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The Commission Secretary
Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC)
Vidyuth Niyantran Bhavan, GTS Colony
Kalyan Nagar, Hyderabad

Dear Sir,

Subject: Submission of Objections/comments on the petitions filed by TGDICOMs for Retail Supply Business on revised ARR, FPT & CSS for FY 2025-26 - reg

Referring to the subject cited, The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry is hereby submitting its objections on the filings made by TGDISCOMs for Retail Supply Business on revised ARR, FPT & CSS for FY 2025-26.

Through the DISCOMs have not proposed for any increase in Retail Supply Tariff; the CSS proposed is high, putting the burden on subsidizing consumers such as industry. We request the Hon'ble Commission to reduce the CSS and provide a road map for making CSS zero, as suggested in Electricity Act.

We also request the Hon'ble Commission to consider the following points for the benefit of all:

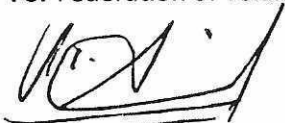
1. **TGPCC Meeting:** The Telangana Grid Code and Protection Coordination Committee (TGPCC) meeting headed by Hon'ble Chairman and Managing Director TGTRANSCO has been pending for a long time. Conducting this meeting will help address open access related approvals, grid stability, compliance, and coordination issues.
2. **Open Access Guidelines:** Releasing updated open access operating guidelines will provide clarity to industries, ensuring smoother power procurement, better cost efficiency, and increased competition in the market.
3. **Wheeling Charges Revision:** The current practice of levying wheeling charges on an MW basis should be changed to a per-unit charge to make costs more equitable and consumption-based.
4. **Cross Subsidy Surcharge Reduction:** Originally introduced in 2005 as a temporary measure, the cross-subsidy surcharge has continued for two decades. A phased reduction to zero will enhance industrial competitiveness and attract investments.

5. **Review of Additional Surcharge, Standby Charges, and Grid Support Charges:** These charges should be periodically reassessed to ensure they reflect actual costs and do not place an undue financial burden on industries.
6. **Metering of Agricultural Power Supply:** Implementing metering for agricultural consumers will promote accountability, efficient power utilization, and prevent misuse or wastage of subsidized electricity.
7. **Reduction in Late Payment Charges & Early Payment Incentives:** The current late payment charge of 18% is significantly high and should be reduced to at least 9%, aligning with reasonable commercial interest rates. Additionally, a minimum incentive of 1% should be provided for payments made within seven days of bill generation to encourage timely payments.
8. **HT Bill Payments via Credit Card:** Enabling credit card payments for high-tension (HT) electricity bills will provide industries with better financial flexibility and ease of transactions.
9. **Non-Retroactive Charges:** Retroactive levies create financial uncertainty for industries. Any changes in tariffs or charges should be applied prospectively to ensure predictability and fairness.
10. **Incentives for Green Energy Industries:** Industries adopting and investing in clean and renewable energy should receive incentives such as reduced tariffs, exemptions, or financial support to encourage sustainable energy use and reduce carbon emissions.

We trust that TGERC will consider these industry concerns and take necessary steps to address them. We look forward to continued engagement for a progressive power sector in Telangana.

Warm Regards,

For Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI)



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