



TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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O. P. No. 3 of 2017

Dated: 17.03.2017

Present

Sri. Ismail Ali Khan, Chairman
Sri. H. Srinivasulu, Member

In the matter of according approval for amending the distribution and retail supply licence granted earlier to M/s. Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) and also to permit taking over of assets falling under the additional area of operation from M/s. Telangana State Northern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSNPDCL).

ORDER AMENDING THE LICENCE

The Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (applicant) (TSSPDCL) has filed an application under section 18 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003) read with Clause 17 of the Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Distribution Licence) Regulation, 2016 (Regulation No. 4 of 2016), seeking amendment of Retail Supply License issued to the erstwhile APCPDCL by the then APERC in the year 2000 consequent upon formation of State of Telangana and further developments in the State of Telangana.

2. Whereas the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) has granted license (License No. 13 of 2000) on 29.12.2000 under Section 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 (State Act No. 30 of 1998 at the relevant time) to the Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APCPDCL), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having registered office at 2nd Floor, Vidyut Soudha, Khairatabad, Hyderabad for carrying on the business of distribution and retail supply of electricity within the area of supply of Kurnool, Anantapur, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda, Medak and Mahaboob Nagar Districts for a period of 30 years.

3. And whereas, the Government of India enacted the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Central Act No. 6 of 2014) carving out two new states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Consequent thereto and after the State of Telangana coming into being as such, the erstwhile APCPDCL has now been renamed as Southern Power Distribution Company Limited of Telangana State (TSSPDCL). The area of operation has been curtailed to 5 districts of the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh leaving the districts of Kurnool and Ananthapur to be included in the present State of Andhra Pradesh and consequently clubbed to Southern Power Distribution Company Limited of Andhra Pradesh (APSPDCL) by virtue of schedule XII of the Central Act No. 6 of 2014.

4. And whereas the applicant stated that the APERC had issued Reorganisation Regulation No. 3 of 2014 dated 26.05.2014, wherein it is stated that, "the area of supply of existing distribution and retail supply licensees shall deemed to be reassigned as per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 until amended or separate licenses are issued by the respective state Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

5. And whereas it has been stated by the applicant that consequent to the state reorganization, the applicant has been issued fresh certificate of incorporation by Ministry of Corporate Affairs changing the name of the company from APCPDCL to TSSPDCL.

6. And it has been brought to the notice of this Commission that the Government of Telangana (GoTS) has reorganized the districts for better administration and development of the areas comprised therein and for matters connected therewith as per the Telangana Districts Formation Act, 1974 and Telangana District Formation Rules, 2016. Pursuant to the said Act, the GoTS has issued G.O.s with Nos. 238 to 250 dated 11.10.2016 in respect of formation / reorganization of districts, revenue divisions and mandals in the state of Telangana.

7. The applicant stated that in view of formation / reorganisation of districts, 5 districts that is Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medak, Mahabobnagar and Nalgonda districts which were under jurisdiction of TSSPDCL have been reorganized to 14 districts as shown below:

Sangareddy, Medak, Siddipet, Yadadri, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthi, Jogulamba, Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Medical-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad and Hyderabad Districts.

8. The applicant stated that in the above process, the following mandals of Karimnagar and Warangal falling under the area of operation of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (TSNPDCL) are assigned to TSSPDCL.

Mandal Name	Earlier District (Discom)	New District (Discom)
Husnabad	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Akkannapet	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Koheda	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Bejjanki	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Cherial	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Komuravelli	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Maddur	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)

The following mandal of Nagonda falling in the area of operation of TSSPDCL is assigned to TSNPDCL.

Mandal Name	Earlier District (Discom)	New District (Discom)
Gundala	Nalgonda (TSSPDCL)	Jangaon (TSNPDCL)

9. The applicant stated that therefore, there is need to amend the licence of APCPDCL, now TSSPDCL. Hence this petition is filed, seeking to amend the distribution & retail supply license originally in the name of APCPDCL for incorporating the change of name from APCPDCL to TSSPDCL and amending the area of distribution and retail supply as shown below:

Sangareddy, Medak, Siddipet, Yadadri, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthi, Jogulamba, Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Medical-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad and Hyderabad Districts.

10. And whereas, the TSSPDCL has proposed and sought approval of amending the license on the following aspects.

“a) Consider and approve TSSPDCL’s request for amendment of distribution license (No. 13 of 2000), retrospectively to be effective from 11.10.2016 from the date of notification of formation and reorganization of new Districts in the following manner;

(i) Change the name of the distribution license from “Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Ltd. (APCPDCL)” to “Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL).”

(ii) Amending the area of distribution and retail supply by deleting the “Kurnool, Anantapur, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Nalgonda, Medak and Mahaboob Nagar including cantonment, aerodrome, fortresses, arsenal, dockyard or camp or any building or place in occupation of Central Government for defence purposes and without however affecting the rights of any other licensee or exemption holder, as the case may be, under Sections 15 and 16 of the Act” and by adding “Sangareddy, Medak, Siddipet, Yadadri, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Jogulamba, Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Medichal- Malkajgiri, Vikarabad and Hyderabad including cantonment, aerodrome, fortresses, arsenal, dockyard or camp or any building or place in occupation of Central Government for defence purposes and without however affecting the rights of any other Licensee or exemption holder, as the case may be, under Section 14 of Electricity Act, 2003.”

11. And whereas the Commission notified the application of TSSPDCL by giving paper notification through the licensee itself and also placed the notification alongwith the application on its website inviting objections, comments and suggestions on 01.02.2017 by fixing the last date for filing the same as 28.02.2017. No comments and objections have been received by the Commission in respect of the application made by the licensee.

12. Considering the request of the licensee and noticing that there is no opposition to the amendment of the license and consequential handing over of the assets vice versa, the Commission allows the licensee’s application. Therefore, the Commission hereby modifies the licence No. 13 of 2000 on the file of erstwhile APERC and amends

the area of operation to be the area comprising Sangareddy, Medak, Siddipet, Yadadri, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Jogulamba, Mahabubnagar, Ranga Reddy, Medical-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad and Hyderabad Districts.

13. Further, the Commission allows the name of the license to be the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (TSSPDCL) in place of the Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APCPDCL).

14. Further, the Commission also allows licensee for taking over of assets relating to distribution and supply falling under the additional area of operation from M/s. Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (TSNPDCL), similarly handing over the assets falling in the area that is transferred to TSNPDCL.

15. Subject to the above mentioned amendments, the license issued by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission in license No. 13 of 2000 dated 29.12.2000 will continue to operate as if the said license has been issued by this Commission for the remaining period of license.

16. For the foregoing reasons and discussions, the application is allowed to the extent indicated above.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 17th day of March, 2017.

Sd/-
(H. SRINIVASULU)
MEMBER

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(ISMAIL ALI KHAN)
CHAIRMAN

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