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Te	e Chief General Manager (RAC), langana State Southern Power Distribution empany Limited, 6.1.50, Corporate Office, ant Compound, Hyderabad – 500 063	ORD SECTION NOV 2021	24nd, Hyd-63 *
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Sub: Comments / Suggestion filed in respect of determination of Additional Surcharge for providing open access facility as sought for with objections.

Ref: O.P. No. 48 of 2021 for H1 period.

Apropos to the cited subject and reference, we hereby file our comments / suggestions as sought for by this Hon'ble Commission in respect of proposal filed by the TSSPDCL for determination of Additional Surcharge for the first half of financial year 2021-22 i.e., from April, 2021 to September, 2021:-

It is respectfully submitted that the relevant provision of law to be considered in respect of determination of Additional Surcharges are as follows:-

PROVISION OF LAW:

- As prescribed Under Section 86 (a) of Electricity Act, 2003 this Hon'ble Commission is conferred with powers to determine only wheeling charges and surcharge thereon, if any for providing open access to a category of consumers Under Section 42 of the said act;
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- The Formula for arriving Cross Subsidy Surcharge and Additional Surcharge as prescribed in Clause 8.5.1 of Resolution No. 23/2/2005-R&R (Vol. IX) dated 28.1.2016 is as follows:-

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Above formula may not work for all distribution licensees, particularly for those having power deficit, the State Regulatory Commissions, while keeping the overall objectives of the Electricity Act in view, may review and vary the same taking into consideration the different circumstances prevailing in the area of distribution licensee.

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ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Proceedings No. APERC/Secy/25/2013

Dated: 04-05-2013

Read the following:

Open Access Metering:

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- 2. The APTRANSCO and DISCOMs are insisting the consumers to install 0.5S or better accuracy (upto 33 kV) and 0.2S or better accuracy (above 33 kV) accuracy class meters and allied PT and CT sets who wants to avail power supply through open access.
 - Regarding installation of meters, the Clause 7.2 of Central Electricity Authority (Installation and operation of meters) Regulations, 2006 as amended by Regulations, 2010, reads as follows:
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Provided that where the licensee installs the consumer meter outside the premises of the consumer then the licensee on a request from consumer shall provide real time display unit at the premises of the consumer for his information to indicate the electricity consumed by the consumer:

4. As per the above mentioned CEA Regulations, the responsibility of providing the meter and allied metering equipment for all Consumers lies with the Licensees, irrespective of DISCOM native Consumer (power supply by DISCOM) or Open Access Consumer. Therefore, the APTRANSCO/DISCOMs cannot insist the consumers to install meters by them.

In this connection, it is to inform, that the responsibility of installing the metes and allied metering equipment lies with the APTRANSCO/DISCOMs and the Licensees are directed to install the meters for all HT consumers as per CEA regulations and test the meters or get tested the meters and allied metering equipment by NABL accredited laboratories.

All these days, the DISCOMs are supplying power to the HT Consumers with out installing high accuracy CT and PT sets. In the case of open access, the DISCOMs are insisting the consumers to provide high accuracy CT and PT sets. The CEA regulations are applicable for all consumers, irrespective of DISCOM native consumer or Open Access consumer.

In view of the prevailing power shortage scenario and to avoid inconvenience to the Open Access consumers, the APTRANSCO/ DISCOMs shall permit open access to all consumers with out insisting for high accuracy CT and PT sets. However, the APTRANSCO/DISCOMs may install high accuracy CT/PT sets as and when this equipment is available.

Demand settlement for open access consumers:

- 5. It was brought to the notice of the Commission that the DISCOMs are not considering the Demand component availed through open access for billing purpose. The DISCOMs are charging for the entire recorded demand without deducting the demand component of open access power/energy from the recorded demand.
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For each time block, total recorded energy and total recorded demand is available in the meter. Similarly, for each time block, power availed through open access for both energy and demand is also available from Energy Balancing Centre (EBC).

Detailed method of arriving Maximum Demand (MD) consumed from DISCOM in a month is explained with the help of table shown below for nine time blocks:

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i.e., Demand consumed from DISCOM = (Total Recorded Demand - OA Recorded Demand)

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Of all the nine demands of column (8), the Maximum Demand is 502 kVA mentioned in row (7). The same logic can be extended for 2880 time blocks (15 minutes) in a month.

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This order is signed by the Commission on this 4th day of May, 2013.

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

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A.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission
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dated 22.11.2021

To

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