to pass the orders on or before 31.03.2025. The Commission has addressed a letter dated 27.03.2025 to Election Commission of India through the state screening committee seeking permission of Election Commission of India to permit the Commission to pass the order in the above said petition.
- 6. The additional surcharge as determined for H 2 of FY 2024-25 will cease to be effective after 31.03.2025. In order to avoid vacuum of additional surcharge levy, there is a necessary to extend the subsisting additional surcharge to be levied on open access consumers to be levied and collected by the TGDISCOMs in the state of

Telangana, from 01.04.2025 until the orders are passed after receiving permission of the ECI or cessation of model code of conduct whichever is earlier.

- 7. Keeping in view the above situation, the Commission in exercise of powers conferred under section 94 (2) of the Act, 2003 read with section 28 of the Telangana Electricity Reform Act, 1998, hereby passes interim order extending the applicability of additional surcharge as determined by order dated 30.09.2024 in O. P. Nos. 07 and 08 of 2024 to be applicable from 01.04.2025.
- 8. The above extension will be in force from 01.04.2025 till a fresh order is passed by the Commission.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 28th day of March, 2025.

(Dr. JUSTICE DEVARAJU NAGARJUN)
CHAIRMAN