

# TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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I. A. No. 8 of 2020 in O. P. Nos. 21 & 22 of 2017

Dated 31.03.2022

#### Present

Sri T. Sriranga Rao, Chairman Sri M. D. Manohar Raju, Member (Technical) Sri Bandaru Krishnaiah, Member (Finance)

#### Between:

- Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited,
   Corporate Office, # 6-1-50, Mint Compound,
   Hyderabad 500 063.
- Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited,
   Corporate Office, H. No. 2-5-31 / 2, Vidyut Bhavan,
   Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal 506 001.
   Applicants.

#### **AND**

- None - ... Respondent.

The application having stood over for consideration to this day, the Commission passed the following:

### **ORDER**

The distribution companies of Telangana (TSDISCOMs) (applicants) being Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited have filed an application under Section 94(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003) seeking extension of the application of the retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge determined

for the year 2018-19 to be applicable to FY 2020-21 till the Commission passes an order on the proposals of the TSDISCOMs.

- 2. The applicants sought the following prayer in the application:
  - "It is therefore prayed that the Commission may be pleased to pass interim orders directing to continue the existing retail supply tariffs, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge as determined in the tariff order dated 27.03.2018 from 01.04.2020 til issuance of retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge orders for the financial year 2020-21."
- 3. The Commission on an ad-interim measure passed an interim order dated 20.03.2020 that the retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge as applicable on 31.03.2019 as per order dated 27.03.2018 are continued to be applicable and can be levied from 01.04.2020 subject to the communication of the government conveying the commitment of subsidy pending disposal of this application finally and observed as below:
- "6. In reply to the above letter, the government by its letter dated 18.03.2020 has stated as below:

"I am to invite attention to the reference cited and inform that as per the Budget Estimates 2020-21 approved by Government, the budgetary support in the form of subsidy for the FY 2020-21 to the Energy Department will be as follows:

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S. No.	Head of Account	Scheme Name	Budget Estimates 2020-21
1	"2801-05-800-25-	Assistance to TSTRANSCO for	754700.00
	06-330-000"	Agricultural and Allied Subsidy (General)	
2	"2801-05-789-25-	Assistance to TSTRANSCO for	154500.00
	06-310-312"	Agricultural and Allied Subsidy (SCSDF)	
3	"2801-05-796-25-	Assistance to TSTRANSCO for	90800.00
	06-310-312"	Agricultural and Allied Subsidy (STSDF)	
4	"2801-05-800-25-	Assistance to Spinning Mills	9500.00
	15-310-312"		
Total			1009500.00

- 7. In the circumstances, the Commission considers the request of the TSDISCOMs for continuation of the existing tariff with effect from 01.04.2020 till an order is passed by it on retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge for FY 2020-21.
- 8. Accordingly, the retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge as applicable on 31.03.2019 as per order dated 27.03.2018 are continued to be applicable and can be levied from 01.04.2020 pending disposal of this application finally subject to the communication of the government conveying the commitment of subsidy as stated in paragraph 6 above. The TSDISCOMs are directed to file the regular petition for determination of fresh retail supply tariff, cross subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge for FY 2020-21 immediately."
- 4. Subsequently, the TSDISCOMs have filed proposals for aggregate revenue requirement for FY 2020-21 in April, 2021. The said petition was not accompanied by Filing for Proposed Tariff (FPT) in terms of Regulation No.4 of 2005 and also did not came to be filed, despite giving time for doing so. As such, the Commission had disposed of the said petition at SR stage by order dated 22.12.2021. It has been observed as below:

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- 5. As the licensees have not filed the proposals along with FPT within the stipulated period as specified in the Regulation No.4 of 2005, as there is less than 120 days in filing them for consideration. The Commission is unable to proceed with the filings in the present form on account of noncompliance of Regulation.
- 6. In these circumstances, the Commission deems it appropriate to decline from entertaining the ARR Petitions mainly for the reason that the time period for which they were sought was already lapsed. Hence, they are refused."
- 5. In view of the non-filing of tariff proposals for retail supply, there is no final determination of tariff for retail supply for the relevant year and the period has already worked out itself. Further, the Commission in its order dated 24.12.2021 has determined Additional Surcharge for H2 of FY 2021-22 and by order dated

24.03.2022 has determined the retail supply tariff and cross subsidy surcharge for FY 2022-23. Accordingly, nothing survives in this application and no further orders are required. Therefore, the application is closed.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

Sd/
(BANDARU KRISHNAIAH) (M.D.MANOHAR RAJU) (T.SRIRANGA RAO)

MEMBER MEMBER CHAIRMAN

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